

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SARGENT COUNTY WATER RESOURCE BOARD HELD ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 1999 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, John Totenhagen, Randy Ptacek, Richard Engst and Mark Breker. Absent none.

Approve October 21, 1999 minutes and financial report. (Totenhagen/Engst, unanimous)

Bruce Speich called the Board and indicated his concern of all the water that is backing up from the Tri-County Drain. The water is backing up through the culverts. Richard informed Mr. Speich that the Board is planning to replace 3 five-foot culverts with six-foot culverts this fall if they can find a contractor to do the work

Richard reported that the obstruction in Milnor City has been removed and he presented a bill for \$85 for labor and bobcat rent. Authorize submission of bill to the County Auditor to be placed against the taxes of Parcel No. 25-4505-7723.

Received correspondence from Ken Forster, Tewaukon Refuge and the Office of the State Engineer. Mr. Forster's water problem needs a permit before he can drain the land. He must also get approval from downstream landowners.

Kim Beckstrom, Dakota Landfill, called Dan Jacobson and explained that the landfill was not responsible for the drain on Mrs. Alice Bartel's land. A road contractor removed some dirt to allow the water to flow and stay off the roadway. John will look to see if the problem has been corrected.

Board members met at the Clayton Wohlwend residence on November 10 to inspect his complaint. Richland County Water Board members were also present. Instructed the Secretary to send a letter to Richland County stating that the control structure located in Section 1, Kingston Township, can remain if it is relocated to the east side and this Board continues to have control of the structure. **If not controlled to Sargent County's satisfaction, we will request removal of the culvert.**

Lawrence Cross met with Richard on the drainage project in Section 5-132-54. Mr. Cross is requesting permission to drain water into Sargent County from a slough located in Section 33, Sydna Township, Ransom County. Mr. Cross has obtained permission from all the landowners. Grant permission to clean the constructed drain located in Section 5-132-54 and this Board reserve the right to bring lands located in Ransom County into the assessment area of SC Water Channel Imp. # 1.

The extensions on the culverts in Jackson Township are done and Titus Excavating will complete the riprap this week. A letter will be sent to the township with this information and a thank you for their patience and concern in contacting this Board.

Discussed a request from Dennis Quam to place a culvert at Shortfoot Creek and the inlet to Drain No. 3 to keep water out of the drain. The Board discussed the current work that is being done downstream to enhance the drain and may solve this problem. Mark will talk to Mr. Quam.

Drain No. 11 work is progressing nicely and the culverts are installed. There is approximately 1/2 mile left to reach the railroad track. Other riprap and odds and ends will be completed this week. Bridge 109-12, which is located on Drain No. 11, should be looked at for possible removal. The Board will talk to Jeff at convention.

Sandy Hanson, EMS, stopped in the she hasn't heard anything from FEMA but will call them to see what is being planned regarding a tour of Dr. # 11. Also discussed other FEMA projects.

Board members plan to attend the North Dakota Water Convention and Irrigation Expo in Bismarck, December 8-10. Instructed the Secretary to contact Duane Breitling, Attorney, to send a one-page summary on the litigation with the United States on Drain No. 11.

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

38014 Mark Breker	Travel	73.00
38015 Richard Engst	Travel	47.00
38016 Royce Granlund	Bobcat rent	25.00
38017 Dan Jacobson	Travel	19.50
38018 Johnston Fargo Culvert	Extension & bolts-Dr. # 11	179.90
38020 Randy Ptacek	Travel	10.00
38021 John Totenhagen	Travel	90.00
38022 ND Water Users Assn.	Convention registration	280.00

14682 Mark Breker	9 PD less 41.74	498.26
14683 Danny Jacobson	5 PD less 22.95	277.05
14684 John Totenhagen	5 PD less 22.95	277.05
14685 Sherry Hosford	Sec. Salary less 20.40	246.27
14686 Richard Engst	5 PD less 33.95	277.05
14687 Randy Ptacek	2 PD less 9.18	110.82

Meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

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DAN JACOBSON - CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

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SHERRY HOSFORD - SECRETARY