

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SARGENT COUNTY WATER RESOURCE BOARD
HELD ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2009 AT 9:00 A.M. IN THE
COMMISSIONERS ROOM, SARGENT COUNTY COURTHOUSE, FORMAN, ND**

Managers present: Jim Bosse, Richard Engst, Mark Breker, Dan Jacobson and Roger White. Absent: None. Also present: Attorney Sean Fredricks, Ohnstad Twichell Attorneys and Engineer Chad Engels, Moore Eng., Inc.

Motion to reinvest CD # 13893 for twelve months. (Jacobson/Engst, unanimous)

Approve transfers to the following funds: From Drain No. 3 to General Fund-\$14.54; from General Fund to Drain No. 4-\$30,225.00; from General Fund to Drain No. 11-\$44,250.00; from General Fund to Drain No. 12-\$4,100.00 from General Fund to SCWC#1-\$28,300.00. (Jacobson/White, unanimous)

Approve November 19, 2009 minutes and November financial statement. (Jacobson/Engst, unanimous)

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

61741 Arrowhead Transport	Gravel by Meszaros Slough	525.60
61742 James Bosse	Travel	620.90
61743 Mark Breker	Travel	26.40
61744 Richard Engst	Travel	143.55
61745 Dan Jacobson	Travel	215.80
61746 Jerry's Backhoe Service	Dr # 9,11 and SCWC#1	755.00
61747 Moore Eng.	Drainage permits and SCWC#1	11,660.35
61748 Ohnstad Twichell	Permits -	957.50
61749 Ramkota	Lodging	378.00
61750 Roger Wehlander	FEMA sites	2,926.05
61751 Roger White	Travel	481.10
3985 Mark Breker	2 PD less 18.36	221.64
3986 Danny Jacobson	6 PD less 55.08	664.92
3987 Sherry Hosford	Sec. salary plus additional for researching projects less 211.39	1605.28
3988 Richard Engst	7 PD less 65.26	774.74
3989 Roger White	7 PD less 65.26	774.74
3990 James Bosse	10 PD less 100.80	1099.20
DD Sargent County Bank	Withholding taxes	956.15

OLD BUSINESS: Roger White reported that he talked to the State Water Commission and was informed that Bruce Engelhardt, P.E., Head Investigation Section, will be in charge of the Silver Lake dam project. He will be in touch with the Board

Mark Breker reported that the fence project is complete at Head of the Mountain Nature Preserve (Frenier Dam) and the monies due from ND Park and Recreation can be requested.

Jim Bosse reported that the road ditch located in Section 23-130-58 (Jackson Township) regarding Don Rust has been inspected by Sparky Engquist, county road supt. Jim suggested that Moore Engineering take some shots and determine what has to be done. Motion to authorize Moore Eng., Inc. to survey this area. (Engst/Jacobson, unanimous)

Work has been completed on the 2007 FEMA projects on SCWC# 1 through Milnor City. Sherry will send a letter to the ND Dept. of Emergency Services informing them of the completion of this project.

Richard Engst informed the Board that the culvert replacement on the drain each of Milnor City has been completed except for the mulching and seeding. Richard will take care of the seeding and mulching in the spring.

Jim Bosse reported that the stockade panel located on Drain No. 11 by Tim Hayen's has been removed. Roger White had some dialogue with Mr. Hayen prior to the removal.

Mark Breker inquired whether the county has repaired the culvert located by Mike Paczkowski's on Drain No. 12. Sparky Engquist agreed to make these repairs.

Roger White, Dan Jacobson and Jim Bosse attended the 46th Annual Joint North Dakota Water Convention and Irrigation Expo in Bismarck December 9-10. Roger reported on the State Water Commission report as well as the Red River Joint Board and the Red River Basin including monies that have been allocated to various projects.

Discussion followed on the earthen dams in Sargent County and who is responsible for maintenance. Chad Engels suggested that the Water Board send a letter to NRCS asking for their financial support for repairs.

Jim Bosse received a call from Roger McLaen regarding a beaver dam that is holding one to two feet of water. Jerry Bohnenkamp will remove the dam which is located within the Tewaukon Watershed boundaries.

Mark Breker placed a call to Monica Zentgraf, Secretary for the Richard-Sargent # 1 Drain (RS#1) to inquire about RS#1 and any engineer reports that may have been received. Ms. Zentgraf stated that she has not received any information from the engineers. She did inform Board members that the balance in the RS#1 fund is \$57,750.89. Mark made a call to the engineer but was unable to contact him.

Chad Engels, Engineer provided pictures of White Lake Dam in South Dakota for the Board's review.

Discussion followed on an article that was printed in the Sargent County Teller regarding the SCWC# 1 (aka Drain No. 7) work and assessment area. Richard Engst explained what he said at the Milnor City Council meeting and that generally the Board views agricultural drainage as the main function and not flood control. Board members discussed their concerns on statements that were recorded in the newspaper. According to Richard, Milnor City wanted to get some information from him before the city meets with the Water Board. Jim Bosse replied that the City of Milnor should come to the Water Board meeting and not request members to attend their meeting. Roger White commented that the city stated that nothing has been done in the city for 20 years and Roger pointed out that the Board has spent more than \$212,000 over the years. Dan Jacobson expressed his frustration over Richard attending these meetings with the city without others on the Board being invited. Roger White feels that there are farmers who pay \$4300 per year and wonders if the city of Milnor has a storm sewer system. Richard replied that eventually all the city water goes into the drain. Any future meetings with the Milnor City Council shall be first scheduled with the Water Board Secretary and held at the courthouse.

Approve \$1500 additional compensation for research of records to Sherry Hosford, Secretary. (Breker/Engst, unanimous)

The North Dakota Water Resource Districts Association decided to honor and recognize the years of service selflessly given by water managers. Water Managers who have served for 20 years or more were recognized at the annual business meeting in Bismarck. Roger White picked up the certificates and framed them and presented to the following: Dan Jacobson for 25 Years of Service, Mike Paczkowski for 25 Years of Service, Jim Bosse for 20 Years of Service, John Totenhagen for 20 Years of Service and Sherry Hosford for 25 Years of Service. Congratulations to everyone.

The meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

JIM BOSSE - CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

SHERRY HOSFORD - SECRETARY