

RICHLAND COUNTY WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT
Richland County Courthouse, Wahpeton, ND
October 12, 2021

The Richland County Water Resource Board ("RCWRB") met October 12, 2021 at 8:15 A.M. at the Richland County Courthouse.

THOSE PRESENT: Managers Arv Burvee, Mark Fahsholz, Don Moffet, Engineering Technician Justin Johnson, and Secretary-Treasurer Monica Zentgraf.

THOSE ABSENT: Clint Arndt and Gary Friskop

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Mgr. Moffet, seconded by Mgr. Fahsholz, and unanimously carried to approve the agenda as presented.

Minutes

The September 28, 2021 minutes were presented. A motion was made by Mgr. Fahsholz and seconded by Mgr. Moffet to approve the September 28, 2021 minutes as presented. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Financial Matters

● September 2021 Financial Reports- A motion was made by Mgr. Moffet and seconded by Mgr. Fahsholz to accept the September 2021 financial reports as presented. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

● Bremer Bank Collateral Report- 110% of the District's securities totaled \$7,570,980.03; Bremer Bank's collateral in the amount of \$8,698,169.00 adequately covers the District's funds.

Mail

- 1) Richland County Commission- Minutes of the September 2021 meetings.
- 2) Interstate Engineering- Solicitation of Views for a proposed roadway improvement project between Sections 13 and 14, Eagle South Township.
- 3) Summit Carbon Solutions- Notice of Open House for a proposed carbon capture and storage project in North Dakota. Open House will be held October 14, 2021 at the Mooreton Community Center.
- 4) North Dakota Department of Water Resources ("ND DWR")- Copy of acceptance letter for the Fargo-Moorhead Metro Red River Diversion Structure per Construction Permit #2489 and Sovereign Lands Permit #S-2231 for the structure.
- 5) ND DWR- Copy of amended Permit #4390 for Helendale Private Drain LLC. The District's legal counsel reviewed the amended permit and informed the District the ND DWR's approval of the amendments has no bearing on the Richland County Commission's approval; Helendale Private Drain, LLC must obtain approval from the Richland County Commission. (Helendale Private Drain LLC Appl #13-088)
- 6) Christi Fischer, NRCS- NRCS has a team lined up to do the wetland delineation work for the Regional Conservation Partnership Program ("RCPP"). The team will be ready to start work within the next week. (RCWRD #16-017)

Applications

Drain Tile Notification Appl #21-080 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.

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Technician's Report

●Project Updates- Mr. Johnson presented status updates for several of the District's projects.

Secretary-Treasurer Position

Prior to meeting with Tiffany Bladow regarding the Secretary-Treasurer position, discussion was held regarding interviews conducted this past week. A motion was made by Mgr. Fahsholz, seconded by Mgr. Moffet, and unanimously carried to hire Tiffany Bladow for the District's Secretary-Treasurer position with a start date of November 1, 2021. Offer is contingent upon a background check and acceptance of the Board's offer of a starting salary of \$3,986.66 per month plus benefits. The Board anticipates Ms. Bladow would train the months of November and December and assume the Secretary-Treasurer position January 2022. The Board proceeded to meet with Ms. Bladow and the offer was made; Ms. Bladow accepted the offer.

American Rescue Plan Act ("ARPA")

Discussion was held regarding North Dakota's ARPA funds and work done by Houston Engineering, on behalf of the District, to submit projects to the Legislature for potential funding opportunities through ARPA. The District was made aware of the upcoming legislative session on October 5th and only had until noon on October 6th to submit projects to Senator Sorvaag and Representative Schmidt. Several projects were submitted to the Legislators. The Legislature's appropriation of ARPA funds is only in the beginning stages; there is no certainty of appropriation at this time.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chr. Burvee adjourned the meeting at 9:55 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Monica Zentgraf
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Secretary

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Chairman of the Board