

MINUTES OF MEETING
RUSH RIVER WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT
CASS COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
WEST FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA
JUNE 16, 2015

The Rush River Water Resource District met on June 16, 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; Richard Sundberg, Manager; Carol Harbeke Lewis, Secretary-Treasurer; Brenda Lovgren, Administrative Assistant; Sean Fredricks, Attorney for the Board; Mike Opat, Engineer for the Board; Brady Woodard, Moore Engineering, Inc.; Steve Faught, David Strand, and Lloyd Knight, Amenia Township residents; Wayne Hoglelund and James Ueland, property owners along the Lower Rush River.

Minutes

It was moved by Manager Hejl, seconded by Manager Sundberg and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the May 19, 2015, meeting.

Cleanout of the Lower Rush River from the outlet, west 5 miles

Mike Opat updated the Board regarding the cleanout of the Lower Rush River from the outlet, west 5 miles. There was lengthy discussion regarding culvert sizes, particularly the opening through the township road between the SE 1/4 of Section 32 and the SW 1/4 of Section 33 in Harwood Township. The Corps of Engineers originally built the road with 10' x 19' box culverts and the crossing is currently at a 15-year design. Moore Engineering, Inc. will have surveys complete and will report on the drain profile at the next meeting.

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

It was moved by Manager Hejl and seconded by Manager Sundberg to approve the *Agreement for Cost-Share Reimbursement* with the State Water Commission on Drain No. 2 Channel Improvement Project No. 2015-01. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Drain #70 – fencing in the SW 1/4 of Section 24 in Berlin Township

It was moved by Manager Hejl and seconded by Manager Sundberg to approve the payment of \$2,380 to Carl Olson for replacement fencing in the SW 1/4 of Section 24 in Berlin Township on Drain #70. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Drain #52 – drop structure east of State Highway 18

Brady Woodard updated the Board regarding the rock drop structure on Drain #52, east of State Highway 18. The North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT) denied the request for cost-share on the project.

Rush River Watershed Detention Study

Mr. Opat updated the Board regarding the Rush River Watershed Detention Study. An application was submitted to the Red River Retention Authority (RRRA) to request funding through the Natural Resources Conservation Service Regional Conservation Partnership Program. The RRRA will review the applications to determine approval.

Project WET 2015 – sponsorship of educators/youth leaders

It was moved by Manager Hejl and seconded by Manager Sundberg to sponsor one educator/youth leader within the Rush River Water Resource District to attend a Project WET Program in 2015. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

2014 Audit

It was moved by Manager Hejl and seconded by Manager Sundberg to approve the 2014 Audit of the Rush River Water Resource District. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

2016 budget and 2015 maintenance levy assessments

The Board reviewed the 2016 budget and 2015 maintenance levy assessments for the Rush River Water Resource District. The Board will consider and act on the matter at the next meeting.

Bills

It was moved by Manager Hejl and seconded by Manager Sundberg to approve payment of Checks #4052 through #4061, 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.

Legal drain crossings at I-29

Manager Wolfer addressed concern about the size of the culverts on Drain #29A at I-29. Mr. Woodard will inspect the drain crossings at I-29 and report back to the Board on the matter.

Rush River – Texas crossing between Sections 10 and 11 in Raymond Township

Mr. Woodard will inspect the Texas crossing on the Rush River between Sections 10 and 11 in Raymond Township and report back to the Board.

Drain #74 – washout repair in Section 18 of Amenia Township

Mr. Woodard reviewed the inspection of Drain #74 in Amenia Township. It was moved by Manager Hejl and seconded by Manager Sundberg to authorize Moore Engineering, Inc. to proceed with the washout repair on Drain #74 in Section 18 of Amenia Township, at a cost not to exceed \$2,000. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Lower Rush River – tree removal

The Board discussed removal of trees from the Lower Rush River, close to Drain #52. A quote was received for \$5,200 to grind the trees. The Board directed Mr. Woodard to look into other options and report back to the Board on the matter.

Adjournment

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

APPROVED:

Raymond Wolfer
Chairman

ATTEST:

Carol Harbeke Lewis
Secretary-Treasurer