

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SARGENT COUNTY WATER RESOURCE BOARD HELD ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16, 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, Mark Breker and Richard Engst. Absent Randy Ptacek.

Approve November 18, 1999 minutes and financial statement. (Totenhagen/Engst, unanimous)

Approve following transfers from General Fund: To Drain # 2-\$2900; Drain # 3-\$4900; Drain # 11-\$3725. Total from General fund - \$11,525. (Totenhagen/Breker, unanimous)

Mark Breker asked the Board about culvert work that the County Road Dept. is doing east of Rutland on Co. Road # 3. There are a group of landowners that are opposed to the work and feel there should be more communication between the county commissioners and the landowners. Mark will talk to those involved about a possible meeting with the county commissioners.

Al Illig met with the Board requesting cleaning of his land located in Section 9-129-56. The Wild Rice River runs through his land and has been deepened on adjacent land but not on his. The Board explained that the area cleaned had easements and had been cleaned because of earlier work. The Board could apply to the Army Corps of Engineers for a permit to clean this area if Mr. Illig is willing to cooperate. He will work with the Board to make an application.

Dennis Decker explained a problem with flooding in Section 26-132-56. There is a culvert through State Highway 13 that he feels is too high. The storm sewers in Gwinner City drain water west and it backs up on his land until the ditch fills up and flows north through the culvert. His land has been cleaned and is flat. He asked the Board to make a request to the ND State Highway Department to consider lowering the culvert or add another one at a lower depth. The Board will contact the Fargo District Office for further information.

Bill Gaukler, Dana Banish, Clayton Wohlwend and Donald Mumm met with the Board to discuss a drainage problem with Drain No. 3. There is a 24" culvert under Co. Road # 14 that is not adequate. They would like the culvert replaced with a 36" culvert and clean silt from the area west of the county road. Bill Gaukler asked that no control gates be installed on the culverts because of problems on who would control. Clayton Wohlwend agreed to go along the larger culvert with no control gate and see what happens. Request approval from the county commission to replace 24" culvert with a 36" culvert between Sections 1-2 of Kingston Township (Drain No. 3) and place a cap on said culvert. Approve cleaning that portion of the ditch west of the county road when conditions allow and instruct Richland County to move the cap on the 24" culvert in Section 1 of Kingston Township (on the county line) to the east side and leave it open. (Breker/Engst, unanimous)

Ken Forster met with the Board to discuss Application to Drain No. 2923. ND State Water Commission has determined that it does not involve drainage of statewide or inter district significance. The Board reviewed the application and Mr. Forster stated that US Fish & Wildlife have surveyed the area and they do not see any problems. NRCS determined that no farming violation has occurred. The water will be lowered 11.3 feet on 18.1 acres and Mr. Forster plans to install an 8 inch tile drain about 400 feet long. The water would go through the new culvert under ND State Hwy 32 north of Forman. Upon Board investigation it was determined that the area does not comprise 80 acres of drainage so no permit is necessary. (Totenhagen/Engst, unanimous)

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

38072 Mark Breker	Travel	282.50
38073 Richard Engst	Travel	16.25
38074 Dan Jacobson	Travel	212.75
38075 Jerry's Backhoe Service	Dr # 9, 11 and ditch cleanout	755.00
38076 Moore Eng.	Dr. # 11 services	1251.87
38077 Sundale Excavation	Dr. # 3-\$10017.50 & Dr. # 12-807.50.	
38078 John Totenhagen	Travel	224.50
14750 Mark Breker	5 PD less 22.95	277.05
14751 Dan Jacobson	7 PD less 32.13	387.87
14752 John Totenhagen	8 PD less 36.72	443.28
14753 Sherry Hosford	Sec. Salary plus extra less 122.59	744.08
14754 Richard Engst	2 PD less 9.18	110.82

The Whitestone Hill/Willey Township Board's have cleaned the area that was discussed but no additional culvert has been installed. They plan to wait until next spring so see if the cleaning solved the problem.

Mark couldn't reach Dennis Quam about the dike on Drain No. 3. Dan feels that a dike would cause problems for the main drain and not be a feasible solution to Mr. Quam's problem.

The No Farming signs (17) have been installed on the Wild Rice Channel No. 9 and the map filed in said file.

Dan, John and Mark attended the 1999 Annual Water Convention in Bismarck. Many speakers addressed the session.

Drain No. 3 tree removal is complete and the bill submitted. Mark prepared a map designating the area that was cleaned.

A Tri-County Drain Board meeting was held in Milnor. The engineer reported that nothing could be done without major reconstruction of drain and at a tremendous cost. The Board is hopeful that placement of the three culverts will help the landowners upstream.

North Dakota State Water Commission is requesting updated information on the status of statewide water development projects with priorities. Those listed in Sargent County are: 1) Silver Lake Bi-frost bridge; 2) Brummond/Lubke Dam T-1A Repairs; 3) Nelson Dam Repairs; 4) Preliminary Engineering of Water Channels, Natural and Legal Drains Study; 5) Havana-North Water Supply System; 6) Havana-South Water Supply System and 7) Crooked Creek Watershed Improvements. Sherry will call for additional information on submitting this update prior to January 1, 2000.

Discussed culvert sizes on Drain No. 11 and the need to increase the culverts under the railroad. The Board will talk to Jeff Volk for information to send to the railroad.

Approve \$600 to Sherry Hosford, Secretary for extra meetings in 1999 and record research. (Engst/Totenhagen, unanimous)

Adjourn at 12:50 p.m.

DANNY JACOBSON - CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

SHERRY HOSFORD - SECRETARY