

RICHLAND COUNTY WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT
Richland County Courthouse, Wahpeton, ND
January 9, 2018

The Richland County Water Resource Board (RCWRB) met January 9, 2018 at 9:10 AM at the Richland County Courthouse, Wahpeton, North Dakota.

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

THOSE ABSENT: Don Moffet

Minutes

The December 26, 2017 minutes were presented. A motion was made by Mgr. Burvee and seconded by Mgr. Rostad to approve the December 26, 2017 minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Financial Matters

A motion was made by Mgr. Rostad and seconded by Mgr. Haugen to accept the December 2017 financial reports as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Mail

- 1.) Big Stone South to Ellendale- Newsletter
- 2.) Bank of New York Mellon- Pledged securities totaled \$5,453,226.39 on December 29, 2017
- 3.) Interstate Engineering- Hydraulic study for a culvert replacement on Proj #66A, located in the SE1/4 Section 10, Brandenburg Township. No action was taken pending a meeting with the Engineer. (RCWRD #16-038)

North Dakota Water Users Assn Board Meeting

The Managers were provided with a report of the December 8, 2017 North Dakota Water Users Board Meeting attended by Mgr. Burvee and Ms. Zentgraf. A decision was made at that meeting to eliminate the At-Large Members from the Board. As a result, Ms. Zentgraf will not serve on the Board. Discussion was also held relative to establishing a "Legislative Committee".

Proj #7 Reconstruction

Engineer Mike Bassingthwaite, of Interstate Engineering, met with the Board to discuss reconstructing Proj #7, in Sections 20, 21, 22, and 23, Garborg Township. Mr. Bassingthwaite reported an estimated cost of \$845,000 to reconstruct all four miles and that it is cost prohibitive, given the lack of funds on hand, the maximum allowable bonding ability of the assessment district (using maintenance money), and the loss of ND SWC cost share assistance. Mr. Bassingthwaite recommended reconstructing only Section 23 this year with the possibility of doing the remaining three miles in 2019 or 2020, depending on the availability of ND SWC cost share assistance. The one mile project could be done without bonding. Discussion followed with several suggestions being considered, including, but not limited to bidding Section 23 as the base project with an additive alternate of Sec 22. A motion was made by Mgr. Haugen and seconded by Mgr. Burvee to proceed with bidding Section 23, Garborg Township (base project) and Section 22, Garborg Township, as an additive alternate. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Bassingthwaite presented applications for a US Army Corps of Engineers (US ACE) 404 Permit, ND SWC Drainage Permit, and ND SWC cost share assistance. (ND SWC cost share request to be submitted even though the State currently is not approving any assistance.) A motion was made by Mgr. Burvee and seconded by Mgr. Rostad authorizing Chr. Friskop to sign the applications as presented. The motion carried unanimously. (RCWRD #17-016)

Proj #4(28) Reconstruction

Larry Wold, Dallas Loff, and Jeff Steger met with the Board, at the Board's request, for the purpose of discussing possible reconstruction of Proj #4(28), in the NW1/4

Section 3 and N1/2 Section 4, Ibsen Township. Mr. Bassingthwaite explained the project, which would include flattening slopes, replacing a timber bridge with culverts, and replacing other existing culverts in that portion of the drain. Numerous design questions from the landowners were fielded by Mr. Bassingthwaite. It was noted that in addition to the reconstruction, cleaning, as needed, would be included from the east end of the project to Interstate 29. A portion of the maintenance money on hand, and a maintenance bond, would be needed to pay for the project. No ND SWC cost share assistance would be available for this project. The meeting concluded with the landowners giving their support for the project.

A motion was made by Mgr. Haugen and seconded by Mgr. Burvee to proceed with bidding the reconstruction of Proj #4(28) in the NW1/4 Section 3 and N1/2 Section 4, Ibsen Township. The motion carried unanimously.

Mgr. Rostad left the meeting.

Mr. Bassingthwaite presented the Board with the Proj #4(28) application for the USACE permit. A motion was made by Mgr. Burvee and seconded by Mgr. Haugen authorizing Chr. Friskop to sign the application as presented. The motion carried unanimously. (RCWRD #17-095)

Technician's Report

●Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) Committee Meeting- An RCPP Committee Meeting was held January 8, 2018 with good participation from the Committee Members.

Mr. Bassingthwaite left the meeting.

●Tree & Brush Grubbing- Due to potential/pending reconstructions on Projs #1, 4(28) and 7, the Managers were asked if they wished to reconsider their decision to remove trees and brush from the three respective drains. Given the financial status of the drains and the pending work, the consensus was to not do any tree/brush work on Projs #1, 4, and 7. The contractor will be notified accordingly. (RCWRD #17-099)

Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,
Monica Zentgraf
Monica Zentgraf
Secretary

Gary Friskop
Gary Friskop
Chairman of the Board