

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SARGENT COUNTY WATER RESOURCE BOARD HELD ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2007 AT 9:00 A.M. IN THE COMMISSIONERS ROOM, SARGENT COUNTY COURTHOUSE, FORMAN, ND**

Managers present: Mark Breker, Dan Jacobson, Roger White, Richard Engst and Jim Bosse. Absent none.

The meeting was called to order by Sherry Hosford, Secretary and the Board proceeded to organize for 2007.

Oath of Office signed by Dan Jacobson and Jim Bosse for a three-year term.

Nominations for Chairman. Motion for Mark Breker. (Engst/Jacobson). Second and cast a unanimous ballot. (Jacobson/Engst. Motion carried)

Nominations for Vice-Chairman. Motion for Dan Jacobson. (Engst/Bosse). Second and cast a unanimous ballot. (Bosse/Engst. Motion carried)

Re-appoint Sherry Hosford as Secretary. (Engst/White). Cast a unanimous ballot. (Jacobson/Engst, unanimous)

Approve January 18, 2007 minutes. (Jacobson/Engst, unanimous)

Approve 2007 meeting dates on the third Thursday of each month. All dates and times will be on file in the County Auditor's Office. (Jacobson/Engst, unanimous)

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

56605 Jim Bosse	Travel	9.75
56606 Mark Breker	Travel	220.78
56608 Richard Engst	Travel	78.00
56609 Sherry Hosford	Travel/cake, etc.	93.00
56610 Dan Jacobson	Travel	2.34
56611 Red River Basin Comm.	White registration	195.00
56612 Richland Co. Water Board	Dr #3 costs	2435.33
56613 Wayne Trophies	Randy Ptacek plaque	28.00
56614 Roger White	Travel	208.28
56762 Mark Breker	5 PD less 30.60	369.40
56763 Danny Jacobson	1 PD less 6.12	73.88
56764 Sherry Hosford	Sec salary less 20.40	246.27
56765 Richard Engst	2 PD less 12.24	147.76
56766 Roger White	5 PD less 30.60	369.40
56767 Jim Bosse	1 PD less 6.12	73.88
DD Sargent County Bank	Withholding taxes	213.49

The FEMA work on Drain No. 11 in Section 27-130-57 is still on hold pending information from the state NRCS office. A phone call was placed to the state office to check on the status of this information.

Dave Titus of Titus Excavating Inc. discussed the sites that his company completed in 2006. He reviewed the work on each drain and Board members commended him for the work completed on the drains. Approve payment of the following bill:  
56607 Dave Titus Excavating 2006 drain work 129901.00  
(White/Jacobson, unanimous)

The Board recessed to honor Randy Ptacek for ten years of service to Sargent County as a Water Manager. A plaque was presented to Randy and cake, ice cream and coffee were served. Commissioner's Walstead and Wyum joined the group as well as Steve Hogness.

The Board discussed with the Commissioner's Walstead and Wyum replacing a culvert between sections 23 and 26 in Sargent Township on County Road 3. The Water Board will coordinate with the county in this replacement project. Damon DeVillers sent an email regarding County Road 14 south of Geneseo on the proposed bends to the box culvert. The Secretary was instructed to contact him for a full cost of the project to install the box culvert and also to install the concrete mats and the Water Board will meet with the commissioner's on March 6 to discuss these two options. Steve Wyum inquired about the Silver Lake dam seepage problem and the Water Board informed him that an investigative study is planned for this spring by the State Water Commission. Also discussed the Milnor Task Force and Richard Engst informed Mr. Wyum that they have cleaned the outlet from Storm Lake and lowered the culvert at First Street. There is also some interest in extending SC Water Imp. District No. 1 to the east to allow the water to flow to the Wild Rice River.

Steve Hogness, Milnor, met with the Board to discuss the outlet to SC Water Channel Imp. No. 1. There is concern why the water never dries up east of Milnor and Richard Engst is researching with the city about the flows of the lagoon or possible open springs. Mr. Hogness also explained some problems in NE1/4-5-132-55 with the water backing up when the lagoon in Gwinner is dumped. There are some Fish and Wildlife easements on this land and he would like to know if there is

anything that the Board can do. The Board will check on the water issues but anything with the easements would have to be worked out with US Fish and Wildlife.

The Board recessed for lunch.

The Board reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

Mark Breker, Richard Engst and Sherry Hosford attended a meeting in Fargo on January 25 with Attorney Sean Fredricks, Ohnstad, Twichell Law Office; Mike Bassingwaite, Interstate Eng. Inc. and members from the Richland County Water Board. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the possibility of creating a Joint Board, consolidating Drain No. 3 with Richland Co. Drain No. 11, reassess assessment districts and extending the drain. Other Board members were updated on the meeting and discussion followed on whether to proceed with the Joint Board. A meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 20 at 8:45 a.m. in Wahpeton to discuss this merger with the Richland County Water Board.

The Board discussed water holding areas west of Forman in an attempt to eliminate any flooding problems that might occur in Forman City. Drain No. 4 assessment area includes Forman City but does not extend to the west. The Secretary was asked to research on Drain No. 15, 16 and 18 for more information.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

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MARK BREKER, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

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SHERRY HOSFORD, SECRETARY