

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SARGENT COUNTY WATER RESOURCE BOARD HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2001 AT 9:00 A.M. IN THE COMMISSIONERS ROOM, SARGENT COUNTY COURTHOUSE, FORMAN, ND

The meeting was called to order with the following present: Dan Jacobson, Randy Ptacek, Richard Engst, and Mark Breker. Absent John Totenhagen.

Approve December, 2000 minutes and financial statement. (Breker/Engst, unanimous)

Approve payment of following bills: (Ptacek/Engst, unanimous)

40614 Mark Breker	Travel	16.20
40615 Richard Engst	Travel	60.00
40616 Sherry Hosford	Travel	57.00
40617 Jacobson Excavating	Ditch by Milt McLaen's	360.00
40618 Dan Jacobson	Travel	1.80
40619 ND WRD Ass'n	2001 Dues	375.00
40620 ND Water User's Ass'n	2001 Dues	300.00
40621 Randy Ptacek	Travel	6.00
40622 Radisson Inn	Lodging	350.60
15696 Mark Breker	2 PD less 9.18	110.82
15697 Dan Jacobson	1 PD less 4.59	55.41
15698 Sherry Hosford	Sec. Salary & meal less 20.86	251.81
15699 Richard Engst	2 PD less 9.18	110.82
15700 Randy Ptacek	1 PD less 4.59	55.41

Sherry attended a meeting in Fargo on January 9th with FEMA on Drain No. 11 to discuss the claims that have been denied. The State EMA is forming a committee to meet with FEMA representatives, local Water Board members and engineers to address the problem of defining drain maintenance. Dan will represent Sargent County.

The Board will schedule a meeting with Jeff Volk in February to discuss the assessment area for the dams.

The State Water Commission has agreed to conduct an investigation of erosion problems at Silver Lake. Tim Freije will meet with the Board early this spring.

Richard reported on the Tri-County Drain. The project was completed this fall and only one problem exists with installing some small culverts for field drains. There will be a final inspection this spring. Other problems will be reviewed at that time.

John Kwapinski, Park Manager, Fort Ransom State Park, Brian Kietzman, Wildlife Resource Management Supervisor, Game & Fish Dept., Bill Huckell, landowner and Sandra Siekaniec, Refuge Manager, Tewaukon National Wildlife Refuge met with the Board to discuss a deer problem at the preserve near Frenier Dam. Mark explained that over the past years there has been much deer depredation. Mr. Kwapinski responded that the preserve is closed to all hunting activity but the Board can choose to change the hunting, fishing, trapping activity at the Frenier Dam area and The Head of the Mountain Nature Preserve. It is causing problems for the adjacent landowners with about 80 head of deer that are not accessible to hunt. The Board can send a letter to Kathy Duttonhefner, ND Parks & Recreation requesting a change to the Articles of Dedication. They would post notices and a public meeting will be held and a decision made at that time. If a change is approved it would have to go to the Governor for final approval. A management plan update is scheduled by NDPR this year to look at the problem. There is not a lot of support by the landowners to open it up to the public for hunting, according to Bill Huckell. A hearing will give a better idea of the views of the landowners/hunters. F&W are neutral and with the small size of the area they have no problem to proceed with a hearing. The trespassing problem would be a real concern for hunters as well as safety for the hunters. An option would be to open it to bow and black powder hunting only. The Board agreed to conduct an informal meeting with the Board to get input before requesting a change to the ND P&R. Mark will check on a meeting place and then a date will be set for the meeting.

Sandy Hanson, EMS, discussed a claim in Sargent Township between Section 9-16, (on Drain No. 11) which was submitted to FEMA. After 2 years of appeals FEMA has approved the site including work on the road and salvaging and relaying the culvert. The hazard mitigation project was \$3,960. The Water Board completed the work and should present bills for this amount so the money can be transferred to the WTB.

Approve 2001 meeting dates as: January 18, February 15, March 15, 2001 at 9:00 a.m. and April 19, May 17, June 21, July 19, August 16, September 20, October 18, 2001 at 8:00 p.m., November 15 and December 20, 2001 at 9:00 a.m. (Ptacek/Engst, unanimous)

Dave Titus called the Board to discuss the bill submitted for the work on Drain No. 11. He will meet with Sherry next week to review the maps and the billing.

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

DANNY JACOBSON - CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

SHERRY HOSFORD - SECRETARY