

RICHLAND COUNTY WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT
Richland County Courthouse, Wahpeton, ND
September 11, 2018

The Richland County Water Resource Board (RCWRB) met September 11, 2018 at 8:30 AM at the Richland County Courthouse, Wahpeton, North Dakota.

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

THOSE ABSENT: Arv Burvee

Proj #7 Reconstruction

A conference call was held with Gregg Thielman, Gabe Bladow, and Jim Schlieman, of Houston Engineering. The Board was informed that a discrepancy was found when reviewing Interstate Engineering's plans for the Proj #7 reconstruction. Discussion was held about elevation differences and the need for Houston Engineering to re-cross section the reconstruction area and revise the cross section plan sheets. Cost for the additional work would be approximately \$3,000 - \$5,000. Discussion was also held about the length of the reconstruction project; two miles vs. four miles (S1/2 Sections 23, 22, 21, and 20, Garborg Township). No decision was made about re-cross sectioning as the Managers wanted additional time to consider the matter; the conference call concluded. (RCWRD #17-016)

Interstate Engineering

Mike Bassingthwaite, of Interstate Engineering, met with the Board. The following matters were discussed:

- Proj #7 Reconstruction- Mr. Bassingthwaite was asked about the discrepancy in his plans. He explained that it was a problem of communication between the surveyor and drafting department which resulted in an elevation discrepancy. After continuing their earlier discussion about how many miles to reconstruct, a motion was made by Mgr. Haugen and seconded by Mgr. Moffet to reduce the current reconstruction project to Sections 23 and 22, Garborg Township, and authorize Houston Engineering to re- cross section Sections 23 and 22. The motion carried unanimously. (RCWRD #17-016)

- Proj #1 Reconstruction- Various issues relative to reconstruction of a portion of Proj #1 were discussed including sizing for replacement of the culvert in the SWCR Section 20, Abercrombie East, the District's share of the reconstruction, and funding/constraints. A meeting will be scheduled with Kelly Miller to discuss the matter and how/if to proceed with the project in 2019. (RCWRD #17-017)

- Proj #4(28) Reconstruction- The reconstructed area was seeded two weeks ago; the only work remaining is for the contractor to touch up a portion of the spoil bank. (RCWRD #17-095)

- Proj #5(37) Erosion Damage- Mr. Bassingthwaite provided the Managers with a written report outlining alternatives and a recommendation for repair of erosion damage on Proj #5(37) in the NE1/4 Section 13, Walcott West. Mr. Bassingthwaite felt the most cost effective repair would be reconstruction. He also reminded the Managers of numerous other maintenance issues within the Proj #5 complex. Consensus was to continue to monitor Proj #5(37) and accumulate funds for a future reconstruction project and the other maintenance items. (RCWRD #18-010)

- North Branch Antelope Creek Watershed Study- Mr. Bassingthwaite reported that a meeting was held with the consultants; the Managers were provided a written summary of that meeting prepared by Christi Fischer, of the NRCS Office. Mr. Bassingthwaite provided a brief update of on-going work. (RCWRD #16-017)

Mr. Bassingthwaite left the meeting.

Minutes

The August 28, 2018 minutes were presented. A motion was made by Mgr. Moffet and seconded by Mgr. Haugen to approve the August 28, 2018 minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Financial Matters:

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

●Bond #14 Extraordinary Redemption Clause- The Secretary reported an "Extraordinary Redemption Clause" in the amount of \$200,000 was included in the \$515,000 Maintenance Levy Improvement Bonds of 2017. The \$200,000 represents cost share assistance from the ND SWC for the reconstruction project. The Secretary reported the District has received the \$200,000 and therefore the Board should exercise the Extraordinary Redemption Clause. She requested authorization to sign the "*Notice of Optional Extraordinary Redemption*" with a redemption date of November 1, 2018. A motion was made by Mgr. Haugen and seconded by Mgr. Rostad authorizing Monica Zentgraf to sign the "*Notice of Optional Extraordinary Redemption*" for \$200,000. The motion carried unanimously.

Mail

- 1.) Richland County Commission- Minutes of the August 2018 meetings.
- 2.) US Army Corps of Engineers- Notification of September 13, 2018 open house and meeting which will address proposed modifications to the Fargo-Moorhead Metropolitan Area Flood Risk Management Project. Mgr. Rostad will attend the meeting.
- 3.) North Dakota State Engineer's Office- Copy of Temporary Water Permit #ND2018-19050 issued to PCiRoads, LLC. Point of Diversion is in the SE1/4 Section 34, Walcott East.

North Dakota Probable Maximum Precipitation (PMP) Study

The office received a request from Christi Fischer, of the NRCS, asking the District to consider submitting a letter of support to the ND SWC for funding the Probable Maximum Precipitation (PMP) Study. This study will be extremely beneficial for implementation of new PL-566 projects and rehabilitation projects. A draft letter, prepared by Interstate Engineering, was reviewed by the Managers. A motion was made by Mgr. Rostad and seconded by Chr. Friskop to approve the letter of support as presented. Mgrs. Moffet, Friskop, and Rostad voted in favor of said motion, Mgr. Haugen voted against said motion, and Mgr. Burvee was absent and not voting. The motion carried.

Proj #41 ROW-SE1/4 Section 24, Mooreton Township

Because of concern with straw bales being piled on the backslope of Proj #41, in the SE1/4 Section 24, Mooreton Township, the Managers previously took action ordering the District's right-of-way to be staked. Houston Engineering determined the District owns 82.5 feet of right-of-way from the east section line which is approximately the center of the township road (174th Avenue Southeast); stakes have been placed accordingly. Consensus of the Managers was for the Secretary to consult with Legal Counsel about recoupment of costs for damages which occur as a result of the excess weight on the backslope. (RCWRD #18-023)

Applications

Appl #18-026, Red River Rural Telephone Assn: Secs 10/11, Barney Township A motion was made by Mgr. Moffet and seconded by Mgr. Rostad to approve the application contingent upon the Applicant executing the RCWRD Utility Permit and payment of the District's engineering fees. The motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chr. Friskop adjourned the meeting at 11:35 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Monica Zentgraf
Monica Zentgraf
Secretary

Gary Friskop
Gary Friskop
Chairman of the Board