

RICHLAND COUNTY WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT
Richland County Courthouse, Wahpeton, ND
October 9, 2018

The Richland County Water Resource Board (RCWRB) met October 9, 2018 at 8:00 AM at the Richland County Courthouse, Wahpeton, North Dakota.

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

THOSE ABSENT: Gary Friskop

Minutes

The September 25, 2018 minutes were presented. A motion was made by Mgr. Moffet and seconded by Mgr. Haugen to approve the September 25, 2018 minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Financial Matters

- September 2018 Financial Reports- A motion was made by Mgr. Rostad and seconded by Mgr. Moffet to approve the September 2018 financial reports as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

- Bremer Bank Letter of Credit- 110% of the District's securities totaled \$6,862,394.22 on September 30, 2018; the existing Letter of Credit, in the amount of \$7,900,000, adequately covers the District's funds.

- Bond Payments- Voucher #17897, for the semi-annual payments for Bonds #2, 5, 14, and the \$200,000 extraordinary redemption for Bond #14, was presented for Board approval. A motion was made by Mgr. Haugen and seconded by Mgr. Rostad to approve Voucher #17897 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

- Bonds #5 and #14- Since bonds were called for the extraordinary redemption payments for Bonds #5 and #14, annual payments for the remaining bonds have been reduced. Income from the annual maintenance levies will be placed in the respective sinking accounts for the full amount of the annual payments; the balance of the levy income will be placed in the respective maintenance accounts.

Mail

- 1.) Office of the State Engineer- "*The Current*" newsletter.

Technician's Report

- Proj #5(27)- Site #364: Mr. Johnson recently found a pile of gravel in the drain and ruts along the roadside slope of Proj #5(27) in the NE1/4 Section 19, Walcott East. This is most likely from a gravel truck which must have driven into the drain and had to be pulled out. A motion was made by Mgr. Moffet and seconded by Mgr. Rostad authorizing JBX to remove the gravel and smooth off the ruts. The motion carried unanimously. (RCWRD #18-010)

- Proj #5- Mr. Johnson reported that he contacted Leslie Rieger, owner, and Dan Girodat, tenant, of the NE1/4 Section 1, Colfax West, about removing the field approach in the NECR and installing a field crossing on the north side of the qtr. The owner/tenant would like the new crossing placed approximately 1500 feet west of the NECR. Considerable discussion followed regarding cost and drain efficiency. A motion was made by Mgr. Haugen and seconded by Mgr. Moffet authorizing Interstate Engineering to provide a recommendation for culvert sizing at both locations. The motion carried unanimously. (RCWRD #18-010)

- Contractor Update- Mr. Johnson provided an update on contractor assignments. Work has been delayed due to the wet weather conditions.

- Metro Flood Diversion Authority Meeting- Update on the September 27, 2018 meeting.

Fargo-Moorhead Flood Risk Management Project- Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)

Brief discussion was held regarding the comment letter prepared by Jerry VonKorff, of Rinke-Noonan Law Firm. A joint letter, between the RCWRD and Richland-Wilkin Joint Powers Authority (JPA) was submitted to the US Army Corps of Engineers on September 27, 2018.

ND Legislative Management Water Topics Overview Committee Meeting

Mgr. Rostad reported on the September 26, 2018 meeting of the ND Legislative Management Water Topics Overview Committee.

Abandoned Homestead Drain

On September 18, 2018, the Managers directed Office Staff to consult with Sean Fredricks about the District's ownership and jurisdiction for the Abandoned Homestead Drain. Mr. Fredricks advised that the right-of-way is owned by the District via warranty deed with the exception of the right-of-way in the NW1/4 Section 31, Antelope Township, which was secured via a "Deed of Easement". He also advised that the District has jurisdiction over the ditch. Considerable discussion followed about the District retaining ownership and the potential for the ditch to be reestablished as a legal assessment drain in the future. Consensus was to meet with Damon DeVillers and Mike Bassingthwaite, of Interstate Engineering, to further consider this matter.

Proj #1 Reconstruction

Discussion was held relative to the proposed reconstruction project and lowering the culvert through County Road #81 in the NECR Section 29, Abercrombie East. The County Engineer wants the District to bore a small pipe (i.e. 24 inch) under the road, rather than disturb the pavement. Office Staff will visit with the County Engineer to see if he will reconsider his decision. (RCWRD #17-017)

Applications

Appl #18-030, BDR Farms: NW1/4 Section 35, Antelope Township A motion was made by Mgr. Haugen and seconded by Mgr. Rostad to approve cleaning the Abandoned Homestead Drain in the NW1/4 Section 35, Antelope Township, per Appl #18-030, conditioned upon the Applicant end-hauling the spoil or securing approval of the adjacent landowner if entering upon their property and/or spreading spoil on their property. Work at no cost to the RCWRD. The motion carried unanimously. (RCWRD owns the right-of-way/RCWRD has jurisdiction.)

Appl #18-031, Rudy Dotzenrod & Group: Section 15, Freeman Township A motion was made by Mgr. Rostad and seconded by Mgr. Moffet to defer the application pending a recommendation from Interstate Engineering for lowering the Proj #12 lateral and four culverts in Section 15, Freeman Township. Mgrs. Burvee, Rostad, and Moffet voted in favor of said motion; Mgr. Haugen abstained from voting, and Mgr. Friskop was absent and not voting. The motion carried.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, Vice Chr. Burvee adjourned the meeting at 10:45 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Monica Zentgraf
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Secretary

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