

RICHLAND COUNTY WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT
Richland County Courthouse, Wahpeton, ND
February 13, 2018

The Richland County Water Resource Board (RCWRB) met February 13, 2018 at 9:00 AM at the Richland County Courthouse, Wahpeton, North Dakota.

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

THOSE ABSENT: Don Moffet

Minutes

The January 30, 2018 minutes were presented. A motion was made by Mgr. Haugen and seconded by Mgr. Rostad to approve the January 30, 2018 minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Financial Matters

A motion was made by Mgr. Rostad and seconded by Mgr. Burvee to accept the January 2018 financial reports as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Mail

- 1.) Bank of New York Mellon- Pledged securities totaled \$6,144,481.06 on January 31, 2018.
- 2.) United States Army Corps of Engineers- Call for project proposals for streambank and shoreline protection.
- 3.) Interstate Engineering- Engineering contract for years 2018 through 2020 and rate schedule for 2018. Upon review of the documents, a motion was made by Mgr. Burvee and seconded by Mgr. Haugen to approve the contract and accept the rate schedule as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Mike Bassingthwaite, engineer with Interstate Engineering, joined the meeting.

Continuation of Mail

- 4.) North Dakota State Water Commission (ND SWC)- Cost share funds were not obligated for the Proj #7 reconstruction as requested by the District. The District's request will be kept on file for potential reconsideration later in the biennium. (RCWRD #17-016)
- 5.) Interstate Engineering- Report of findings from survey of Proj #63. (Loff #15-054)

Proj #63

Mr. Bassingthwaite reviewed the findings of the Proj #63 survey with the Board. Considerable discussion followed regarding the condition of the channel, culverts, and possible solutions to resolve concerns previously brought to the Board by landowners Dallas Loff and Gordie Olson.

Mr. Loff and Mr. Olson joined the meeting at the request of the Board; Doug Loff was also in attendance. The landowners were apprised of the survey findings which show the majority of the drop is on the south end of the channel; the north end is quite flat. The landowners explained that the majority of the problems are in Section 9, Nansen Township, where water sits and the ditch stays wet. Considerable discussion was held regarding possible work to alleviate the problems, including cleaning and lowering of culverts. Financial constraints limit the amount of work that can be done. The meeting concluded with a consensus by all that the channel be cleaned in the SE1/4 Section 9 and NE1/4 Section 16, Nansen Township, the culvert through County Road #6 be replaced with a CMPA and lowered 6 inches, and the culvert through the Tegtmeier driveway, in the SE1/4 Section 9, be replaced with a CMPA. Mr. Bassingthwaite was directed to provide proper culvert sizing for the two culverts, obtain input about the proposed

work from Jeff Kub, tenant of the NE1/4 Section 16, and report his findings to the Board. The Board will take official action on the work to be done at that time. (Loff #15-054/RCWRD #16-077)

Proj #1

At the April 26, 2017 board meeting, the Managers directed Mr. Bassingthwaite to perform an engineering study on one-half of Proj #1 for possible reconstruction. After meeting with landowner Kelly Miller and performing a survey, Mr. Bassingthwaite recommended the eastern portion of the drain be given top priority. Mr. Bassingthwaite provided two alternatives: Alternative #1) Reconstruction of the eastern most 1.75 miles of the drain and Alternative #2) Reconstruction of the east 2.50 miles of the drain (portion of the drain east of Hwy 81), which would include redirecting the western most 0.75 miles of Alternative #2 to flow east rather than west, as it presently flows. Estimated costs for the two alternatives are: Alternative #1) \$272,000 and Alternative #2) \$450,000. No ND SWC cost share assistance is available at this time. Funding was considered and it was quickly determined that the financial constraint is huge with only \$69,000 on hand and the assessment district only able to raise \$14,000 per year on the weighted method of assessment.

Kelly Miller joined the meeting at the Board's request.

Mr. Bassingthwaite reviewed the survey results and the two alternative reconstruction projects again, with Mr. Miller present. Mr. Miller was informed of the financial constraints of the District. Considerable discussion was held including but not limited to, the current condition of the channel, use of field inlet culverts, right-of-way needs for reconstruction, availability of funds, size of the assessment district, and possible excess levy. The meeting concluded with Mr. Miller indicating that he wanted time to consider all of the information he received and asked for permission to visit further with Mr. Bassingthwaite. Consensus of the Managers was to grant Mr. Miller time to further discuss the matter with Mr. Bassingthwaite. (RCWRD #17-017)

Mr. Bassingthwaite left the meeting.

Proj #4(28) Reconstruction

The completed North Dakota state surface drain application for the reconstruction of a portion of Proj #4(28) was presented to the Board. A motion was made by Mgr. Burvee and seconded by Mgr. Haugen authorizing Chr. Friskop to sign the application. The motion carried unanimously. (RCWRD #17-095)

Bond #5

The Secretary reported that an "Optional Extraordinary Redemption Clause" in the amount of \$360,000 was included in the \$840,000 (Proj #5) Maintenance Levy Improvement Bonds of 2016, which represented cost share assistance from the ND SWC for reconstruction of the drain. The Secretary reported the \$360,000 has been received and recommended to the Board that bonds in that amount be called. Secretary Zentgraf requested permission to sign the "Notice of Optional Extraordinary Redemption" with a redemption date of April 6, 2018. A motion was made by Mgr. Rostad and seconded by Mgr. Burvee authorizing Monica Zentgraf to sign the "Notice of Optional Extraordinary Redemption" for \$360,000. The motion carried unanimously.

MnDak Upstream Coalition

Mgr. Rostad reported on the MnDak Upstream Coalition meeting he attended February 12, 2018.

Technician's Report

•**Tree & Brush Grubbing**- JBX has completed the tree and brush grubbing project (in the southern half of the county). JAV has not yet started work in the northern half of the county.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chr. Friskop adjourned the meeting at 12:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Monica Zentgraf
Monica Zentgraf
Secretary

Gary Friskop
Gary Friskop
Chairman of the Board