

Forman, North Dakota  
May 6, 2003

The Sargent County Board of Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. with the following members present: Steve Wyum, Ray Brockman, Karen Anderson, Donald Wehlander and Mike Walstead. Absent none.

Adjourn April 15, 2003 meeting. (Wyum/Brockman, unanimous)

Members of the Sargent County Water Board met with the commissioners to discuss the Red River Basin Commission. RRBC is requesting 75% of  $\frac{1}{4}$  mill, based on the county's valuation and land area in the Red River Basin. Sargent County's share is \$1,920. A representative from the RRBC will meet with the commissioners and Water Board later today.

Lyle Bopp arrived at the meeting.

The commissioners received a hydraulic study on bridge 132-04 located between Section 20 & 21 in Hall Township. The commission discussed replacement and funding with the Water Board. The Water Board will discuss this at their next meeting and get back to the commissioners.

Paul Mathews met with the commissioners and the Water Board to discuss his concern about property adjacent to Drain No. 11 south of the City of Cogswell. Lyle Bopp said that even though the Water Board has their own attorney, he represents both boards as the County States Attorney. He stated that Senator Jerry Kelsh requested an AG's opinion and that they do not want to get involved in civil matters. Mr. Bopp did not request an AG's opinion and does not want to get in the middle of two Boards and make one or the other binding on the opinion that is received. Karen Anderson reported that she talked to the AG's representative and Lyle should not be involved because of a conflict of interest. Once an AG's opinion has been made on an issue, another one will not be issued. It is up to Mr. Mathews to pursue his concerns. Lyle reported there is a recorded right-of-way deed on the property, which concerns Mr. Mathews and this deed is valid even though it was years ago. Other concerns were addressed and the commissioners concluded that the next action is up to Mr. Mathews.

Janeen Stenso, Red River Basin Commission, presented information explaining the mission statement and the need to speak with a unified voice for the Red River Basin. She discussed activities within ND, MN and Manitoba and also a local funding request summary for ND counties. The total budget for 2004 exceeds \$662,000. The two Boards' suggested that RRBC contact the Red River Joint Board for funding through that levy. The RRBC would like to know the top three natural resource issues of concern in Sargent County and invited both boards to attend the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Red River Basin Land and Water International Summit Conference in Moorhead January 14-16, 2004.

Travis Paeper, Sheriff met with the commissioners to discuss the probation period for Deputy Todd Hardy. He is recommending that the period be extended until his anniversary date of February 27, 2004. Approve recommendation of continued probation for Deputy Hardy. (Wehlander/Walstead, unanimous) He has received some requests for purchasing the Impala and other equipment, which is being offered for sale. Milnor City is satisfied with the Police Contract. Forman City hasn't committed to any contract.

Norm Preble, Tax Director arrived at the meeting to discuss the Gerald Nieber abatement application. The Board discussed the farm exemption request and moved to require substantiation for all future requests for agricultural exemptions. (Wyum/Walstead, unanimous)

Approve renewal of the Site Authorization for El Zagal Viking Patrol, Inc. at the Stirum Bar beginning 7-1-03 and ending 6-30-04. (Brockman/Wehlander, unanimous)

Approve April 15, 2003 minutes. (Brockman/Walstead, unanimous)

Meeting recessed at 4:30 p.m.

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KAREN ANDERSON - CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:

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SHERRY HOSFORD - AUDITOR