

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SARGENT COUNTY WATER RESOURCE BOARD  
HELD ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 15, 2015 AT 9:00 A.M., IN THE COMMISSIONERS ROOM,  
SARGENT COUNTY COURTHOUSE, FORMAN, NORTH DAKOTA

Managers present: Chris McFarland, Roger Zetocha, and Richard Engst. Absent: Luke Siemieniewski and Jim Bosse. Also present: Attorney Sean Fredricks; Chris Gross, Engineer; Frank Walker, Surveyor, Erickson Farms, Milnor and Mike Bassingthwaite and Jesse Sedler, Interstate Engineering, Inc.

Approve the December 18, 2014 minutes and December financial statement. (Engst/Zetocha, unanimous)

Motion to approve payment of the following bills: (Zetocha/Engst, unanimous)

70703	Comstock Construction Inc.	Drain No. 7 dike	699.00
70704	Richard Engst	Travel	155.25
70705	Hewlett-Packard	Copier tray	199.00
70706	Moore Eng., Inc.	Drain No. 8 Project Development	11,476.80
70707	ND Water Resource Districts	2015 dues	475.00
70708	ND Water User's Ass'n	2015 dues	300.00
70709	Ohnstad Twichell	General - \$1017.00; Loren David permit-\$170.00; Loren Ellefson/Edwin Erickson Permit-\$255.00; Dr # 11-Paul Mathews-\$119.00 = Total	1,561.00
70710	Red River Basin Comm.	2015 allocation	1,197.50
70711	Roger Zetocha	Travel	110.43
10409	Sherry Hosford	Salary less 101.54 taxes	868.46
10410	Richard Engst	9 PD plus \$42 meals less 130.36 taxes	991.64
10411	James Bosse	4 PD less 36.72 taxes	443.28
10412	Chris McFarland	2 PD less 18.36 taxes	221.64
10413	Roger Zetocha	7 PD less 135.09 taxes	704.91
10414	Lucas Siemieniewski	1 PD less 9.18 taxes	110.82
DD	Sargent County Bank	Withholding taxes	725.63

**GWINNER DAM:** Chris Gross presented a proposal for analysis of the Gwinner Dam to include: 1) Develop Assessment District of Federally Constructed Project; 2) Watershed Hydrology, Dam Hydraulics, Risk Assessment and Preliminary Geotechnical and 3) Feasibility Study and Additional Geotechnical. Total engineering costs is \$122,410.00 with a possible 35% cost share from the State Water Commission (SWC) of \$42,843.50; 65% of the total cost from the Red River Joint WRD (RRJWRD) of \$51,718.23 leaving a local cost of approximately \$27,848.28. Motion to authorize Moore Engineering, Inc. to proceed with the study and request funding from the SWC and RRJWRD. (Engst/Zetocha, unanimous)

**ENGINEERING INTERVIEWS:** The Board provided two interviews for engineering selection process required under North Dakota State Water Commission's Cost-Share Policies. Mike Bassingthwaite and Jesse Sedler, Interstate Engineering, Inc., Wahpeton and Chris Gross, Moore Engineering, Inc., West Fargo. Separate interviews were presented by both firms on their professional qualifications; including past performance on behalf of the District and on similar projects as well as other criteria. Water Board members will complete an evaluation of each firm and be prepared to approve the Final Report including the final recommendation of the most qualified firm at the February meeting.

**DRAIN NO. 8:** Chris Gross informed the Board of the time frame for requesting cost share from the State Water Commission on the Drain No. 8 project. The county commissioners will not be discussing the funding issue until February 3 and February 6 is the deadline for submission to the state. Motion to authorize Moore Engineering, Inc. to prepare a cost share request to the State Water Commission for submission before the February 6<sup>th</sup> deadline. (Zetocha/Engst, unanimous)

**DRAIN NO. 11:** Roger Zetocha reported that he had spoke with Dakota Improvement operator and he informed Roger that a blockage was found along side the south side of County Road # 3 near the Mathews property that was plugged with gravel that had washed off or was pushed off the road top into the ditch and was limiting the flow of water. Roger suggested that in the future it might be a good idea to consider putting a concrete top on the roadway to eliminate the gravel from plugging the ditch.

Some discussion from Board members and others in attendance regarding the permit process for surface and subsurface drains followed for better understanding of the permit process.

Meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

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CHRIS MCFARLAND – CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

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SHERRY HOSFORD - SECRETARY