

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SARGENT COUNTY WATER RESOURCE BOARD HELD ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2001 AT 9:00 A.M. IN THE SARGENT COUNTY COURTHOUSE, FORMAN, NORTH DAKOTA

The meeting was called to order by Sherry Hosford, Secretary and the Board proceeded to organize for 2001.

Managers present: Dan Jacobson, John Totenhagen, Randy Ptacek, Mark Breker and Richard Engst. Also present: Dave Titus

Oath of Office signed by Danny Jacobson and Randy Ptacek for a three-year term.

Nominations for Chairman: Dan Jacobson. (Breker/Ptacek, unanimous ballot)

Nominations for Vice-Chairman: John Totenhagen. (Ptacek/Engst, unanimous ballot)

Reappoint Sherry Hosford, Secretary-Treasurer. (Totenhagen/Breker, unanimous)

Dave Titus discussed the 1/9/2001 bill on the work completed in December 2000. The Board asked about the work on the outlet to Drain No. 11 in Taylor Township. Titus worked out there for 10 days and the bill is \$9315. Dan reported that the COE no longer has jurisdiction on wetland issues based on a court ruling in January 2001. He met with NRSC to discuss continuing with the work in Taylor Township and they maintain they still have authority because the landowner is in the farm program and continuing with the work could jeopardize his payments. Dave Titus said there is about $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile left to complete that area. Dan said the area from between Section 23-26 in Sargent Township to between Section 6-7 in Taylor Township approximately 6 miles south has not been cleaned. The work could be done this spring and the Board will keep in touch with Titus on when to start with the project. The Board asked Dave about the cap in Cogswell and he will look at it on the way home.

Approve payment of the following bills. (Engst/Ptacek, unanimous)

40695 Mark Breker	Travel	72.30
40696 Titus Excavating Inc.	Drain No. 11	48,105.00
40697 Richard Engst	Travel	15.00
40698 Dan Jacobson	Travel	7.20
40699 Randy Ptacek	Travel	6.00
40700 John Totenhagen	Travel	49.80
15764 Mark Breker	2 PD less 9.18	110.82
15765 Dan Jacobson	2 PD plus meal less 9.64	116.36
15766 John Totenhagen	2 PD plus meal less 9.64	116.36
15767 Sherry Hosford	Sec. Salary less 20.40	246.27
15768 Richard Engst	1 PD less 4.59	55.41
15769 Randy Ptacek	1 PD less 4.59	55.41

Approve January 18, 2001 minutes and January 2001 financial statement. (Engst/Breker, unanimous)

Jeff Volk will meet with the Board on March 1, 2001 at 10:00 a.m. to discuss the assessment area for the dams, Drain No. 8 and the right-of-way in Section 23-130-57.

Mark reported on the Red River Reconnaissance meeting in Moorhead. Many different organizations were present and they talked about the problem areas in the different river basins. Mark asked about cleaning dams and if funding would be available. They said there was a possibility that federal funds could be appropriated for such a project.

Dan and John attended a meeting in Wahpeton on February 13 with NDDEM, SWC, engineers and Richland and Cass County Water Board members to discuss information to present to FEMA at a meeting on February 22 in Fargo. FEMA claims the concern is that the Water Boards do not have a maintenance schedule for their legal drains. The engineers are preparing a proposed constructed channel FEMA policy digest revision.

Discussed the right-of-way concern in Section 23-130-57, which is the outlet to old tile drain No. 16. The aerial photo reveals 9.00 acres of right-of-way that is owned by the SC Water Board. The Board feels that a letter should be sent to the landowner, Mathews Family Living Trust, Theodore A Mathews, Trustee, Aberdeen, SD informing them that the Board plans to remove the spoil bank and level on the Mathews land. The Board would offer to work the land and remove any rocks that appear. This would stop the ditch from sloughing in and filling with the debris. Authorize the Chairman to sign a letter to Mr. Mathews.

Mark checked with the SC Bank and a meeting can be held in their meeting room. He is waiting for information from Game & Fish on complaints received and monies spent in the Frenier area to control deer problems.

Dan read a letter from the NDSWC regarding the operation of a reservoir with a storage capacity of 1000 acre-feet. We need an emergency action plan for Tewaukon-

T1A (Brummond/Lubke) and Tewaukon T-2 (Frenier). The secretary was instructed to contact the State Water Commission for assistance.

The March meeting was rescheduled for March 22 at 9:00 a.m.

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

DANNY JACOBSON - CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

SHERRY HOSFORD - SECRETARY