

Forman, North Dakota  
March 16, 1999

The Sargent County Board of Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. with the following present: Bill Smith, Don Wehlander, Lysle Coleman, Ray Brockman and Steve Wyum. Absent none.

Approve minutes and financial statement. (Wyum/Wehlander, unanimous)

Norm Preble met with the Board to discuss SB 2052 - inundated land valuation for 1999 assessment. Some procedures have been prepared by the state but many questions are unanswered. Ideally this should be completed prior to the annual tax equalization meeting in June to avoid abatements. The Board agreed to bring it to the Spring Township Officers meeting and the April Five County meeting.

Proceeded to open bids for furnishing supplies for the year beginning April 1, 1999 and ending March 31, 2000 as advertised. Bids submitted as follows:

**CULVERTS:** Johnston-Fargo Culvert Co., Concrete Sectional Co. and ND Concrete Products Co. Accept all bids. (Wyum/Brockman, unanimous)

**BRIDGE PLANK & CONCRETE BRIDGE DECKS:** ND Concrete Products Co. and Wheeler Lumber Operations. Accept both bids. (Wyum/Wehlander, unanimous)

**RENTAL OF HIGHWAY & BRIDGE BUILDING EQUIPMENT:** Bernard Mahrer Const., Inc., Crandall Const., MCS Const., Bear Creek Gravel and Butler Machinery. Accept all bids. (Wehlander/Coleman, unanimous)

**CUTTING EDGES:** Butler Machinery Co., General Equipment & Supplies Inc. and RDO Equipment Co. Accept all bids. (Coleman/Wehlander, unanimous)

**GRAVEL:** Bernard Mahrer Construction, Inc., Crandall Construction, Bear Creek Gravel, Big Valley Gravel Supply Co. and Arrowhead Transport, Inc. Accept all bids. (Wyum/Brockman, unanimous)

**MIXING, LAYING & DRYING BLACKTOP:** Bernard Mahrer Const., Inc. Accept bid. (Brockman/Wehlander, unanimous)

**BITUMINOUS MATERIALS:** Christianson Asphalt Products. Accept bid. (Wyum/Wehlander, unanimous)

**GASOLINE, FUEL & LP GAS:** Economy Oil Co., Farmers Union Co-Op Oil Co. and Gwinner Farmers Elevator. Accept all bids and call for low bid at time of delivery. (Brockman/Wyum, unanimous)

Conducted hearing on abatement filed by Orville and Gweneth Bergh on Lot 5, Block 1, Williamson's Add., Havana City for 1997 and 1998. The city council approved the abatement. Concur with city. (Brockman/Coleman, unanimous)

Glen Thompson met with the Board and asked for gravel on County No. 3 on the south side of Mezarous Slough. He also asked about the procedure for inundated lands and taxation. The Board explained they are studying the process. Mr. Thompson is also concerned about the special assessment charges on land in Drain No. 11. He will visit with the Water Board regarding the assessments and placement of 10-foot culverts.

Don Wehlander reported that Scott Buckhouse has been hired as the new deputy and will begin work on April 1, 1999.

The bid opening date for the road projects was postponed due to a request from NDDOT. One project will be rescheduled for April 23, 1999 in Bismarck and the county project is rescheduled for May 4, 1999 at 9:30. Approve rescheduling. (Wyum/Wehlander, unanimous)

Donna Eklund, Ambulance coordinator, Forman Squad, had the misfortune of fracturing her arm in a skiing accident. She will continue working as per Dr.'s orders with limited use of her arm.

Approve acknowledgement consenting to the assignment by Lake Agassiz Regional Development Corporation of all of its right, title and interest in 142-CD9697SL-ED-R (Milnor C-Store) to Lake Agassiz Regional Council. (Brockman/Wehlander, unanimous)

Approve Contract for Deed to Ronald and Brenda Bellin for the East 100 feet of Lot 3, Block Six, McNeeley's Addition, Cogswell City. (Wehlander/Brockman, unanimous)

Authorize Chairman to sign local zoning approval on the Land Treatment Variance Application filed by B. Vculek Farms in Section 17-132-58.

Sparky Engquist met with the Board to discuss truck repairs, cleaning billing and road repairs south of Mezarous Slough.

Change Holiday Pay policy to read that non-exempt employees will be paid holiday pay when conditions require physical presence on the job due to weather conditions and/or scheduling due to nature of the job. Scheduled holiday pay will be considered hours worked on the job. (Wehlander/Coleman. Table until further information is received)

Approve payment of the following bills and March payroll in the sum of \$60,298.11. (Coleman/Wehlander, unanimous)

36199 City of Forman	Water, sewer, & garbage	98.15
Social Service expenditures		2476.10
36295 Airtouch Cellular	Phone service	32.11
36296 Amoco	Gas	85.44
36297 Earl W. Anderson, Jr.	Mental Health	75.00
36298 A T & T	Phone	30.00
36299 Ray Brockman	Travel	148.00
36300 Buhl's	Cleaning service	158.68
36301 Case & Bopp Law	Rent and phone	428.92
36302 Chunky's Standard	Service car	24.00
36303 Lysle Coleman	Travel	73.00
36304 Comfort Suites	Lodging	22.00
36305 Decker Body Shop	Stripe car	226.00
36306 Dickey Rural Communications	Phone	573.77
36307 Farmers Union Oil	Gas, propane & repairs	493.69
36308 Hansen-Ford-Lincoln-Mercury	Keys	10.00
36309 Hardware Hank	Supplies	79.96
36310 Gina Hillestad	Travel	138.26
36311 Sherry Hosford	Travel	152.50
36312 ISD	56K connection	131.13
36313 KAB Cafe	Meal	4.15
36314 Martinsen Home Center	Repairs	340.54
36316 McKeever's Super Valu	Supplies	11.19
36317 MicroAge Computer Center	Services	786.25
36318 Allen Nelson	Assessor	32.50
36319 Larry Nelson	Labor	80.00
36320 NDDOT	Maps	44.00
36321 ND Safety Council	Dues	50.00
36322 Officeland	Supplies	59.11
36323 Norman Preble	Travel	69.49
36325 Clerk of District Court	Vital Statistics	4.75
36326 Stein's Inc.	Supplies	168.38
36327 Streicher's	Equipment	308.15
36328 Superfrog	Striping cars	800.00
36329 The Teller	Publishing Fees	477.52
36339 Universal Services	Ribbons	201.00
36331 US Link	Long distance calls	442.53
36332 Viking Office Products	Supplies	82.67
36333 Richland Co. Corrections	Prisoner Board	1865.00
36334 Dyste's	Supplies	3.39
36335 Ekstrom Repair	Tools & repairs	2361.62
36336 Forman Auto Parts	Repairs	65.75
36337 The Home Shop	Repairs	77.78
36338 Keller Machine Shop	Repairs	91.00
36339 Kustom Machine Inc.	Repairs	253.27
36340 Lawson Products, Inc.	Repairs	177.20
36341 Little Falls Machine, Inc.	Repairs	669.43
36342 RDO Equipment Co.	Repairs	47.61
36343 SEL Lumber Inc.	Repairs	223.26
36344 Share Corp.	Repairs	259.65
36345 Sturdevant's Inc.	Repairs	25.62
36346 Thompson Trucking	Parts	400.00
36347 Wil's Body Chop	Tools	53.00
36348 Les Bjore	Architect	1695.80
36349 Dickey Rural Telephone	911	446.50
36350 First National Ins. Agency	Premium	443.00
36351 Forman Drug	Supplies	17.82
36352 Forman Ins. & Real Estate	Boiler premium	637.00
36353 Julie Hassebroek	Travel	237.14
36354 Jeff Kinney & Assoc.	Cultural resource study	2800.00
36355 NDDHS	MA & FC	1087.44
36356 NDSU	Supplies	51.00
36357 Northern Escrow	Elevator	15930.00
36358 Travis Paeper	DARE School	200.00
36359 Julie Qual	Travel	50.00
36360 Schmitty's Plumbing & Htg	Elevator	4000.00
36361 US West Communications	911	292.39
Weed Board expenditures		270.53

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

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W.E. SMITH, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

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SHERRY HOSFORD, COUNTY AUDITOR

