

RICHLAND COUNTY WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT  
Richland County Courthouse, Wahpeton, ND  
August 14, 2018

The Richland County Water Resource Board (RCWRB) met August 14, 2018 at 8:00 AM at the Richland County Courthouse, Wahpeton, North Dakota.

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

THOSE ABSENT: James Haugen

### **Minutes**

The August 7, 2018 minutes were presented. A motion was made by Mgr. Burvee and seconded by Mgr. Rostad to approve the August 7, 2018 minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Mail**

- 1.) Arlo & Peter Leedahl- Letter outlining payment plan for bills associated with the Helendale Private Drain project, Jacob complaint, and Plankers complaint. (Helendale #13-088/Jacob #11-415/Plankers #13-208)
- 2.) North Dakota State Water Commission (ND SWC)- Photograph of electronic copy of a culvert complaint the ND SWC received from Arthur Bernard. The culvert is located between the NE1/4 Section 19 and NW1/4 Section 20, Ibsen Township. The Secretary reported correspondence from the ND SWC was forwarded to the District's Legal Counsel. Per Legal Counsel's advice, no action will be taken by the Board until receipt of the original complaint.

### **Proj #1 Reconstruction**

The Managers met with Mike Bassingthwaite, of Interstate Engineering, and Kelly Miller, to continue discussions relative to reconstructing a portion of Proj #1. Mr. Bassingthwaite reported that he visited with Jeff Christopherson, landowner at the outlet of the drain, about the potential project. Mr. Christopherson had no objections but asked that erosion in the natural channel in the W1/2 Sections 20 and 29, Abercrombie East, and the culvert through the township road, located between the NW1/4 Section 29 and SW1/4 Section 20, Abercrombie East, also be addressed. Project costs were discussed; Mr. Bassingthwaite will investigate Mr. Christopherson's concerns and prepare a cost estimate for the project. (RCWRD #17-017)

### **Moore Engineering**

At the request of the Managers, Chad Engels, of Moore Engineering, met with the Board. The four hydraulic study reports prepared by Moore Engineering were discussed:

- Proj #5- Site #326, located in the NE1/4 Section 1, Colfax West. (RCWRD #18-010)
- Proj #12- Site #330, located in the SW1/4 Section 2, Garborg Township. (RCWRD #18-011)
- Proj #26- Site #336, located in the NWCR NE1/4 Section 19, Fairmount North. (RCWRD #18-012)
- Proj #26- Site #337, located in the NE1/4 Section 20, Fairmount North. (RCWRD #18-012)

Mr. Engels will do additional investigations for Projs #5, 12, and #26 (Site #336), and revise the reports as necessary. No action was taken on Proj #26, Site #337, pending receipt of the revised report for Site #336.

### **Proj # 2 Reconstruction**

The Board was informed that a conversation was held with a landowner about payment for mowing sweet clover on the side slopes of Proj #2 along the reconstructed channel. Consensus of the Managers was not to make payment, as the Townships, County, and State require landowners to mow their ditches. (RCWRD #10-079)

### **Proj #7- David Braaten Appl #16-087**

Mr. Johnson asked that the culvert work under David Braaten Appl #16-087 (located in the NE1/4 Section 25, Freeman Township) be reassigned from JAV Construction to JBX. JAV Construction is busy with multiple other projects and agreed to relinquish this work. A motion was made by Mgr. Rostad and seconded by Mgr. Burvee to reassign Appl #16-087 to JBX. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Proj #7 Reconstruction**

The Managers addressed concerns about the timeliness of the engineering data for the Proj #7 reconstruction being transferred by Interstate Engineering to Houston Engineering. A conference call was held with Damon DeVillers, of Interstate Engineering, to address the Board's concerns. (RCWRD #17-016)

### **Technician's Report**

The following matters were brought forward:

- Proj #31- Site #351: Erosion hole over a culvert through the township road located in the NWCR Section 8, Lamars Township. A motion was made by Mgr. Burvee and seconded by Mgr. Rostad to assign the repairs to JBX. The motion carried unanimously. (RCWRD #18-007)
- Metro Flood Diversion Authority- Report of the August 8, 2018 meeting.

### **Applications**

Appl #18-018, Cass Rural Water Users District: Sections 8 & 19, Walcott East and Section 10, Walcott West A motion was made by Mgr. Rostad and seconded by Mgr. Moffet to approve the application conditioned upon the Applicant executing the RCWRD utility permit and payment of engineering fees incurred by the RCWRD. The motion carried unanimously. (Appl #18-018)

### **Proj #41**

Mr. Johnson reported straw bales have been placed on the bank of Proj #41, in the E1/2 Section 24, Mooreton Township. Concerns were expressed by the Managers, Appl #18-023A was completed, and a motion was made by Mgr. Burvee and seconded by Mgr. Moffet authorizing Houston Engineering to survey the E1/2 Section 24 to establish the District's right-of-way line. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chr. Friskop adjourned the meeting at 11:15 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

*Monica Zentgraf*  
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Secretary

*Gary Friskop*  
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Chairman of the Board