

RICHLAND COUNTY WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT
Richland County Courthouse, Wahpeton, ND
June 20, 2017

The Richland County Water Resource Board (RCWRB) met June 20, 2017 at 8:00 AM at the Richland County Courthouse, Wahpeton, North Dakota.

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

THOSE ABSENT: None

Minutes

The June 13, 2017 minutes were presented. A motion was made by Mgr. Burvee and seconded by Mgr. Haugen to approve the minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Financial Matters

●Proj #2 Reconstruction/Extension- Pay Estimate #4, to Riley Bros Construction, was presented to the Board. The pay estimate of \$57,615.50 represents 99% completion of the reconstruction/extension project. A motion was made by Mgr. Rostad and seconded by Mgr. Moffet to approve Pay Estimate #4 as presented. The motion carried unanimously. (RCWRD #10-079)

●Proj #5(27) Reconstruction- Pay Estimate #4, to Drewes Construction, was presented to the Board. The pay estimate, in the amount of \$41,278.60 represents the final payment for the reconstruction project. It was noted that \$10,000 in liquidated damages were withheld, as discussed at the June 6, 2017 RCWRD Board Meeting. A motion was made by Mgr. Moffet and seconded by Mgr. Haugen to accept the project and approve the final pay estimate (Pay Estimate #4) as presented. The motion carried unanimously. (RCWRD #14-124)

●Proj #14 Reconstruction- Pay Estimate #1, to JAV Construction, was presented to the Board. The pay estimate of \$63,306.50 represents 31% completion of the reconstruction project. A motion was made by Mgr. Haugen and seconded by Mgr. Moffet to approve Pay Estimate #1 as presented. The motion carried unanimously. (RCWRD #11-001)

●Vouchers- Vouchers for the month of June 2017 were presented for the Board's review and approval. A motion was made by Mgr. Moffet and seconded by Mgr. Rostad to approve Vouchers #17514 through #17543 and the electronic funds transfer for the IRS payment. The motion carried unanimously.

Mail

- 1.) Mooreton Township Zoning Commission- Notice of July 6, 2017 public hearing on Eric Birchem's petition for a conditional use permit for the NE 19.2 acres of the SE1/4 Section 24, Mooreton Township.
- 2.) Don Heitkamp- Copy of letter to the Richland County Commission regarding "stockpiling of large quantities of turkey manure" placed near his farmstead in Barney Township.

Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP)

Mr. Johnson reported on his recent conversation with Keith Weston, of the Red River Retention Authority (RRRA), regarding the District's RCPP study. Mr. Weston wants to see the Advisory Committee meet in early July to prepare the Purpose & Need Statement, which is due no later than August 11, 2017. The Managers will visit with Mike Bassingthwaite, of Interstate Engineering, today to discuss the timelines. (RCWRD #16-017)

Engineer Mike Bassingthwaite met with the Board. The following matters were brought forward:

Proj #14 Reconstruction

Mr. Bassingthwaite reported the following

- Contractor is making good progress.
- Todd Woodbury asked for the culvert through the county road, in the NW1/4 Section 34, Viking Township, to be lowered approximately two feet. Mr. Bassingthwaite contacted the NRCS and was assured by the District Conservationist that lowering a culvert through the county road was not a concern to the NRCS. Additional discussion followed about the need to possibly lower the other culverts through the county road on the remaining portion of the project. The Managers asked Mr. Bassingthwaite to contact the adjacent landowners to see if they want the culverts lowered. A motion was made by Mgr. Haugen and seconded by Mgr. Burvee to approve lowering the culverts through the county road in the N1/2 Sections 32, 33, and NW1/4 Section 34, all in Viking Township, if the landowners request same. The motion carried unanimously.
- SW1/4 Section 29, Viking Township- Approximately 700 feet on the west end of the project is in CRP. NRCS will not release the temporary right-of-way until after nesting season is over and even at that time the spoil would have to be trucked out, which would be a considerable additional expense. Mr. Bassingthwaite recommended holding off with the reconstruction of that portion of the project until the CRP contract expires October 1, 2017. Mr. Bassingthwaite felt the contractor would be entitled to re-mobilization costs to come back in October, but that cost would be less than trucking the spoil material away. The Managers agreed with Mr. Bassingthwaite's recommendation. (RCWRD #11-001)

Proj #41- Harlan Deike Concerns

Mr. Johnson informed the Board that he inspected Proj #41 due to concerns expressed by Harlan Deike about the drain not emptying fast enough south of Section 24, Mooreton Township, after larger rainfall events (i.e. 4 inch events).

Mr. Bassingthwaite explained that the drain was built by the NRCS and has not been reconstructed. The drain was sized for approximately one-half inch removal rate in 24 hours. Mr. Johnson's inspection was approximately 36 hours after a two inch event. There appeared to be very little standing water in the fields. The water in the channel was moving and the level had dropped approximately five inches consistently throughout the drain. The conclusion was that the drain is not designed to handle a four inch event. Due to the limited size of the assessment district and the amount that can be levied, an excess levy would be required to reconstruct the channel.

Red River Basin Decision Information Network

Mr. Bassingthwaite informed the Managers that Chuck Fritz is in the process of securing a cost estimate for upgrading the Red River Basin Decision Information Network (Lidar website) but it will most likely be shutdown. He suggested the Managers consider approaching the Red River Joint Water Resource Board (RRJWB) to see if they would be willing to fund the upgrade. Mr. Johnson will contact the Richland County GIS Office to see if similar information is available through the GIS system before approaching the RRJWRB.

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Mr. Bassingthwaite reported Paul Langseth, Steve Mauch, Gordie Olson, and Jeff Erbes agreed to serve on the District's RCPP Advisory Committee. Mr. Bassingthwaite will try to secure one additional member. He plans to hold a committee meeting in early July and finalize the Purpose & Need Statement before the end of July.

Mr. Bassingthwaite left the meeting.

Technician's Report

Mr. Johnson provided the following drain inspection report:

Proj #72

Site #238: NE1/4 Section 11, Abercrombie West- Repair erosion.

Site #267: Section 32, Colfax East- Remove sediment.

Appl #17-041 was completed and a motion was made by Mgr. Burvee and seconded by Mgr. Haugen to defer action pending a recommendation from Interstate Engineering. The motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chr. Friskop adjourned the meeting at 11:00 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Monica Zentgraf
Secretary

Gary Friskop
Chairman of the Board