

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE SARGENT COUNTY WATER RESOURCE BOARD
HELD ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 1999 AT 9:00 A.M. IN THE SARGENT COUNTY
COURTHOUSE, FORMAN, ND**

Chairman Dan Jacobson opened the special meeting with the following present: John Totenhagen, Randy Ptacek, Richard Engst, Mark Breker, Sandra Hanson, SC DEM and representatives of FEMA.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss options to funding available from FEMA for damage to Drain No. 11 caused by the last several years of flooding. The Drain has extensive sloughing and sedimentation.

This Board was prohibited by the US COE to do any maintenance during the lawsuit. FEMA has talked with the COE and they want to assist in the event a permit is needed. A 404 permit is not required for general maintenance and FEMA agreed to work with the COE to oversee any project that is proposed. FEMA provides funds to solve problems created by disaster situations.

Rainfall records are available from the Atmospheric Board and FEMA is proposing to obtain April-September records. They would compare records from the date of last cleaning up to 7-16-99. They would calculate how much rain occurred during this time period (1986-1999) and use a percentage based on total rainfall versus disaster years.

The type of project for cleaning would require this Board to do the work first and submit billings for the total work. FEMA will contact COE for approval before sign-off.

After reviewing the maps, it appears approximately 11 miles would be included in this project. Before proceeding with any cleaning, the Board should contact FEMA and they will review and give OK to proceed. A suggestion to invite COE to look at work as it progresses was made and FEMA agreed to coordinate such a meeting.

Dave Titus, Titus Excavating Inc., arrived at the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Mr. Titus reported that approximately 3 miles has been cleaned and he estimated about \$5,000/mile to clean and \$2,000/mile to level spoil bank. The leveling will not be completed until 2000. Mr. Titus also has a grass drill and he could seed the areas. He will also look at the large multi-plate structure under ND Highway 11, which Drain No. # 11 flows through, to see if it is possible to clean out.

Sandra Hanson and the FEMA representatives left the meeting at this time.

Mr. Titus provided an update of work in progress in Harlem Township. He agreed to track work by day and mark on a map the specific areas that are cleaned on a day-to-day basis.

Mark scheduled a meeting with Clayton Wohlwend and Richland County Water Resource Board to inspect the area that is in Mr. Wohlwend's complaint. The meeting will be on Wednesday, November 10 at 9:00 a.m. at Mr. Wohlwend's residence.

Richard asked about Milnor City blockage and money from FEMA. Milnor should have received the money.

The culvert south of the John Lien residence is still in place. Richard removed a cap last year because a larger culvert was installed to divert the water. The smaller culvert is still there and the Board feels the cap should be put back on. Richard will do this.

Discussed replacing the culvert through County # 3 through Mezarous Slough. There is an existing 48" culvert and agreed to replace with a 5-foot squash pipe with a 60/40 cost share. (Totenhagen/Breker, unanimous)

Dan reported that a Texas crossing placed between NE1/4-5 and NW1/4-4 in Weber Township has 2 30" culverts and rock. The land was in CRP for 10 years and is now being farmed so needs a crossing. Jerry Bohnenkamp has been contacted to do the work. This crossing is on a section line of the Wild Rice River.

Meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

DANNY JACOBSON - CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

SHERRY HOSFORD - SECRETARY