

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SARGENT COUNTY WATER RESOURCE BOARD HELD ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2005 AT 8:00 P.M. IN THE COMMISSIONERS ROOM, SARGENT COUNTY COURTHOUSE, FORMAN, ND

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

Dave Rush, Red River Riparian Board, Quentin Hoistad, SC Park Board, Neil Heitkamp and Brian Meyer, Heitkamp Construction, Co. met with the Board to inform them that work is scheduled to start on the west side of Silver Lake this week. They have questions on two areas. L8-boat landing - to the west of the boat dock, trees in the water - the trees in the water will stay other than the branches if that is OK - more damage to the bank if they are removed but they will trim back the branches and leave the root wad with rip rap on top and bottom. This will keep the bank from eroding any further. L7-dirt removed to build up the road - this is an alkali area and they would like to put some clay in and black dirt on top to reduce the salt. The Board agreed with both of these suggestions. Mr. Heitkamp also mentioned that at area L-4-they plan to leave the cattails as this will work as a filtration system for the lake. Boulders on the east will be in 2-3 feet of water. Discussed possible staging areas for materials and agreed to work together with Quentin to select the areas. Dave Rush will be on site whenever they move to a new section and check it out.

Carol Peterson, Council member, Milnor City and Charles Ellefson, Milnor, met with the Board to discuss the summer flooding that occurred in Milnor City. A task force group has met to discuss what can be done to prevent this from happening again. The plugged drain, owned by U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, flowing from Storm Lake through the golf Course was one of the problems that would help eliminate future flooding. Milnor City Council received an estimate for \$3000 from the Sundale Hutterian Excavation Co. They had the work done as the contractor was available. Now the water is flowing out of Storm Lake, through this drain and into the legal drain. Mr. Ellefson shared some history of this drain. The expense to clean this out is more than the City of Milnor can handle and they would like the Water Board to assist with the cleaning of this drain because Storm Lake does help relieve some of the water that flows through the legal drain. Mr. Ellefson showed on the map the elevation of several areas and how much water flows to Milnor and Storm Lake. The Board will discuss the request and contact the City of Milnor.

Larry Dahl, Maynard Bosse, Duane Bosse, Mark Reisenweber, Ralph Smith and Kim Rasmussen met with the Board to discuss their concerns with water being held in Drain No. 9. Larry Dahl described problems with Drain No. 9 and he feels it is a holding basin for Drain No. 11. There is a large amount of water that has forced Mr. Dahl to lose much of his cropland. He feels there is a blockage in the drain because the water is not moving as it has in the past. Maps and assessments areas were reviewed and the Board agreed that the work should start at the bottom (SE1/4-8-129-56). The Board agreed to talk to a contractor to get an estimate on cleaning the 7 1/3 miles of Legal Drain No. 9.

Approve September 15, 2005 minutes and financial statement. (White/Jacobson, unanimous)

Roger White reported that the steel pilings have been installed in the SW1/4-23 in Jackson Township by Nepstad's. Eleven sheets were used and the remaining sheets will be picked up and stored for later use.

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

53440 Mark Breker	Travel	59.10
53441 Richard Engst	Travel	27.20
53442 Industrial Builders Inc.	11 sheets of steel piling-Dr.#11	1534.50
	9 sheets of steel piling-GF	1255.50
53443 Dan Jacobson	Travel	2.55
53444 Jerry's Backhoe Service	Remove 2 beaver dams-Dr. #11	88.00
53445 Ohnstad, Twichell	Attorney fees	211.25
53446 Randy Ptacek	Travel	19.55
53447 Roger White	Travel	32.30
53508 Mark Breker	4 PD less 18.36	221.64
53509 Danny Jacobson	1 PD less 4.59	55.41
53510 Sherry Hosford	Sec salary less 20.40	246.27
53511 Richard Engst	2 PD less 9.18	110.82
53512 Randy Ptacek	2 PD less 9.18	110.82
53513 Roger White	2 PD less 9.18	110.82
DD Sargent County Bank	Withholding taxes	142.85

OLD BUSINESS:

The Board discussed leveling spoil bank for Larry Dahl and at the end of Drain No. 11. Roger will contact Doran Mallberg to get an estimate for the work. The Board talked about the areas sprayed by the helicopter. No bill has been received from Midwest Helicopter and the Board will look over the maps when they are received to verify what work was completed.

Draft copies of the Head of the Mountain Nature Preserve Lease Agreement were presented to the Board for review. ND Parks and Recreation would like the Board to review and provide comments and get the agreement signed before the end of the year. Board members will take the agreement home, review and be prepared to make comments at the November meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Received a letter from the State Engineer regarding tile drain systems. Tile drains are considered to be constructed drains and therefore subject to regulatory requirements of NDCC, which requires any person draining an area having a watershed of 80 or more acres to first secure an approved permit to drain.

The Red River Basin Commission will conduct a meeting in Wahpeton on November 15 to continue dialogue about the needs, issues and solutions that transcend the states' border concerning flooding and water quality.

The meeting adjourned at 11:40 p.m.

MARK BREKER - CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

SHERRY HOSFORD - SECRETARY