

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SARGENT COUNTY WATER RESOURCE BOARD HELD ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2014 AT 9:00 A.M., IN THE COMMISSIONERS ROOM, SARGENT COUNTY COURTHOUSE, FORMAN, NORTH DAKOTA

Managers present: Chris McFarland, Luke Siemieniewski, Jim Bosse, Roger Zetocha, and Richard Engst. Absent: None. Also present: Attorney Sean Fredricks; Chris Gross, Engineer; Jim Mahrer, Forman; Tom Jones, NRCS; Brian and Cole Vculek, Crete.

Approve the November 20, 2014 minutes and November financial statement. (Bosse/Siemieniewski, unanimous)

**Approve renewal of CD # 13893** for twelve months. (Zetocha/Engst, unanimous)

**Approve transfer of the following funds:** From General Fund to Drain No. 2 - \$7,443.16 and from Drain No. 9 to General Fund - \$19,000.00. (Siemieniewski/Zetocha, unanimous)

**Budget Amendments:** Drain No. 2 from \$6,400 to \$15,018.27; Drain No. 9 from \$1,000 to \$2,063.66; and Drain No. 7 Sinking Fund from -0- to \$427,719.91. (Engst/Bosse, unanimous)

Motion to approve payment of the following bills: (Engst/Bosse unanimous)

70666	James Bosse	Travel	81.76
70667	Carton Excavating	Dr # 11-replace culverts, clean beaver dam and clear culvert blockage along Co # 5	1870.00
70668	Richard Engst	Travel	712.54
70669	Moore Eng., Inc.	Permit fees-\$163.75-Loren Ellefson/Edwin Erickson; David; Gwinner Dam - \$188.40; Tewaukon Watershed-\$135.00 – Total =	\$163.75-Loren 650.90
70670	Ohnstad Twichell	General-\$991.44; Engineering Selection - \$115.73; T Mund-\$139.48; Dr # 11 – Paul Mathews ROW dispute - \$26.00	Total= 1272.65
70671	Quill Corporation	Office supplies	13.52
70672	SC Teller	Office relocation ad	39.00
70673	Lucas Siemieniewski	Travel	23.52
70674	Roger Zetocha	Travel	98.00
10290	Sherry Hosford	Salary less 102.79 taxes	867.21
DD	Sargent County Bank	Withholding taxes	181.85

**PAUL MATHEWS RIGHT OF WAY ISSUE:** An appeal has been filed by Mr. Mathews to the North Dakota Supreme Court. Christopher McShane, Onstad Twichell Offices will be representing the Board.

**GWINNER DAM:** Chris Gross provided information to the Board on options for consideration on this dam – 1) Removal; 2) Repair; 3) Reconstruction or improvement and 4) Nothing. Chris McFarland responded that #4 is not an option because this dam is the responsibility of the Water Board. Option # 1 would require mitigation and right of way, which may not be available. The Board’s consensus was to authorize Moore Engineering, Inc. to prepare proposals for both Option #2 and #3 for review at the January 2015 meeting. (Zetocha/Bosse, unanimous)

**BRUCE BOSSE, COGSWELL:** Mr. Bosse presented the Board with a letter he had received from an attorney representing a client with concerns on work completed in the township road ditch on the north side of Section 13 in Jackson Township. Mr. Bosse informed the Board that he and Donald Rust had cleaned the silt and sediment from the road ditch with the approval of the Jackson Township Board. Attorney Fredricks responded that no action is required by this Board unless there is a formal complaint filed to this Board.

**DRAIN NO. 11:** Jim Bosse reported on the meeting that he and Richard Engst and Mike Opat, Moore Engineering, Inc. attended with the Ransom County Water Resource Board. Brian Vculek was also at the meeting. Even though Ransom County has 97 square miles of watershed that drain into Drain No. 11, Ransom County Water Resource Board is not willing to proceed with a joint board unless they can see some improvement that will happen for Ransom County. They did, however, agree to appropriate \$5,000 towards a study of this watershed.

Chris Gross provided an update to the board on the progress of the Drain No. 11 Culvert Analysis Report. Chris explained that all the field work, CADD drafting, and modeling efforts have been completed and that preliminary results have been compiled. He gave examples of a few crossings along the drain to give the board an idea of the size increase that will be experienced if/when these crossings are replaced along the drain. He informed the board that the report will be finalized in the near future and at that time the board can discuss future work.

**GREG NELSON SURFACE APPLICATION 4249:** Mr. Nelson met with the Board to ask questions regarding his application, which has been determined to be of statewide significance and if there are any other options that he could consider with his project. Due to the size and complexity of this project, there is more detailed data required and this Board must follow state law.

**Engineering Services and Consulting Selection:** Sean Fredricks presented a draft SECOND REPORT for the Board's review. Under the SECOND REPORT, the Board would note the timely submissions of Qualification Statements from interested firms and the Board would schedule interviews for January. Motion to approve. (Siemieniewski/Zetocha, unanimous) A copy of the SECOND REPORT is attached to these minutes.

Chris Gross offered a report of the 2014 Annual Waters Convention that was held in Bismarck during the first week of December. He offered suggestions to the board to think about how the convention could be more useful to water board managers. He explained that including more breakout sessions for the water managers to learn about new water law and rules would be a good addition to the convention. If there are any other suggestions from the board, they should let him know and he can pass the information along.

**Dickey-Sargent Joint Water Board:** Election results were tabulated and there was a 90% voter participation rate with yes 55% and no 45%. The vote passed and next up is the assessment hearing, which is scheduled on January 28, 2015 at 9:30 a.m. in Oakes. Chris Gross stated that it is the hope that the project can be constructed and water can be pumped in 2015.

Meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

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CHRIS MCFARLAND - CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

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SHERRY HOSFORD - SECRETARY