MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SARGENT COUNTY WATER RESOURCE BOARD HELD ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 17, 2013 AT 9:00 A.M., IN THE COMMISSIONERS ROOM, SARGENT COUNTY COURTHOUSE, FORMAN, NORTH DAKOTA

Managers present: Chris McFarland Jim Bosse, Mark Breker, Richard Engst, and Roger White. Absent: None. Also present: Chad Engels and Mike Opat, Moore Engineering, Inc. and Sean Fredricks, Ohnstad, Twichell.

Approve December 20, 2012 minutes as corrected and December financial statement. (Bosse/Breker, unanimous).

Approve payment of the following bills: (Engst/White, unanimous)		
67212 James Bosse	Travel	14.13
67213 Mark Breker	Travel	20.34
67214 Dakota Improvements Inc.	Clean drain & unload culvert-Dr # 11	24,672.50
67215 Richard Engst	Travel	62.15
67216 Moore Engineering, Inc.	Dr # 9 reassessment	8,000.00
67217 ND Water Resource District A'ssn	2013 dues	475.00
67218 ND Water Users	2013 dues	300.00
67219 Ohnstad Twichell	R Hoistad - \$500; Paul M-Dr #11-\$128; Dr # 7/Hazard	
Mitigation-\$2,919.00 =		3547.00
67220 Roger White	Travel	33.90
7897 Mark Breker	4 PD less 36.72 taxes	443.28
7898 Sherry Hosford	Salary less 24.22 taxes	292.45
7899 Richard Engst	12 PD less 193.99 taxes	1,246.01
7900 Roger White	9 PD less 125.45 taxes	954.55
7901 Jim Bosse	11 PD less 170.81 taxes	1,149.19
7902 Chris McFarland	8 PD less 102.27 taxes	857.73
DD Sargent County Bank	Withholding taxes	1,082.23

CD RENEWAL: Motion to authorize Secretary to renew CD # 13893 on 12/28/12 and 15075 on 1/28/13 for twelve months. (Engst/Bosse, unanimous)

PAUL MATHEWS RIGHT OF WAY DISPUTE: Sean Fredricks reported that a new judge was elected last fall and will be reviewing this case and set schedules.

DRAIN NO. 7: Completion for the project is in the spring. Sherry has submitted all paper work to Mr. Irv Rustad, Lake Agassiz Regional Council for reimbursement through the Hazard Mitigation program.

DRAIN NO.8: Mark Breker explained the need to proceed with a plan to address the snow issue and safety of the roadway along this drain. Chad Engels looked at the plans that had been prepared last year and Board members agreed that it might be good to look at placing a culvert in the ditch, covering the culvert and sloping it to meet standards. After reviewing the previous plan, Chad Engels agreed that his office will prepare costs estimates for placing a culvert in the ditch.

FRENIER DAM: Mike Opat updated the Board that paperwork is going back and forth with the Corps of Engineers and he is working on the plans for bidding.

SHORTFOOT CREEK: Mike Opat provided a handout for the informational meeting scheduled for this afternoon at the Geneseo Hall. Mike reviewed the preliminary concept alternatives and the detention site study for three sites. The purpose of this project is to reduce flooding along Shortfoot Creek and reduce flooding along the Wild Rice River. This project is being funded by the Sargent County Water Resource Board, ND State Water Commission and the Red River Joint Water Board.

DRAIN NO. 12: Mark Breker visited with Chad Engels about the culverts that are under County Road # 5 between Sections 6 and 7 of Marboe Township. Chad will inspect the area and get cost estimates to replace the culverts including a box culvert and reconstruction of the drain. The Board can also request cost share from the State Water Commission. The County Commissioners will be approached about cost share on this project. After further review it was determined that the current fund balance and future revenue would not be adequate to fund this type of project. Tabled.

GWINNER DAM: Chris McFarland talked to Steve Melroe, the adjacent landowner and he is not in favor of removing the dam and suggested placing a culvert in the top. The Board discussed options including stabilization with the culvert. The Board scheduled a site visit for this spring to look at the dam.

Tom Jones, NRCS arrived at the meeting at this time.

2010 AND 2011 FEMA PROJECTS: Mark Breker stated that the one project not completed is on Drain No. 8 south of Rutland and he felt that because the Board is looking at other work in this area the proposed FEMA work should not be done at this time until the Board has had an opportunity to review the proposed plan. Richard Engst also noted that he is working with Sandy Hanson/FEMA Coordinator to possibly submit the projects on Drain No. 7 as an improved project or hazard mitigation. Richard feels that the scope of work to put clay in place will only fall back into the channel without other work done in these areas. Completion of both 2010 and 2011 FEMA projects is September 2013.

DRAIN NO. 9 REASSESSMENT: Chad Engels and Mike Opat, Moore Engineering. Inc. presented a map of the Drain No. 9 reassessment area for the Board to review. Discussion followed on whether to include assessments for Taylor and Brampton Township. These assessments had not been included in the past. Motion to remove Taylor and Brampton Township amounts from the reassessment list and authorize Moore Engineering, Inc. to proceed with preparing an updated list. (Bosse/Engst, unanimous)

Chad Engels reported to the Board that regarding the Dickey-Sargent Joint Board, the State Water Commission has received the paper work for the permit and expect a response by the end of January.

A brief discussion was held on replacement of the culvert in Gwinner City under State Highway # 13. The State does not plan to replace the culvert and according to Attorney Fredricks this Board does not have any jurisdiction over this matter as it involves the city storm sewer.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

CHRIS MCFARLAND – CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

SHERRY HOSFORD - SECRETARY