The Richland County Water Resource Board (RCWRB) met February 26, 2018 at 9:00 AM at the Richland County Courthouse, Wahpeton, North Dakota.

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

THOSE ABSENT: Gary Friskop and Don Moffet

Minutes
The February 13, 2018 minutes were presented. A motion was made by Mgr. Rostad and seconded by Mgr. Haugen to approve the February 13, 2018 minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Financial Matters

*Bond #5(27) Construction Funds - The Managers were informed that the Proj #5(27) reconstruction has been completed and closed out. There is $64,484.02 left in the construction account which needs to be transferred to the sinking account for the purpose of paying down the bonds. A motion was made by Mgr. Rostad and seconded by Mgr. Haugen to approve a transfer of $64,484.02 from the Bond #5(27) construction account to the Bond #5(27) sinking account. The motion carried unanimously.

*Vouchers - A motion was made by Mgr. Haugen and seconded by Mgr. Rostad to approve Vouchers #17709 through #17726 and the electronic funds transfer for the IRS payment. The motion carried unanimously.

Mail
1.) State Engineer’s Office- The North Dakota State Water Commission (ND SWC) requested comments on the revised draft ND SWC Funding Policy, Procedure, and General Requirements and the revised draft Project Prioritization Guidance Policy. No action was taken by the Board pending input of legal counsel.

2.) North Dakota Department of Emergency Services- State process for reimbursement of disaster funds. The state share will be held pending approval from the North Dakota Legislative Management Budget Section Committee. State share payments will be presented to this Committee once per calendar quarter.

3.) Richland County Commission- Minutes of the January meetings.

Proj #3
Discussion was held relative to a partial reconstruction of Proj #3 in the S1/2 Section 4, W1/2 Section 9, and NW1/4 Section 16, all in Lamars Township. The Managers directed that a meeting be scheduled with the affected landowners, Bob Green and Arnie Anderson, to discuss right-of-way needs. A cost-share request will be submitted to the ND SWC rather than submitting it as a priority project for the State’s 2019 Water Development Plan (as previously directed by the Board at their January 23, 2018 meeting.)

Cell Phone Reimbursement
No action was taken by the Board pending further research.

Technician’s Report
●Tree & Brush Grubbing- Mr. Johnson reported that JAV Construction has not started the tree and brush grubbing on the legal drains in the northern half of the County. The work would be very difficult to do, given the amount of snow received this past week. A motion was made by Mgr. Rostad and seconded by Mgr. Haugen to cancel the tree and brush grubbing assigned to JAV Construction, due to inclement weather conditions. The motion carried unanimously. (RCWRD #17-099)
• Contractor Repair Assignments- Mr. Johnson presented the Board with a report of all contractor repair assignments. He also reviewed completion date changes made on various projects.
• Log Jam- A log jam under the bridge in the NE1/4 Section 1, Abercrombie West, was brought to the Board’s attention. The Managers directed Mr. Johnson to notify the County Highway Department of the situation.
• Metro Flood Diversion Authority Meeting- Mr. Johnson reported on the February 22, 2018 meeting.
• Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP)- A report was provided on the February 22, 2018 RCPP Committee meeting. Considerable discussion was held including, but not limited to, brainstorming alternatives for landowner compensation, landowner meetings, options other than detention sites for resolving flooding and erosion problems along Antelope Creek. The Managers will continue discussion at their next board meeting.

Adjournment
There being no further business to come before the Board, Vice Chr. Burvee adjourned the meeting at 11:55 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Monica Zentgraf
Secretary

Arv Burvee
Vice Chairman of the Board