

RICHLAND COUNTY WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT
Richland County Courthouse, Wahpeton, ND
April 18, 2023

The Richland County Water Resource District ("RCWRD") met April 4, 2023, at 8:00 A.M. at the Richland County Courthouse.

THOSE PRESENT: Managers Arv Burvee, Tom Kubela, Gary Friskop, Clint Arndt, Brandon Ward, Engineering Technician Justin Johnson, Secretary-Treasurer Tiffany Bladow.

THOSE ABSENT:

Randy Bernard joined the meeting.

Randy discussed with the board about doing snow removal in Dr. #31. Justin is going to keep a watch on it to see if we need to get a contractor out there to remove the snow.

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Mgr. Kubela and seconded by Mgr. Arndt and unanimously carried to approve the agenda as presented.

Minutes

The April 11, 2023, minutes were presented. A motion was made by Mgr. Ward and seconded by Mgr. Burvee to approve the April 11, 2023; minutes as presented. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Financial Matters

April 2023 Vouchers- Vouchers for the month of April 2023 were presented for the Board's review and approval. A motion was made by Mgr. - Burvee and seconded by Mgr. Arndt to approve Vouchers #20000 through #20036 upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Update website with Drain Tile regulations of turning off tile pumps during flooding season.

Gabe Bladow, Houston Engineering Inc. joined the meeting.
Jesse Sedler, Darin Prochnow, John Kube, Tony Luick, Chris Johnson, Harlen Dieke, and Gene & Cari Wefel joined the meeting.

Drain #66A

Gabe Bladow went over the different options for Reconstruction. The board made some changes to Option 1, and Gabe was going to update option 1 and get the cost estimate back to the board. A motion was made by Mgr. Arndt and seconded by Mgr. Burvee to approve Option 1 for reconstruction of Drain #66A. Upon roll call, the motion carried unanimously.

Jesse Sedler, Darin Prochnow, John Kube, Tony Luick, Chris Johnson Harlen Dieke and Gene & Cari Wefel left the meeting.

Mail

A motion was made by Mgr. Arndt and seconded by Mgr. Ward to approve to apply for a loan with Bell Bank for Drain #1 Reconstruction. Upon roll call vote, voting NO was Tom Kubela, the remainder voting YES, the motion carried.

Applications

Drain Tile Notification Appl #23-015 was reviewed at this time. No action was required by the RCWRB as the project involves less than 80 acres of drain tile. No disclosure of information is allowed per NDCC § 61-32-03.1.

Drain Tile Notification Appl #23-016 was reviewed at this time. No action was required by the RCWRB as the project involves less than 80 acres of drain tile. No disclosure of information is allowed per NDCC § 61-32-03.1.

Application to Install a Subsurface Water Management System #23-017 for Lugert Land Limited Partnership in the SE1/4 Section 2, Belford Township

The Board reviewed *Application to Install a Subsurface Water Management System #23-017*. Under the application, Lugert Land Limited Partnership seeks to install a 90-acre drain tile system in the SE1/4 Section 2, Belford Township. The project will include a gravity outlet located in the Southeast Quarter. The Board reviewed the application, design plan, water flow map, and all accompanying data submitted as part of the application.

Mgr. Kubela moved, and Mgr. Arndt seconded the motion, to approve Appl #23-017 and to authorize the Secretary-Treasurer to sign SUBSURFACE WATER MANAGEMENT PERMIT #23-017, subject to the following conditions:

- that Applicant install and maintain proper erosion protection at all outlets;
- that Applicant re-establish all disturbed areas to previous conditions, including re-seeding;
- that Applicant will not install Applicant's tile system within 20 feet, on either side of any rural water lines under any blanket easements, or otherwise beyond any existing easements the Rural Water District has for Applicant's property being tiled;
- that Applicant must turn off any pump outlets and control structures during "critical flood periods," as determined by the Richland County Water Resource District;
- that Applicant must apply for an amendment to this SUBSURFACE WATER MANAGEMENT PERMIT in advance of any proposed alterations to outlet locations, the addition of any outlets, or improvements or modifications to the tile system that could increase the capacity or drainage area of the tile system;
- that Applicant remove silt or vegetation, or repair erosion or scour damages **directly** caused by Applicant's tile system, but only up to one mile downstream from a project outlet, unless the distance to the nearest assessment drain, natural watercourse, slough, or lake is less than one mile downstream of the proposed outlet, in which case the Applicant remove silt or vegetation, or repair erosion or scour damage only between the outlet and the discharge into the nearest assessment drain, natural watercourse, slough, or lake.

With regard to this condition, Applicant's obligations to remove silt or vegetation, or repair erosion or scour damages, will only arise upon submission of substantial evidence to the Board by a downstream landowner or road authority that Applicant's tile system **directly** caused accumulation of silt or vegetation, erosion, or scouring.

Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Under Section 61-32-03.1, the District cannot attach any additional conditions to Applicant's permit. However, for Applicant's protection, and to ensure protection of Applicant's tile system, the District recommends Applicant consider complying with the following ☒:

☒ that Applicant obtain easements from the owners of any property not owned by the Applicant but on which the Applicant will install, construct, and maintain Applicant's tile system;

☒ that Applicant obtain a pipeline easement from the owners of property not owned by the Applicant but on which the Applicant will install, construct, and maintain a buried pipeline;

☒ that Applicant obtain written permission from all applicable road authorities to discharge into, or otherwise utilize, any township, county, or state road ditches; to install, operate, and maintain buried pipe in any township, county, or state road ditches; or to bore or cut through any township, county, or state roads and road ditches; and

☒ that Applicant obtain all other necessary and requisite licenses, permits, registrations, and/or approvals from all applicable federal, state, county, and municipal governments, and any other applicable governmental entities.

Darin Prochnow joined the meeting.

Gabe Bladow discussed with the board on Drain #65, also getting Darin Prochnow's input on the project. The board decided to reach out to the landowners and try to have a landowner meeting with them to see if they would be willing to do temporary easements or permanent right of way of some land to be able to get the project going.

Darin Prochnow left the meeting.

A motion was made by Mgr. Arndt and seconded by Mgr. Kubela to approve paying Korey Skolvolt for his work in removing snow from Drain #4(32).

Technician's Report

- **Spring Snow Removal Projects**

Justin discussed various emergency snow removal projects that were completed.

- **Spring flooding**

Justin updated the Board on multiple flooding situations throughout the county.

Gabe Bladow left the meeting.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chr. Friskop adjourned the meeting at 11:40 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Tiffany Bladow
Tiffany Bladow
Secretary/Treasurer

Gary Friskop
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Chairman of the Board