

Forman, North Dakota
February 15, 2000

The Sargent County Board of Commissioners met at 8:45 a.m. with the following members present: Lysle Coleman, Don Wehlander, W.E. Smith, Ray Brockman and Steve Wyum. Absent none. Also present Lyle Bopp.

Approve right of way permit for a period of ten years to Otter Tail Power Company for the construction, operation and maintenance of transmission and distribution lines over, upon and under any public grounds, streets or highways under the care or supervision of this Board. (Smith/Wyum, unanimous)

Discussed the abatements filed for inundated acres. After much discussion, motion to approve applications for abatement on inundated acres filed by Donald Zirnhelt, Danny Zirnhelt, Mike Zirnhelt, David Eklund, Dennis Miller, Frances Miller, Donald A. Nelson, Verna Fredrickson and Bruce Fredrickson a 7% reduction to the 1999 true and full value. The applications were due June 1, 1999 and were filed late. Due to budgetary ramifications and a potential devastating impact on county, school, township and fire district revenues, a percentage reduction is awarded on these parcels. (See Senate Bill 2052). (Smith/Wyum. Roll call: Aye: All Nay: none. Carried)

The 2000 application process for inundated acres was reviewed. Prepare a clarification and publish in the Teller for two weeks. Said notice shall state that applications for inundated lands will be received until 3-1-00. Landowners are further notified that CRP, Preventive Planting acres and Cash Rent will qualify as inundated lands, HOWEVER, those acres where there is not a significant reduction in income will be assessed at 100% of lands true and full value. (Wyum/Smith. Roll call: Aye: All. Nay: None. Carried)

The Board called Norm Preble to the meeting to discuss several applications that were missed on 1999 inundated acres. He explained that he stapled them together and did not know why he forgot them. The Board is concerned that there may be others that were forgotten. Discussed the workload of that office and the consolidation with the VSO office. Norm feels he has enough time to do both jobs but was rushed with last years inundated land applications. The Board reviewed his duties and responsibilities and reminded Norm that they are his supervisors. Norm reviewed some 2000 applications and problems to this point. He was instructed to return the incorrect application and ask that they provide the correct information. The Board advised Norm to purchase a date stamp and stamp all incoming correspondence. He was also instructed to look at all 1999 applications to make sure they received the reduction. Any that did not receive the proper reduction; Norm shall prepare abatement applications to send to those landowners with a letter of apology. In the future he must take more time to check his work to prevent these errors from happening again.

Connie Gulleeson, FNP coordinator, asked permission to implement a National Nutrition Month proposal for county employees during the month of March. She will meet with the employees and explain the purpose of the 5+5 challenge (increase fruits and vegetables and increase the amount of physical activity to 30 minutes/day). Incentives include T-shirts, tote bags, and sticky notes. She asked the commission to donate the funds to allow a lucky winner of the contest one day of paid annual leave. Approve request for annual leave. (Wyum/Brockman, unanimous) Connie will prepare information for each employee.

Julie Hassebroek met with the Board to discuss Internet line access, additional phone line and staffing proposal. She presented two proposals including the request to raise the extension mill levy by one additional mill or hire a support staff person at 80% and the remaining 20% would be worked in the courthouse and salary paid by the county. Approve submitting the question to the electors at the June 13, 2000 Primary Election whether to increase the Extension Mill levy up to one additional mill. (Wyum/Smith, unanimous) Julie asked permission to look at the hiring process and have in place by 5-1-00. There is a need to clarify the hiring procedure and solidify who is involved in the hiring process. The Board decided to wait until the election results before authorizing information on support staff.

An Application for abatement of taxes filed by Clayton E & Mildred McLaen was approved by Rutland City Council. Concur with City. (Smith/Brockman, unanimous)

Approve February 1, 2000 minutes. (Brockman/Wehlander, unanimous)

Bernie Vculek requested a meeting with the Board. Others present: Marlene Vculek, Barry Vculek, Dan Jacobson, John Totenhagen, Mark Breker, Randy Ptacek, Richard Engst, Glen Thompson, Greg Huffman, John Wentworth, David Hassebroek, Roger White and Sparky Engquist. Mr. Vculek is concerned about Drain No. 11 and presented a map which included Dr. # 11 and other watersheds. He explained his concern of inadequate culverts in the drain to handle the water. He is aware of the downstream problems but feels the landowners in Dr. # 11 assessment area are paying to drain this water and it should be allowed to flow. He discussed several other areas that drain into the Wild Rice River and their impact to the drainage system. The Water Board has been working on maintenance to the drain since the

conclusion of the lawsuit with the United States government. There are other areas that need cleaning but due to wet conditions and money restraints, the Water Board must limit the amount of work each year. Mr. Vculek applauded the Water Board and encouraged them to continue with their projects. He provided information from the ND State Water Commission on water use in the Engevale aquifer and how it may impact flows into Bruns Slough (inlet to Dr. # 11). Mr. Vculek feels there is a need to manage this water and starting with a study of the Wild Rice River would be helpful to find out where the problems are and how they can be corrected. He presented names of professional engineers that specialize in this type of work. The Board will consider this request and discuss with the Water Board.

Members of the Water Board explained a problem with placing a 36-inch squash pipe between Section 1 & 2-129-53, south of Geneseo along County # 14. This Board originally approved this upon recommendation of the road supervisor. The Water Board informed the Board that there must be a cap on this culvert to prevent the water from backing up. Approve a 36-inch round pipe with a cap at said location. (Smith/Wehlander, unanimous)

Chuck Gates met to get permission to purchase two used radar units. He also asked permission to purchase a computer from the technology fund. The Board approved the radar purchase but asked for pricing on the computer.

Roz Amerman met with the Board about repairs to the flat area of the roof of the courthouse and the cornice. A proposal was presented and tabled.

Approved payment of the February payroll in the sum of \$65,145.52 and the following bills. (Brockman/Wehlander, unanimous)

38446 City of Forman	Water, sewer & garbage	137.60
38453 Airtouch Cellular	Cell phone	26.70
38454 Amoco	Travel	100.63
38455 Lyle Bopp	Travel	85.78
38456 Buhl's	Cleaning service	151.99
38457 Bureau of Gov't Affairs	Book	19.50
38458 Burnie's	Supplies	180.37
38459 Case & Bopp	Rent & phone	411.98
38460 Chunky's	Travel	118.00
38461 Comfort Inn	Lodging	39.00
38462 Diversified Communications	Phone repair	111.00
38463 Dyste's	Supplies	53.90
38464 Farmers Union Oil Co.	Gas, propane & tires	1762.99
38465 Galls Inc.	Equipment	1029.97
38466 Chuck Gates	Travel	29.82
38467 Sandra Hanson	Travel	16.38
38468 Hardware Hank	Supplies	88.10
38469 Haroldson Office Supply	Supplies	33.89
38470 Hoag & Sons Book Bindery	1999 Teller	58.50
38471 Lorraine Jacobson	Travel	41.00
38472 Jemco Electric	Repair pump	225.80
38473 Kropp Law	Mental Health	82.50
38474 Martinsen's Home Center	Supplies & tools	228.65
38475 McKeever's	Crime conference & HBA	100.19
38476 MicroAge	Service labor	18.75
38477 Minn-kota Communications	Radio repairs	815.50
38478 ND Clerks of Court Ass'n	Dues	60.00
38479 ND Commissioner Ass'n	Registration	60.00
38480 NDEMA	Dues	20.00
38481 Larry Nelson	Labor	890.00
38482 Officeland	Supplies	4.16
38483 Travis Paeper	Travel	5.00
38484 Norman Preble	Travel	115.00
38485 Richland Co. Corrections	Prisoner Board	400.00
38486 SEL Lumber	Supplies	188.81
38487 ServiceMaster	Cleaning carpets	118.20
38488 Stein's Inc.	Supplies	107.04
38489 Claude Strege	Supplies	27.00
38490 Streicher's	Equipment	333.50
38491 The Teller	Publishing fees	202.81
38492 US Link	Phone	528.54
38493 Viking	Supplies	305.35
38494 Wayne Trophies	Plaque	28.75
38495 White Banner	Uniforms	62.50
Social Service Expenditures		4067.06
38518 AW Diesel Service	Repairs	2.68
38519 Butler Machinery	Repairs	3.53
38520 CA Contractors	Supplies	88.93
38521 Economy Oil	Gas & fuel	1848.19
38522 Farm Plan	Repairs	112.41
38523 Johnston-Fargo Culvert	Culverts	945.50
38524 K & L Sandblasting	Repairs	27.50
38525 Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson	Bridge engineering	1938.99
38526 Kevin's Collision Center	Repairs	25.60

38527 Kustom Machine Inc.	Repairs	41.82
38528 NDDOT	Bridge 132-10	3565.80
38529 Nelson Int'l	Repairs	49.66
38530 Ray-Mac Inc.	Repairs	96.39
38531 RDO	Repairs	455.71
38532 Sargent Co. Auto Parts	Repairs	23.35
38533 Sabi Inc.	Signs	108.00
38534 SE Medical Center	Physical	75.00
38535 Sturdevant's	Repairs	225.05
38536 American Comm.	Technology	666.40
38539 CPU	Technology	491.54
38540 Dickey Rural Telephone	911	394.50
38541 Forman Drug	Supplies	15.63
38542 Connie Gulleson	Travel	110.00
38543 Julie Hassebroek	Travel	208.74
38544 ITD	56K connection	209.80
38545 Interstate Engineering	Road engineering	12475.75
38546 McLaen's Service Inc.	DARE repairs	218.04
38548 NDDHS	FC & SPED	231.78
38549 NDSU	Supplies	32.00
38550 ND 911 Ass'n	Dues	10.00
38553 Thorson, Inc.	Final (98A & 98B)	38745.80
38555 US West Communications	911	295.14
38556 U Stamp It	Supplies	9.50

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

LYSLE COLEMAN - CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

SHERRY HOSFORD - AUDITOR