

Forman, North Dakota
August 9, 2013

The Sargent County Commissioners met in a special session at 11:00 a.m. with the following members present: Mike Walstead, Bill Anderson, and Steve Wyum. Absent: David Jacobson and Jerry Waswick. Sandy Hanson, Emergency Manager, Chuck Anderson, Boyd Brummond and Dennis Goltz, members of the Weber Township Board of Supervisors and Michael Mahrer, Bernard Mahrer Construction, Inc. were also in attendance. The meeting had been called for the purpose of discussing Bridge No. 119-19 located between Section 5/6-T129N-R55W in Weber Township and eligible for repair using FEMA funding.

Sandy Hanson explained that the alternative, "improved", project plan for this site had been approved by FEMA, and the deadline for completion of the work is October 31, 2013. The alternative "improved" plan includes permanently removing the multi-plate culvert/bridge from the site and improving Township roads to provide adequate access for local residents. The dollars in the FEMA account are \$274,125 but this amount is not guaranteed, according to Sandy Hanson. The federal share for the project is 75% of the total cost. The decisions to make today are 1) whether to move forward with the "improved" project, or drop the project and allow the money to go back to FEMA; 2) whether Weber Township or Sargent County will be the lead agency; 3) the need for an engineering firm to do a hydrology study of the site; and, 4) who will pay for the local share.

The Township Supervisors indicated that they had decided to proceed with the alternative "improved" project. After discussing the matter, the commissioners concluded that because the improvements will be made to Township roads, Weber Township will be the lead agency, and the county will assist. Weber Township Board members asked the county to take the responsibility for abandoning, removing and cleaning up the bridge site; and, for making the approaches to the Wild Rice River safe for the driving public. Motion to cost share 50% of the local share up to \$15,000. (Anderson/Walstead. Roll call: Aye: Walstead, Anderson and Wyum. Nay: None. Motion carried) Several of those in attendance will meet with the engineer, a contractor and Commissioner Walstead at the site this afternoon to move ahead with this project.

Meeting adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

STEVEN WYUM – VICE-CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

SHERRY HOSFORD- AUDITOR