

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE SARGENT COUNTY WATER RESOURCE BOARD HELD ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2019, AT 2:00 P.M. IN THE COMMISSIONERS ROOM AT THE SARGENT COUNTY COURTHOUSE, FORMAN, NORTH DAKOTA.

Manager present at the courthouse: Todd Stein. Managers present via conference call: Lucas Siemieniewski and Michael Wyum. Managers absent: Roger Zetocha and Bruce Speich. Also present via conference call: Sean Fredricks, attorney for the board; Chris Gross, engineer for the board and Richard Ruch, county commissioner. Present at the courthouse: Will Rust, landowner and Sherry Hosford, Secretary-Treasurer.

**FALL FLOOD – TILE OUTLETS:** Chairman Siemieniewski noted his concerns as well as other concerns with the flooding and whether to shut off all pumps from tile drain systems. Manager Speich had indicated to Luke that he didn't feel there was a problem in the northeast part of the county. The main concern is in the western side of the county. Also mentioned was getting the word out to the tile owners due to paper publication being the end of the week. Will Rust asked if any exemptions would be granted for certain crop land? According to Attorney Fredricks, explained that one condition of the permit reads - "the Applicant must turn off any pump outlets and otherwise close all outlets during "critical flood periods" as determined by the District". Board members agreed it is difficult to grant exemptions as every crop is important. Discussed the river crest and Chris shared information from early this spring to currently the Wild Rice River is on the rise at 7 feet.

Sparky Engquist, county road foremen, stopped at the meeting and he agreed that shutting down the pumps for a week or two would help save the roads in the south and west part of the county.

Manager Wyum moved to publish a notice that this board requests that landowners with tile projects flowing into Legal Drain No. 9 and Legal Drain No. 11 cease operating tile pumps immediately until November 2, 2019 or unless otherwise notified. Manager Stein seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously. Board members agreed to make phone calls to those with tile pumps in this area following the meeting so that the pumps can be shut down today. The notice will be published in the official paper for two weeks as well as a notice placed in The Scoop.

The meeting adjourned at 2:42 p.m.

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LUCAS SIEMIENIEWSKI, CHAIR

ATTEST:

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SHERRY HOSFORD, SECRETARY-TREASURER