

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SARGENT COUNTY WATER RESOURCE BOARD
HELD ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2010 AT 9:00 A.M. IN THE COMMISSIONERS ROOM,
SARGENT COUNTY COURTHOUSE, FORMAN, ND

Managers present: Jim Bosse, Richard Engst, Mark Breker, Roger White and Chris McFarland.
Absent: None. Also present: Sean Fredricks, Attorney, Chad Engels, Moore Engineering, Inc. and
Mike Walstead, Chairman, Sargent County Commission.

Approve November 18, 2010 minutes and November financial statement. (Engst/White, unanimous)

Approve transfers to the following funds: From Drain No. 2 to General Fund-\$3,420; from Drain No. 4
to General Fund-\$14,000; from Drain No. 9 to General Fund - \$9,000; from Drain No. 11 to General
Fund-\$44,250; from Drain No. 12 to General Fund-\$17,000; from General Fund to SCWC#1-\$13,000.
(Engst/Breker, unanimous)

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

63600 Jim Bosse	Travel	59.00
63601 Kurt Breker	Machine rental – Tewaukon Watershed	100.00
63602 Mark Breker	Travel	101.50
63603 Crandall Construction	Rip rap-WCI#1	1760.00
63604 Richard Engst	Travel	25.00
63605 Forman City	Refund 2009-2010 Drain No. 4	5376.00
63606 Jerry’s Backhoe Service	Beaver dams – Dr # 11	390.00
63607 Chris McFarland	Travel	12.00
63608 Ohnstad Twichell	Attorney fees	725.91
63609 Jeff Olson	Labor-Tewaukon Watershed	150.00
63610 Roger White	Travel	624.01
5186 Mark Breker	6 PD less 55.08	664.92
5187 Sherry Hosford	Sec. salary plus extra compensation for research less	
275.43 taxes		1791.24
5188 Richard Engst	6 PD less 9.18	110.82
5189 Roger White	3 PD less 55.08	664.92
5190 James Bosse	4 PD less 36.72	443.28
5191 Chris McFarland	1 PD less 9.18	110.82
DD Sargent County Bank	Payroll taxes	770.21

Discussed request from Sargent County Commission for cost share on Bridge 123-20. The county
engineer is still preparing preliminary plans for said bridge and Board agreed to table a decision until
more information is available.

Roger White and Chad Engels met with Dale Frink, State Water Commission in Bismarck regarding
the Silver Lake dam project and were told that the summer of 2011 is the target date to get it fixed.

Mark Breker reported that Titus Excavating, Inc. has been working on the ditch cleaning and has
completed the Bergh quarter in Section 22-129-54 (Weber Township). The cleaning is continuing
southerly following the Tewaukon Watershed and will proceed through the Harris Anderson land in
the S1/2-27-129-54 with the project ending at County No. 7.

Joel Lyons, Wildlife Specialist with USDA Wildlife Services met with the Board to update them on
the number of projects in the past 4 years. He provided numbers for beaver and coyote projects in a
seven county area and impacts of projected deficits to the Cooperative Wildlife Damage Management
Program. There is a projected deficit of \$187,000 which will directly affect the delivery of service. If
it is not resolved by March 2011, Wildlife Service will temporarily furlough all 9 Field Specialist and
the Pilot assigned to the program. Earlier this month the State Water Commission approved the
\$187,000 for this deficit. There is still the problem of a 2011-2013 deficit and the Wildlife Service
plans to meet with the 2011 Legislative session to request additional funding and they would like the
support of the county water boards. Direct Sean Fredricks to prepare a letter of support to the area
legislators.

Discussed a policy on sponsoring projects out of an assessment area and suggested that each project be
considered on a case by case situation.

Sean Fredricks prepared a memo outlining culvert responsibilities and jurisdiction. He explained the
various culvert scenarios – 1) legal assessment drain road crossings; 2) legal assessment drain intercept
culverts; 3) section line culverts and 4) approach culverts. The options for the Water Board and the
county commission are a) neither the District nor the County provide any cost-share; rather, the
Township is solely responsible for costs, regardless of culvert size; b) both the Water Board and

county commission provide cost share if the Township conducts a hydrology study and demonstrates compliance with stream crossing standards or c) the Water Board may provide cost-share if the culvert lies within an existing legal drain assessment area, if the culvert will accommodate the flow of water to the legal drain, in which case the District may utilize assessment funds. This is solely discretionary on the part of the Water Board and the County has no legal obligation to provide any cost-share, but may do so at its own discretion. Following a lengthy discussion the Board directed Attorney Fredricks to draft a policy for cost-share up to one-third if Townships comply with North Dakota law and stream crossing standards. (Breker/White. Roll call: Aye: Breker, White, Engst, McFarland. Nay: Bosse. Motion carried)

Chad Engels, Moore Engineering, Inc. reported to the Board on retention and retention study of dams and informed them that the Corps of Engineers is preparing a Hydrologic Model of the Red River Basin which will be available in March 2011. This study will provide valuable information for Water Boards to study on retention of water. Retention sites have been inspected south of Geneseo and into South Dakota. He explained a map of the Sheyenne River Watershed and potential retention sites. Chad further explained what is available for cost share from the State Water Commission and the Red River Joint Board. Authorize Chad Engels to prepare a cost proposal of a watershed analysis for the Short Foot Creek Watershed. (White/Engst, unanimous) Upon receipt the Board will review and decide if they want to proceed with contacting South Dakota for assistance on the actual study.

Briefly discussed land in the SW1/4-23-130-57 (Paul Mathews) and Roger White agreed to pick up a map from FSA with cropped acres and Attorney Fredricks will review and prepare a letter regarding the right of way.

Mark Breker informed the Board that the Richland-Sargent County # 1 Joint Board will be meeting in January 2011. He also reported that Dave Titus Excavating, Inc. had removed the tree pile at Frenier Dam and also some beaver dams.

Approve \$1750 additional compensation for research of records to Sherry Hosford, Secretary. (McFarland/Engst, unanimous)

Meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

JAMES BOSSE – CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

SHERRY HOSFORD - SECRETARY