

RICHLAND COUNTY WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT
Richland County Courthouse, Wahpeton, ND
May 22, 2018

The Richland County Water Resource Board (RCWRB) met May 22, 2018 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 May 8, 2018 minutes were presented. A motion was made by Mgr. Moffet and seconded by Mgr. Rostad to approve the May 8, 2018 minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Financial Matters

Vouchers for the month of May 2018 were presented for the Board's review and approval. A motion was made by Mgr. Burvee and seconded by Mgr. Haugen to approve Vouchers #17773 through #17796 and the electronic funds transfer for the IRS payment. The motion carried unanimously.

Mail

- 1.) North Dakota Water Education Foundation- Brochure outlining the 2018 water tours.
- 2.) North Dakota Water Resource Districts Assn- Recommendations for changes to the North Dakota State Water Commission cost-share policy.
- 3.) North Dakota State Engineer- Notice of application on petition from James Dotzenrod for appropriation of water from a ground water source. Point of diversion is located in the NE1/4 Section 1, Wyndmere Township.
- 4.) North Dakota State Engineer- Permit #ND2018-18663 issued to Krause Brothers Construction. Point of Diversion: NW1/4 Section 34, Belford Township; Quantity of Water: 66 Acre-Feet; Maximum Withdrawal Rate: 600 gpm.
- 5.) Mary Podoll, NRCS State Conservationist- Deadline to submit a request for an extension for the North Branch Antelope Creek Watershed RCPP Study is June 1, 2018. The letter also addressed NRCS' concern about approving any additional reimbursements prior to receiving agreed upon submittals (from the engineer). The Secretary presented the Board with the project extension request letter prepared by Interstate Engineering and provided to the RCWRD on May 21, 2018. The Managers reviewed the letter and revised planning schedule for the project. (RCWRD #16-017)

Drain Spraying

Chr. Friskop reported Larson Helicopters has not been shutting their sprayers off when flying over approaches along the legal drains, killing established grass. The Managers are concerned that the loss of vegetation makes the area susceptible to erosion. The Managers directed Office Staff to notify Mr. Larson to shut the sprayers off over the approaches.

Engineering Services

Considerable discussion followed relative to engineering services provided by Interstate Engineering for the North Branch Antelope Creek Watershed RCPP Study and various reconstruction projects.

North Branch Antelope Creek Watershed RCPP Study

Keith Weston and Randy Gjestvang met with the Board to discuss progress on the North Branch Antelope Creek Watershed RCPP Study and to encourage the Board to submit a request for a time extension for completion of the study. An extension would run through September 30, 2019. Discussion was held regarding numerous

items, including, but not limited to the timeframe for completion of the multiple tasks within the study, types of projects to consider (small retention area, offset levies, stream restorations, culvert sizing, or other local needs), and funding sources. The final draft must be submitted to NRCS no later than July 2019 in order to secure final approval of the study by the September 30, 2019 deadline.

Upon conclusion of the meeting with Mr. Weston and Mr. Gjestvang, the Managers discussed whether or not to continue with the study. A motion was made by Mgr. Burvee and seconded by Mgr. Moffet authorizing Chr. Friskop to sign the extension request. The motion carried unanimously.

Additional discussion was held, resulting in a motion by Mgr. Haugen and seconded by Chr. Friskop to withdraw from the North Branch Antelope Creek RCPP Study project. A conference call was held with the District's Legal Counsel, Sean Fredricks, to verify if the Chairman of the Board can make or second a motion. Mr. Fredricks informed the Managers that the Chairman can make or second a motion. Discussion was also held regarding reassigning engineering services for various projects.

Upon conclusion of the call with Mr. Fredricks, a roll call vote was taken for the motion on the table. Mgr. Haugen and Chr. Friskop voted in favor of the motion; Mgrs. Moffet, Rostad, and Burvee voted against the motion. The motion failed; the Board will continue on with the North Branch Antelope Creek RCPP Study. (RCWRD #16-017)

Richland-Sargent Joint Water Resource Board (RSJWRB)

A conference call was held with Sargent County WRB Chairman, Lucas Siemieniewski, to discuss a possible RSJWRB meeting on May 24, 2018. The decision was not to meet until the week of June 4, 2018, to allow more time for right-of-way documents to be returned to the engineer.

Proj #7 Reconstruction

Discussion was held about reassigning engineering services for the Proj #7 reconstruction project. After much deliberation, a motion was made by Mgr. Haugen and seconded by Mgr. Rostad to reassign the Proj #7 reconstruction to Houston Engineering, immediately. Upon roll call vote, Mgrs. Moffet, Rostad, Burvee, Haugen and Chr. Friskop voted in favor of said motion; no Managers voted against the motion. The motion carried. (RCWRD #17-016)

The Managers directed that a meeting with Mike Bassingthwaite, of Interstate Engineering, be scheduled for May 29, 2018 to discuss engineering services for the North Branch Antelope Creek Watershed RCPP Study, Proj #7 reconstruction, and other various projects.

Technician's Report

Mr. Johnson provided reports on the following matters:

●Proj #31

Site #329: NWCR NE1/4 Section 9, Devillo Township- Broken up concrete disposed of on drain slope.

Site #334: SE1/4 Section 28, Devillo Township- Erosion damage.

Appl #18-007 was completed and a motion was made by Mgr. Burvee and seconded by Mgr. Haugen to assign Sites #329 and #334 to JBX. The motion carried unanimously.

●**Metro Flood Diversion Meeting**- Mr. Johnson reported on the May 17, 2018 meeting. The Secretary reported that the comment period for the Environmental Impact Study for "Plan B" opened up May 21, 2018. Mr. Bassingthwaite informed the Secretary he would prepare comments for the Board's review on June 5, 2018.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chr. Friskop adjourned the meeting at 12:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Monica Zentgraf
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Secretary

Gary Friskop
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Chairman of the Board