

RICHLAND COUNTY WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT
Richland County Courthouse, Wahpeton, ND
March 15, 2022

The Richland County Water Resource Board ("RCWRB") met March 15, 2022 at 9:00 A.M. at the Richland County Courthouse.

THOSE PRESENT: Managers Tom Kubela, Gary Friskop, Don Moffet, Engineering Technician Justin Johnson, Secretary-Treasurer Tiffany Bladow.

THOSE ABSENT: Clint Arndt, Arv Burvee

Approval of Agenda

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

Minutes

The March 1, 2022 minutes were presented. A motion was made by Mgr. Kubela and seconded by Mgr. Moffett, to approve the March 1, 2022 minutes as presented. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Mail

- 1) Bill from Interstate Engineering for the meeting regarding the Kube drain.
- 2) Woodbury/Hegseth Order to dismiss Mr. Hegseth's appeal and Judgement
- 3) Commissioners Minutes from February

Financial Matters

• February 2022 Financial Reports- A motion was made by Mgr. Kubela and seconded by Mgr. Moffet to accept the February 2022 financial reports as presented. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

• Bremer Bank Collateral Report- 110% of the District's securities totaled \$8,024,607.67; Bremer Bank's collateral in the amount of \$8,438,565.00 adequately covers the District's funds.

Application to Install a Subsurface Water Management System #22-003 for Mike Langseth in the E1/2 Section 35, Sheyenne Township, E1/2 Section 2, and NW1/4 Section 2, Freeman Township

The Board reviewed *Application to Install a Subsurface Water Management System #22-003*. Under the application, Mike Langseth seeks to install a 160-acre drain tile system in the E1/2 Section 35, Sheyenne Township, E1/2 Section 2, and NW1/4 Section 2, Freeman Township. The project will include a single pump outlet located on the west boundary of the Northwest Quarter. The Board reviewed the application, design plan, water flow map, and all accompanying data submitted as part of the application.

Mgr. Moffet moved, and Mgr. Kubela seconded the motion, to approve Appl #22-003 and to authorize the Secretary-Treasurer to sign SUBSURFACE WATER MANAGEMENT PERMIT #22-003, 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 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.

Drain Tile Notification Appl #22-004 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 #22-005 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.

Technician's Report

- Snow removal
Justin will be going out to look at drains as the snow is starting to thaw, snow removal will be based on case by case situations.
- Dr.#65 Wirtz Lateral
Updated the board that the land owner was questioning if the board would be ok with him removing the fence on the north side of the

drain. No decision was made, will bring it up at the next meeting, as there would need to be a guarantee that there would be no cattle roaming in that area.

- Contractor report
Contractors are ready to get to work, when we need them.

Office Equipment

Receive the exact price of the 2 printers that the board approved previously, and were ordered from Innovative Office Solutions. The price is \$1990.20

Gabe Bladow joined the meeting via Zoom

Drain #31 Reconstruction

Gabe Bladow explained the forms that needed to be signed by the board to move forward with Dr. #31. The Agreement, Notice of Award, Request for Drainage on Highway Right of Way, and the quote for pipe from TrueNorth Steel were signed.

Also discussed setting up a time for a pre-construction conference with Gladen on April 5th.

Gabe also informed the board that Gladen was planning on moving equipment to the site this week, and he wanted to get the pipe ordered.

Mr. Bladow left the meeting.

Sean Fredricks joined the meeting via Zoom

Drain #66A

Conversation was held with Sean regarding the assessments for Dr. #66A and looking at making the Kube Drain a legal drain. Sean went over what the board would need to do and how to start the process of making Kube Drain a legal drain.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, Vice Chr. Friskop adjourned the meeting at 11:30 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Tiffany Bladow
Tiffany Bladow
Secretary/Treasurer

Gary Friskop
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Vice Chairman