

Forman, North Dakota
April 2, 2009

The Sargent County Commissioners met in a special session at 11:00 a.m. with the following members present: Mike Walstead, Maurice Orn, Jerry Waswick, Bill Anderson, and Steve Wyum. Absent: None. Jim Bosse, Danny Jacobson, Richard Engst, Roger White, SC Water Board members; Scott Mund and Russell Martinson, Hall Township; Sparky Engquist, SC Road Supt., Damon DeVillers, Interstate Engineering, Inc., Sandy Hanson, Emergency Management, and Lisa Fauss, The Sargent County Teller, were also in attendance.

Items on the agenda included the 11'x7'x72' squash arch pipe washout on County # 10 2 miles south of Rutland and other road issues.

Sparky and Damon proceeded to inform those present of the plan to make temporary repairs to County # 10, which include building a coffer dam on the west side of County #10 when the north pipe can handle the water. They would dig out the material under the washed out culvert by sliding the culvert from side to side, install good bedding, place gravel over bedding, tamp with gravel and surround the pipe with gravel. They will fill the road top with clay and cover with gravel. Sparky has received permission from Larry Erickson for the borrow material. It is unknown what condition the pipe is in until they begin the work. Work is scheduled to begin on April 6 or 7th depending on the water flow and be completed in 2-3 days. There are 3 local contractors that will assist with equipment and the county road department will coordinate the project. Funding for these repairs, estimated at \$22,000 is eligible for 100% reimbursement through Federal Aid Road Emergency Road repairs. Emergency work must be completed within 180 days to be 100% reimbursable. Also discussed placing a temporary bridge at the site under the direction of the National Guard. Sandy Hanson, EMS, indicated she has spoken to the NDEMS and it would be hard to justify this as a life-threatening problem—it is an inconvenience. The bridge would be single lane and would not handle large trucks or other farm implements.

Following further discussion a motion to direct the SC Highway Dept. to proceed with temporary repairs on County # 10 as outlined by the road supt. and the engineer and to complete the project as soon as possible. (Anderson/Walstead, unanimous)

A permanent fix on the County # 10 washout including the time frame, which according to Damon DeVillers would be mid-July to early August due to preparing Plans and Specifications, project solicitation and setting bid letting dates, a motion to hire Interstate Engineering, Inc. to prepare plans and work with NDDOT on the project to make permanent repairs. (Anderson/Orn, unanimous)

Sparky Engquist presented a list of federal aid routes that will be submitted to NDDOT for consideration of excessive spring runoff receiving damage or impacts to include basin damage or traditional damage. Deadline for submission is April 17th. Sites on non-federal aid routes should be given to Sandy Hanson, EMS as FEMA will address these damages.

Sandy Hanson updated those present on FEMA and her conversations on sites in Sargent County. She has been in contact with all the townships and they are preparing reports to include all sites that should be considered by FEMA. Sparky indicated there are about 15 sites on county non-federal aid routes that include gravel washes and small culvert washes.

A bridge located on the south side of Lake Tewaukon and another one located on the quarter line in Section 26-132-53 received damage and will be inspected on April 8, 2009.

Scott Mund and Russell Martinsen, Hall Township are concerned about all the water that flowed through Hall Township and washed out roadways. The water flowed through Milnor City from the drain but the basin extends many miles to the north and west. Those present talked about extending the drain, which would place this water in the Wild Rice River at a quicker rate. Hall Township will be working with FEMA on the washout sites and were informed that FEMA will only make an allowance for pre-disaster conditions.

Water Board members said they are looking at extending the drain to the Wild Rice River but this would require a reassessment of the entire drainage area and this would take up to two years to complete.

Damon DeVillers reminded everyone present to document all damages, take pictures of all sites and keep receipts for everything before any repairs are completed. Sherry Hosford indicated that this is very important for documentation and use of County Emergency funds.

Meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

STEVEN R WYUM - CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

SHERRY HOSFORD - AUDITOR