

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SARGENT COUNTY WATER RESOURCE BOARD HELD ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2004 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.

Jack Lalor, Tewaukon Refuge, met with the Board to discuss the cleaning project on the refuge in the SW1/4-32-130-54, also known as Channel Imp. # 2. There is a maintenance agreement from 1965 between SCS now NRCS and the Water Board to provide maintenance. NRCS has looked at the drain to get the original bottom. The bottom is considerably wider than the original plan of 12 feet and the clean out should not exceed original cleaning specifications. The right of way that the county has says that the spoil must be distributed to the refuge manager's approval. A benchmark shown on the drawing was located on a bridge that has been replaced by culverts through SC Road # 5. Neither county nor refuge records searches have turned up a relocated benchmark. NRCS agreed to locate the scope and effect of the excavation. Jack is concerned about erosion problems in the future and is hopeful the reed canary grass will grow back in the bottom to alleviate some of the problem. There is about 4 feet of drop from the north edge (005) to the roadway (032) and Jack is suggesting that the cleaning be stopped at 005 mark as per the map from NRCS. Jack will prepare a recap of this meeting and send a letter to the Board with the items discussed and the project concept. The letter will be filed in the Channel Imp. # 2 file.

Approve September 16, 2004 minutes and financial statement. (Engst/Jacobson, unanimous)

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

50522 Mark Breker	Travel	20.40
50523 Richard Engst	Travel	30.60
50524 Dan Jacobson	Travel	16.32
50526 Randy Ptacek	Travel	6.80
50527 Sundale Hutterian Colony	Work on SCWC Imp. # 1	400.00
50528 Roger White	Travel	37.40
50585 Mark Breker	3 PD less 13.77	166.23
50586 Danny Jacobson	3 PD less 13.77	166.23
50587 Sherry Hosford	Sec salary less 20.40	246.27
50588 Richard Engst	2 PD less 9.18	110.82
50589 Randy Ptacek	1 PD less 4.59	55.41
50590 Roger White	3 PD less 13.77	166.23
DD Sargent County Bank	Withholding taxes	150.96

The Board has not heard anything additional from Interstate Engineering regarding Bill Gaukler's request to increase the culvert on the county line road between Richland and Sargent County. The Board will contact Damon on November 4th.

The Board received a letter from Douglas Friez, Governors Authorized Representative, ND Division of Emergency Management informing the Board that the second appeal of PW 2207 (Drain No. 11) has been denied by FEMA. The method used by FEMA to determine eligibility was the best available absent a survey of the drain before and after the event. According to the letter, this determination constitutes the final decision on this matter. The Board is awaiting a reply from Scott Stofferahn.

A meeting is scheduled on November 4 with the commissioners and Park Board to meet with Dave Rush, Red River Riparian Board and Randy Gjestvang, ND State Water Commission to discuss the current status of the Silver Lake Stabilization project. The Water Board members are encouraged to attend to obtain the update and information to present to the ND SWC for funding.

Mark will contact Damon DeVillers, Interstate Engineering, to look at the Texas crossing on the Wild Rice River, Bridge 114-21 and the Bill Gaukler request.

The Board received a letter inviting them to a forum scheduled on November 1 at the Marshall County Community Building Meeting Room in Britton, SD. The purpose of this forum is to discuss water issues in the south end of the basin, how these issues fit in to the larger Red River Basin water issues, and areas where increased cooperation will benefit all involved.

Roger contacted Pat Mahrer, Bernard Mahrer Construction, asking them to blade the spoil bank along Drain No. 11. Pat agreed to contact Larry Dahl to coordinate the project.

The Board received a letter from Dan and Jim Dotzenrod, Wyndmere requesting that a culvert (approximately 36") be unplugged and cleaned out. It appears to be dammed by beavers. The culvert is located in the eastern edge of Ransom County. It is in a north-south legal lateral, one mile north of the Tri-County Drain—from the southwest corner of West End Township, Richland County-Section 31, and the culvert is west across the road. It appears to be north of the Tri-County Drain and

Richard agreed to investigate and report to either the Tri-County Board or this Board.

Troy Jacobson, Gwinner requested a permit to clean the highway right of way of the ditch in the SE1/4-22-132-56 so the water does not back up in to the field and ditch. Dan talked to David Breker, NRCS and Troy Gilbertson, NDDOT. Both are requesting paper work for approval. Approve application and submit to NDDOT for their consideration. (Ptacek/Engst, unanimous)

Mark discussed farming up to the right of way on Drain No. 12 in the SE1/4-2-129-53 LTL. Sherry will research the right of way for the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

MARK BREKER - CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

SHERRY HOSFORD - SECRETARY