

RICHLAND COUNTY WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT
Richland County Courthouse, Wahpeton, ND
March 19, 2019

The Richland County Water Resource Board ("RCWRB") met March 19, 2019 at 9:00 AM at the Richland County Courthouse, Wahpeton, North Dakota.

THOSE PRESENT: Managers Arv Burvee, Gary Friskop, James Haugen, Don Moffet, Robert Rostad, Engineering Technician Justin Johnson, and Secretary-Treasurer Monica Zentgraf.

THOSE ABSENT: None

Minutes

The March 12, 2019 minutes were presented. A motion was made by Mgr. Haugen and seconded by Mgr. Burvee to approve the March 12, 2019 minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Mail:

- 1.) MnDak Upstream Coalition- Solicitation of donations for legal expenses relating to the contested Fargo-Moorhead Flood Diversion project.
- 2.) Interstate Engineering- 2019 engineering rates.
- 3.) Interstate Engineering- Copy of response sent to the United States Army Corps of Engineers regarding comments the Corps received on the Proj #1 reconstruction. Discussion was held regarding the pending reconstruction project, right-of-way documents, and cost share agreement with a private landowner. The Managers requested a conference call be scheduled with Legal Counsel to discuss the agreement. (Mike Bassingthwaite, of Interstate Engineering joined the meeting mid-way through the Board's discussion.) (RCWRD #17-017)

Proj #41 Cleaning

Mr. Bassingthwaite met with the Board, per their request, to discuss Paul Berndt's application (#18-027) for cleaning Proj #41, in the E1/2 Section 36, Mooreton Township. Also present for the meeting were landowners Paul Berndt and Darin Prochnow. Mr. Bassingthwaite provided some history of cleaning and culvert replacement projects undertaken by the District since 2006. He also presented a map with a compilation of previous survey and original plan data. The data shows the channel is very flat with a grade of approximately 0.03%. Considerable discussion was held regarding the condition of the channel, cleaning all or a portion of the ditch, and use of a buffer strip to control sedimentation into the drain (as suggested by the two landowners). The meeting concluded with a motion by Mgr. Burvee and seconded by Mgr. Rostad authorizing Interstate Engineering to research the District's right-of-way on Proj #41, south of Hwy 13. The motion carried unanimously. (Berndt #18-027)

Mr. Bassingthwaite, Mr. Berndt, and Mr. Prochnow left the meeting.

Proj #7 Reconstruction

The Board was informed that a miscommunication occurred and a temporary construction easement was not obtained for the SE1/4 Section 21, Garborg Township. It has now been determined that 7.65 acres of temporary right-of-way is needed. Office Staff has informed the landowner; the easement will be prepared and sent to the landowner. (RCWRD #17-016)

Proj #31 Reconstruction

Mgr. Burvee reported that he and Mr. Johnson met with Jim Miller to discuss the proposed reconstruction of Proj #31. The Managers tabled the matter pending a response from all parties regarding their willingness to support the project. (RCWRD #18-022)

Temporary Construction Easements

The Secretary proposed adding language in the temporary construction easements to provide landowners with the option to direct payment to their tenants. Consensus was to provide landowners with this option.

Proj #4(32)

David Fixen, Ibsen Township Supervisor, inquired at the Office about approval to remove snow from the legal drain in the SE1/4 Section 11. Mr. Fixen is concerned water will break out of the legal drain to the south over the township road. A motion was made by Mgr. Burvee and seconded by Mgr. Moffet to allow a trench cut through the snow, in the aforementioned location contingent upon submission of an application before work commences. Applicant liable for all damages to the legal drain; removal of snow at applicant's expense. The motion carried.

Legislative Matters

The House Energy and Natural Resources Committee has not yet taken action on SB2139 (Snagging and Clearing).

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chr. Friskop adjourned the meeting at 11:00 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Monica Zentgraf
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Secretary

Gary Friskop
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Chairman of the Board