

Forman, North Dakota  
July 6, 2002

The Sargent County Board of Commissioners called a special meeting at 3:00 p.m. Present: Ray Brockman, Karen Anderson, Bill Smith, Don Wehlander and Steve Wyum. Absent none.

Commissioner Smith introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, drought conditions across the State of North Dakota throughout the Spring and Summer of 2002 have caused pastures to be depleted and have resulted in a short first cutting of hay for North Dakota's livestock producers;

WHEREAS, the lack of adequate pastures and hay will force many producers to reduce livestock numbers or to liquidate their herds;

WHEREAS, large numbers of cattle coming to market due to lack of feed and forage will tend to depress livestock prices, aggravating the financial problems of family farmers already hard-pressed by drought and low commodity prices; and,

WHEREAS, the forage growing on Conservation Reserve Program acres in Sargent County would provide pasture and feed to alleviate the current shortage in North Dakota if the acres were released for haying or grazing.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF SARGENT COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA, that the Governor of the State of North Dakota, the Agriculture Commissioner of the State of North Dakota, the State's Congressional Delegation and the State Director of the USDA's Farm Service Agency are requested to take whatever action is necessary to release Conservation Reserve Program acres in Sargent County for haying and grazing and, as the quality of the forage will deteriorate within a short time, to take such action in a timely and expeditious manner.

Commissioner Wyum seconded the motion. Voting yes: Smith, Wyum, Anderson, Brockman and Wehlander. Voting no: none. The resolution was duly declared carried and adopted.

Meeting adjourned.

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RAY BROCKMAN - CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

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SHERRY HOSFORD - AUDITOR