

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SARGENT COUNTY WATER RESOURCE BOARD HELD ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 2007 AT 9:00 A.M. IN THE COMMISSIONERS ROOM, SARGENT COUNTY COURTHOUSE, FORMAN, ND**

Managers present: Mark Breker, Dan Jacobson, Roger White, Richard Engst and Randy Ptacek. Absent none.

Approve December 21, 2006 and January 4, 2007 minutes as presented and December financial statement. (Jacobson/Engst, unanimous)

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

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| 56489 Mark Breker                 | Travel                        | 63.18   |
| 56490 Richard Engst               | Travel                        | 39.00   |
| 56491 Dan Jacobson                | Travel                        | 21.84   |
| 56492 State Water Commission      | Silver Lake Dam investigation | 1200.00 |
| 56493 ND Water Resource District  | 2007 dues                     | 375.00  |
| 56494 ND Water User's Association | 2007 dues                     | 300.00  |
| 56495 Randy Ptacek                | Travel                        | 31.98   |
| 56496 Red River Basin Commission  | Breker registration           | 155.00  |
| 56497 The Teller                  | Dr # 3 meeting notice         | 85.00   |
| 56498 Roger White                 | Travel                        | 56.94   |
| 56566 Mark Breker                 | 4 PD less 24.48               | 295.52  |
| 56567 Danny Jacobson              | 3 PD less 18.36               | 221.64  |
| 56568 Sherry Hosford              | Sec. salary less 20.40 taxes  | 246.27  |
| 56569 Richard Engst               | 2 PD less 12.24               | 147.76  |
| 56570 Randy Ptacek                | 2 PD less 12.24               | 147.76  |
| 56571 Roger White                 | 3 PD less 18.36               | 221.64  |
| DD Sargent County Bank            | Withholding taxes             | 213.49  |

Old Business: The Board discussed repairs to Nelson Dam fencing and agreed that there are some spot repairs needed. Roger will talk to someone this spring. Mark talked to Dave Breker regarding the Bosse/Hayen Drain 11 project and he said he is getting a soil specialist from the state to assist with the study. A call to Mr. Breker informed the Board that a decision has been made and will be sent to the landowners. We have to report that this will not affect any of the wetlands along the roadway (no draining or filling). A letter will be sent to the State NRCS Office requesting information through the Freedom of Information Act on the N1/2-27-130-57 for a copy of the assessment of the wetlands so this Board can proceed.

Discussed the two bridge projects (127-20 and 135-6) that the county commissioners are proposing. Motion to support cost share of 50% of the local cost for Bridge 127-20. Of the alternates proposed by Interstate Engineering in the Hydraulic Analysis and Structure Report prepared in December 2006, this Board would prefer alternate No. 4a-Double 10' x 9' concrete box culvert and additional road and channel grading. (Jacobson/Ptacek, unanimous)

Approve Agreement for an Investigation of Seepage Control for Silver Lake Dam located in Sargent County North Dakota between Sargent County Water Resource District and the ND State Water Commission and approve the \$1200 deposit. (Jacobson/White, unanimous)

John Paulson, District Supervisor and Joel Lyons, USDA Wildlife Services met with the Board to update on the USDA/Wildlife Services programs. Mr. Lyons has expertise on beaver control and is available to assist in reducing the problems caused by beaver. There is shortage of manpower for these projects but they are willing to work with the Board. The legislature is meeting on Friday January 19 to appropriate funding for this program and Mr. Paulson and Mr. Lyons would appreciate any support of this Board by contacting the legislators to approve funding. Motion to send a letter of support to the following: Chairman of the Senate Appropriation Committee and members of the Committee, Tom Fisher, Coordinator, Red River Joint Water Resource District, Mike Dwyer, Executive Secretary to the ND Water Resource Districts; Roger Johnson, ND Agriculture Commissioner, Sen. Joel Heitkamp, Rep. Pam Gullekson and Rep. Bill Amerman, 26<sup>th</sup> District Legislative members in support of funding for the efforts of the USDA Wildlife Services Program which provides wildlife damage management services to many individuals landowners, municipalities, water resource districts, and state/county/township highway departments. (Jacobson/Engst, unanimous)

Dave Titus, Titus Excavating Inc. met with the Board to review work orders he has completed for FEMA projects within Sargent County. Discussion followed on various PW's and the billing process. Also discussed upcoming work for 2007.

All 2005 Disaster 1597 FEMA sites with the exception of Drain No. 11-Section 27-130-57 (PW985) have been completed and the Board authorized Chairman Breker to sign the form.

Meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

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MARK BREKER - CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

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SHERRY HOSFORD - SECRETARY