

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SARGENT COUNTY WATER RESOURCE BOARD HELD ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2001 AT 9:30 A.M. IN THE COMMISSIONERS ROOM, SARGENT COUNTY COURTHOUSE, FORMAN, ND**

The meeting was called to order with the following present: Dan Jacobson, Richard Engst, Mark Breker, Randy Ptacek and John Totenhagen. Absent none.

The Board discussed the meeting Dan attended with Attorney Duane Breitling on the SW1/4-23-130-57 (Matthews's land). Mr. Breitling has determined that the right-of-way deeds were acquired in 1917 and has not been deeded back to the quarter. Additional information has been mailed to Mr. Breitling for his review. The work in this quarter is continuing and the fill is being placed on right-of-way that the Board owns. Mr. Breitling will send an opinion to the Board after his review.

Mark Breker reported that he will not dispose of the culvert on Section 23 and the Board agreed that Dave Titus Excavating can bury the culvert.

The Silver Lake Stabilization project is completed and the Board reported that Heitkamp Construction did an excellent job. Letters will be sent to the various agencies that have agreed to fund the project to inform them of the cost and the additional cost for the tree plantings.

The Board called David Rush, Coordinator, Red River Regional Council. He reported that Frank Beaver and students have inspected the project and are satisfied with the work. The engineering and construction work is done and has been approved and the only thing left is the vegetative work. Mr. Beaver will send a letter informing the Board that the project has been accepted by RRRRC. A contract is being prepared for the vegetative portion of the project and Mr. Rush would like to meet with this Board and the SC Park Board to review this work before the contract is bid.

Approve November 17, 2001 minutes and financial statement. (Engst/Breker, unanimous)

Approve payment of following bills: (Engst/Totenhagen unanimous)

42470 Mark Breker	Travel	29.76	
42471 Crandall Construction	Lubke Dam	4506.40	
	Nelson Dam	225.00	
	Drain # 3	5226.10	
	Drain # 12	2142.00	
42472 Richard Engst	Travel	139.50	
42473 Heitkamp Construction	Silver Lake Stabilization	42400.00	
42474 Sherry Hosford	Travel	134.20	
42475 Dan Jacobson	Travel	252.06	
42476 Jerry's Backhoe Service	Drain No. 11	615.00	
42477 Randy Ptacek	Travel	6.20	
42478 Sargent County	Culverts/Rutland Twp	1951.33	
42479 SC Weed Board	Spraying @ Frenier Dam	151.50	
42480 Sundale Hutterian Ass'n	Brummond Dam	950.00	
	Dr # 2-tree removal	522.50	
	Dr # 12 - ditching	5700.00	
	WC # 1 - Milnor culvert	872.50	
42481 John Totenhagen	Travel	156.06	
16514 Mark Breker	4 PD less	18.36	221.64
16515 Danny Jacobson	7 PD less	32.13	387.87
16516 John Totenhagen	5 PD less	22.95	277.05
16517 Sherry Hosford	Sec. Salary plus extra meetings and		744.08
research less	122.59		
16518 Richard Engst	5 PD less	22.95	277.05
16519 Randy Ptacek	1 PD less	4.59	55.41
DD Sargent County Bank	Withholding taxes		167.28

The Board is still waiting for information on Drain No. 11 work that was submitted to FEMA.

Duane Breitling is working on the right-of-way through Milnor City and will send his opinion to the Board.

The FEMA work between Section 4/9 of Sargent Township is completed and the work exceeded the amount allowed by FEMA. Sandy Hanson, EMS will be contacted to inquire about additional funding for this project.

FEMA closed Drain No. 3 project and sent a check for \$7,028.91 for the 2001 work.

Jeff Volk will be contacted to schedule a meeting with the county commissioners on February 19 or March 5, 2002 to discuss the watershed area and preparing an assessment district. The Board would also like to talk to Jeff about extending the SC Water Channel District No. 1.

A letter from USDA regarding the issues of aging watershed dams was reviewed and the Board agreed to contact them for additional information on rehabilitation of dams.

Approve transfer of \$722.82 from Drain No. 2 to repay General Fund in full.  
(Engst/Ptacek, unanimous)

Orvis Silseth contacted Dan Jacobson about a culvert that is rusted out in NW1/4-13-129-54 through the township road. Mark will inspect the area and visit with Weber Township Board.

Mark inspected Frenier Dam and feels the Board should contact Jim Hicks, the dam specialist and Ron Herr, NRCS to request them to assist to see if the cover has been removed from the valve system when all the debris was removed from around the dam.

Mark Breker contacted the FSA Office in Richland County regarding the trees located in Drain No. 3 right-of-way. They suggested that this Board make a request to that office informing them that there were trees along the drain right-of-way in NE1/4-3-129-53 LTL and they have been removed. The Board would like to burn tree piles along the legal drain and the request would ask for permission to do this and release this Board to any liability.

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

Meeting adjourned 12:05 p.m.

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DANNY JACOBSON - CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

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SHERRY HOSFORD - SECRETARY