

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SARGENT COUNTY WATER RESOURCE BOARD HELD ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2004 AT 9:30 A.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.

Approve November 18, 2004 minutes and financial statement. (Jacobson/Engst, unanimous)

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

50924 Mark Breker	Travel + \$160 equipment rental for Nelson Dam repairs	405.20
50925 Shane Breker	Equipment rental/Nelson Dam	280.00
50926 Crandall Construction	84 Yds large rock/Nelson Dam	1247.40
50928 Richard Engst	Travel	157.00
50929 Expressway Inn	Lodging	43.95
50930 Dan Jacobson	Travel	199.72
50931 Jerry's Backhoe Service	Dr # 11 beaver dam removal	250.00
50932 ND Water User's Assn.	2004 Registration	492.00
50933 Randy Ptacek	Travel	6.80
50934 Bismarck Ramkota Hotel	Lodging	45.00
50935 Sargent County	50% reimbursement on BR 105.01	20903.91
50936 Roger White	Travel	201.56
50948 Ramkota Hotel	Lodging	405.00
51019 Mark Breker	8 PD less 36.72	443.28
51020 Danny Jacobson	6 PD less 27.54	332.46
51021 Sherry Hosford	Sec salary plus extra for additional research work less 90.30	776.37
51022 Richard Engst	4 PD less 18.36	221.64
51023 Randy Ptacek	1 PD less 4.59	55.41
51024 Roger White	5 PD less 22.95	277.05
DD Sargent County Bank	Withholding taxes	376.92

Mark assisted by Shane Breker and Crandall Construction hauled rock to the Nelson Dam and made repairs as per the annual dam inspection recommendation. Rod and Allen Nelson rebuilt the fence after the work was completed.

Cari and Gene Wefel, Wahpeton and Janet Bradbury, NRCS, arrived at the meeting in regard to an objection filed by Ms. Wefel that a culvert under the township road in the SW1/4-31-130-52 (Grant Township, Richland Co.) was lowered without approval of the township, adjacent landowners and renter on the west side of the road (36-130-53 Kingston Township). Ms. Wefel farms the land in Section 36 of Sargent County and is requesting that the culvert be raised back to the original elevation. Ms. Wefel provided documentation from 2002 to the present time. Dan and Mark looked at the site on 11-24-04 and noticed some work had been done and Mark reported that upon investigating the site on 12-15-04, the culvert looked lower than in November. Richland County Water Board approved the request with the approval of this board, Grant Township Board, Sargent and Richland Co. NRCS Office. All approvals to be filed with RCWRD before work begins and at no cost to the drain or RCWRD. Janet Bradbury noted that SC NRCS concurs with Ms. Wefel's request and that raising the culvert back to the original elevation is recommended by NRCS to restore wetland functions of adjacent wetlands. Richland County NRCS responded to the Richland County WRB that the elevation on the west side of the road is required in order for LuVern Illies, landowner to remain in compliance regardless if the area eroded naturally or was the result of excavation. It appears that Sargent County does not have any jurisdiction and did not give permission to Mr. Illies and that the location should be put back to the original elevation. Authorize letter to RCWRB of the findings. (Jacobson/White, unanimous)

Board members attended the annual convention in Bismarck on December 8-9. They also attended the Red River Joint Board meeting. Resolutions were introduced for consideration by the legislature.

Dan, Mark and Roger attended a meeting in Bismarck on December 10 with the ND State Water Commission. They were meeting to consider funding for Silver Lake Shore Stabilization project. The total cost of the project is \$98,831. Section 319 funds will provide \$52,154 and the difference of \$46,677 is considered eligible for state cost-share participation as a bank stabilization project at 50%. The SWC approved the request for state cost participation at an amount not to exceed \$23,338 from funds appropriated to the SWC in the 2003-2005 biennium.

The Board received a public notice from the US Army Corps of Engineers for the shoreline stabilization at Silver Lake. The expiration date is December 27, 2004 for comments. The Board is hopeful that the permit will be approved and bids can be let in the spring of 2005.

Richard received a letter from Harlan Klefstad requesting a Texas crossing between Section 14-23 in Taylor Township. He would like to see 2 big culverts placed on

the bottom, covered with dirt and riprap to make it a passable trail. The land is included in the Tewaukon Watershed and has an assessment on the land in this area. Mr. Klefstad stated he travels an extra 2 miles to get to land on the east side of the ditch. The Board discussed widening and improving the Texas crossing with rock in the spring or when conditions allow. A letter will be sent to Mr. Klefstad with the Board's decision.

Approve \$600 additional clerical compensation to Sherry Hosford, Secretary for 2004. (Jacobson/Ptacek, unanimous)

The meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

MARK BREKER - CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

SHERRY HOSFORD - SECRETARY