

MINUTES OF MEETING  
RUSH RIVER WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT  
CASS COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT  
WEST FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA  
APRIL 21, 2015

The Rush River Water Resource District met on April 21, 2015, at 8:00 a.m. at the Cass County Highway Department, West Fargo, North Dakota.

Present were Raymond Wolfer, Chairman; William A. Hejl, Manager; Dick Sundberg, Manager; Carol Harbeke Lewis, Secretary-Treasury; Brenda Lovgren, Administrative Assistant; Sean M. Fredricks, Attorney for the Board; Mike Opat, Engineer for the Board; Brady Woodard, Moore Engineering, Inc.; Lloyd Knight and David Strand, Amenia Township property owners; Bob Pyle and Tom Roden, Casselton residents.

**Minutes**

It was moved by Manager Hejl, seconded by Manager Sundberg and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the March 17, 2015, meeting.

**Drain No. 2 Channel Improvement Project No. 2015-01**

Bob Pyle contacted Mike Opat to discuss maintenance on Drain #2. Mr. Opat reviewed the work necessary for Drain No. 2 Channel Improvement Project No. 2015-01 with the Board. Most of the maintenance is needed within the first half mile of the drain with minor maintenance needed in the next half mile. The integrity of the culvert in Section 5 of Harmony Township is poor and needs to be replaced. The channel work would include widening the channel bottom, reshaping and stabilizing the banks, and creating a 4:1 slope that must meet qualifications for a 10-year flood event. Additional maintenance is also required on Drain #52 to clear trees.

State Water Commission cost-share has been approved for the project, leaving a local share of approximately \$100,000.

Construction is scheduled to begin in summer 2015. Moore Engineering, Inc. will stake right of way on Drain #2.

Sean Fredricks reviewed the *Resolution of Necessity* with the Board. It was moved by Manager Hejl and seconded by Manager Sundberg to approve the *Resolution of Necessity* and to authorize Moore Engineering, Inc. to advertise for bids regarding Drain No. 2 Channel Improvement Project No. 2015-01. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously. A copy of the Resolution is attached hereto.

### **Rush River Watershed Detention Study**

Mike Opat reported that Detention Project Planning Team meetings have been delayed due to the pending agreement with the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and Red River Retention Authority (RRRA). If meetings were to proceed prior to an agreement, funding requests could be jeopardized. The team can begin work once an agreement has been met.

### **North Dakota Insurance Reserve Fund – proxy for annual meeting**

It was moved by Manager Sundberg and seconded by Manager Hejl to authorize the Secretary-Treasurer to sign the proxy relating to the North Dakota Reserve Fund annual meeting. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

### **Bills**

It was moved by Manager Sundberg and seconded by Manager Hejl to approve payment of Checks #4038 through #4045, and the electronic funds transfer, as presented. Upon roll call vote, the following Managers voted in favor: Wolfer, Hejl, and Sundberg. The Chairman declared the motion passed.

### **Culvert repair on the Rush River in the SW 1/4 of Section 30 in Harwood Township**

Brady Woodard informed the Board that the culvert work is complete on the Rush River in the SW 1/4 of Section 30 in Harwood Township.

### **Culvert on the Rush River in the NW 1/4 of Section 9 in Harmony Township**

Mr. Woodard reported that the contractor has replaced the culvert on the Lower Branch of the Rush River between Sections 9 and 10 in Harmony Township and is working on the channel cleanout. The amount of work completed will depend on what is needed where the channel intersects the Metro Flood Diversion Project.

### **Drain #52 – drop structure east of State Highway 18**

Mr. Woodard will look into the need for a drop structure on Drain #52, east of State Highway 18. He will contact the North Dakota Department of Transportation about the matter.

### **Tree removal from the Lower Branch of the Rush River in Section 2 in Raymond Township**

Chairman Wolfer said trees need to be removed from the Lower Branch of the Rush River in Section 2 of Raymond Township.

### **Weed Control**

It was moved by Manager Hejl and seconded by Manager Sundberg to approve the Cass County Weed Control Work Order form for spraying Rush River Water Resource District facilities. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

**Adjournment**

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

APPROVED:

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Raymond Wolfer  
Chairman

ATTEST:

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Carol Harbeke Lewis  
Secretary-Treasurer