

MINUTES OF MEETING
RUSH RIVER WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT
CASS COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
WEST FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA
AUGUST 8, 2011

The Rush River Water Resource District met on August 8, 2011, at 8:00 a.m. at the Cass County Highway Department, West Fargo, North Dakota.

Present were Raymond Wolfer, Chairman; William A. Hejl, Manager; Keith Monson, Manager; Carol Harbeke Lewis, Secretary-Treasurer; Diane Pochardt, Administrative Assistant; Nina Stone, Accountant; Sean M. Fredricks, Attorney for the Board; Chad Engels, Engineer for the Board; Tom Soucy, Engineer with the Cass County Highway Department; Brady Woodard, Moore Engineering, Inc., and those names who appear on the attached roster.

Berlin-Harwood Township Improvement District No. 72

Currently, the engineers are working on a hydraulics study for the Berlin-Harwood Township Improvement District No. 72. The Board would like to get started with the legal drain process. It is hoped the project will be completed by next fall.

The Board discussed how far west to go with this project. Chad Engels said they were asked to size culverts all the way to Cass County Highway 11. Larry Wieers suggested the project stop 1/2 mile east of Cass County Highway 11.

Sean Fredericks reviewed the proposed *Joint Powers Agreement* (JPA). The Cass County Engineer expressed concern about having a cap on the cost to the County. Mr. Fredericks will update the JPA and Mr. Engels will have information on the proposed assessment district at the next meeting.

2011 Spring Flood – damage repairs

Brady Woodard reported on 2011 Spring Flood damages. Mr. Woodard has received informal bids from five contractors. No construction has been done as we are currently working with FEMA. The Board hopes to repair damages as soon as possible. Mr. Woodard shared preliminary costs and stated that clay and gravel prices are increasing.

Larry Wieers informed the Board of a breakout on Drain #29A in Section 3 of Berlin Township where it washed out into the field. The site will be repaired to design height. Chuck Sorvaag said he would like a temporary fix if damages cannot be repaired right away to prevent summer flooding and crop loss.

Drain #30 – repair in Section 8 of Harwood Township

Kevin Heiden met with the Board about the banks on Drain #30 in Section 8 of Harwood Township. Mr. Heiden said the north bank has not been repaired and there is a hole in the south bank. Mr. Woodard said most of the damage from the north bank is in the field and he does not think there is a designed berm height. Manager Monson asked if there is a way to determine the berm height. Mr. Engels explained that the Natural Resources Conservation Service did not have a standard berm design at that time, it was simply excess spoil. The Board indicated to Mr. Heiden that he could repair the berms with existing spoil because there is no berm design at that location.

Mr. Heiden asked the Board about adding a culvert in Section 8. Manager Hejl moved and Manager Monson seconded to install a 24” culvert, 50’ long, on Drain #30 in Section 8 of Harwood Township, at a cost not to exceed \$5,500, provided Mr. Heiden contributes cost share in the amount of \$2,000. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Drain #30 - low water crossing between Sections 8 and 9 in Harwood Township

Mr. Heiden reported that part of the concrete is broke out on the east side of the low water crossing on Drain #30 between Sections 8 and 9 in Harwood Township. Mr. Woodard will look at the crossing.

Right-of-Entry for Surveys and Investigations for the Corps of Engineers and its contractors/assigns regarding the proposed flood water diversion channel on parcel #44-0000-00300-020 owned by Rush River Water Resource District

It was moved by Manager Hejl and seconded by Manager Wolfer to approve the *Right-of-Entry for Surveys and Investigations* for the Corps of Engineers and its contractors/assigns regarding the proposed flood water diversion channel on parcel #44-0000-00300-020 and to authorize Chairman Wolfer to sign the same. Upon roll call vote, Managers Wolfer and Hejl voted “yes” and Manager Monson voted “no.” Motion carried.

2011 Audit

It was moved by Manager Hejl and seconded by Manager Monson to approve the 2011 audit of the Rush River Water Resource District. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Minutes

It was moved by Manager Hejl and seconded by Manager Monson to approve the minutes of the July 11, 2011, meeting. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Bills

It was moved by Manager Hejl and seconded by Manager Monson to approve payment of Checks #3530 through #3536 and the electronic funds transfer, as presented. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously. The Chairman declared the motion passed.

Adjournment

There being no further business to be considered by the Board, it was moved by Manager Hejl, seconded by Manager Monson and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting.

APPROVED:

Raymond Wolfer
Chairman

ATTEST:

Carol Harbeke Lewis
Secretary-Treasurer