

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SARGENT COUNTY WATER RESOURCE BOARD HELD ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16th, 2023 AT 8:00 A.M. IN THE WATER BOARD CONFERENCE ROOM AT THE SARGENT COUNTY COURTHOUSE, FORMAN NORTH DAKOTA

Managers present: Chairman Luke Siemieniewski and Roger Zetocha. Also, in attendance was Wendy Willprecht Secretary/Treasurer and Nathan Trosen of Moore Engineering. Present via video conference was Managers Todd Stein, Bruce Speich and Michael Wyum, Attorney Sean Fredricks of Ohnstad Twichell, Leon Mallberg and Bob Banderet.

Manager Stein moved to approve the January 19th, 2023 regular meeting minutes and the January 31st, 2023 Financial Statement. Manager Speich seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Manager Stein made a motion to renew CD #14417 for one year. The CD is due to expire 3/23/23. Manager Speich seconded the motion. Upon roll call, the motion carried unanimously.

Manager Speich moved to approve the following bills:

084872 Ohnstad Twichell- Drain complaint \$107.50; Board mtg. \$300; Anderson tile app. \$752.32; Drain No 2-revised draft notice \$231.40; Drain No. 4-reassessment \$2312.77; Drain No. 11-Improv. Proj. \$1230/Eminent domain \$2984.50; Drain No. 7-Kriegel/conference \$711.68

Total: \$8630.17

084871 Moore Engineering- Board Mtgs. \$2,133.75; Drain No. 4. Reassessment \$1,072.50; Drain No. 7 ROW \$270/Reassessment \$4,436.25; Utility relocation Drain No. 11

Total: \$8,644.50

084869 Dakota Valley Eclectic- Utility Relocation-Drain No. 11 **Total: \$30,182.35**

084870 DRN- Fiber optics relocation **Total: \$7,473.00**

Ellingson Water Management-utility relocation **Total: \$23,464.96**

084874 Sargent County Treasurer- Tax assessments parcel #154634001 \$30.40/parcel 154641001 \$123.46 **Total: \$153.86**

084873 Pearce Durick, PLLC- Drain No. 7 reassessment **Total: \$562.50**

084867 Brian Anderson- Drain No. 7 easement **Total: \$19,950.00**

084868 Matt and Amy Bogart- Easements/warranty deed **Total: \$21,622.50**

Manager Zetocha seconded the motion. Upon roll call the motion carried unanimously.

Drain No. 11:

Project: Nathan Trosen of Moore Engineering provided a summary of the utility relocation fees incurred. The original utility relocation estimates totaled \$100,000. Due to SE Water Users materials being higher and the Don Rust pump relocation costing around \$7,500 more, the utility relocation expenses totaled \$141,913.35.

Reassessment: This item can be removed from future agendas.

Glen Thompson Utility Permit: We have not heard back from Mr. Thompson regarding the utility permit. Mr. Thompson has indicated he would like to resolve his tile access before closing on the Drain 11 right of way acquisition for his property.

Drain No. 4:

Reassessment: Trosen of Moore Engineering has been fielding comments received regarding the reassessment.

A reminder that the assessment hearing will be March 1st, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. at the Forman City Hall.

Drain No. 7:

Project: No update.

Reassessment: Trosen from Moore Engineering has been fielding comments received regarding the reassessment. Trosen said he has received 5 official comments. There has been a concern raised as to whether there is additional drain tile in the Drain No. 7 assessment area that is not yet accounted for. Trosen and administrator Willprecht are looking into this concern.

A reminder that the assessment hearing will be March 1st, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. at the Senior Center in Minor.

Drain No. 9 Extension: No report.

Drain No. 8: No report.

Cogswell Tile: No report

Drain No. 2: No report.

Shorth Foot Creek: Trosen reported that we are still waiting for the NRCS to finish their review of the other watershed plans that have been submitted.

Crooked Creek: Moore Engineering is working with the NRCS to wrap up the existing condition reports. Once the reports are complete, the plan will come to a formal end.

Manager Zetocha made a motion to allow Chairman Siemieniewski or Administrator Willprecht to sign to formally end the plan once the necessary paperwork is received. Manager Speich seconded the motion. Upon roll call, the motion carried unanimously.

084875	Lucas Siemieniewski	Travel	\$36.68
	Todd Stein	Travel	
084876	Michael Wyum	Travel	\$469.52
084877	Roger Zetocha	Travel	\$32.75
	Bruce Speich	Travel	
DD	Lucas Siemieniewski	PD	\$178.23
DD	Todd Stein	PD	
DD	Michael Wyum	PD	\$534.70
DD	Roger Zetocha	PD	\$178.23
DD	Bruce Speich	PD	
DD	Wendy Willprecht	Sec-Treas -Salary less taxes \$457.17	\$2042.83
DD	Stock Grower's Bank	Withholding Taxes	
DD	ND State Tax Commission	State Tax	
DD	Job Service ND	Unemployment Comp.	

NEW BUSINESS:

Elections: Due to three of the managers attending virtually, elections will be held at the March 2023 meeting.

Legislature Discussion: Cross over is next week. Attorney Fredricks briefed the managers on some of the topics being discussed in the legislature at this time.

Utility Permit - Brian Vculek: Brian Vculek contacted the Board to inquire into whether or not his Utility Permit will require an amendment since he is installing more pipeline as opposed to surface ditching under his surface project permitted under SURFACE DRAIN PERMIT NO. 5556. Attorney Fredricks indicated Brian's Utility Permit will not require an amendment since the outlet will remain the same.

2023 Annual Dam Operating Plan: Trosen of Moore Engineering has submitted the operating plan for the SCWRD. Trosen noted there has been no change of operation.

DSJTB bills for approval –

84852 DVEC – electricity –	\$ 131.00
**Special Assessments received:	\$62,276.23
Maintenance Account Balance:	\$ 20,274.81
Improvement Account Balance:	\$164,859.35

The above balances are as of January 31st, 2023.

Manager Zetocha made a motion to approve the bill to DVEC. Manager Wyum seconded it. Upon roll call, the motion carried unanimously.

Dickey County Water Resource District to reimburse Willprecht' s hours at \$650/year-not yet received

Richland-Sargent Drain #1 Maintenance Fund Financial Statement

BEGINNING BALANCE January 1st, 2023 \$391,089.63

REVENUE:

Rt. #23-002	Richland Co. Tax & Business	\$5,069.58
Rt. #23-005	Sargent Co. Tax & Business	\$21,189.40
Rt. #23-001	Richland Co. Tax & Business	\$143.36

TOTAL REVENUE RECEIVED **\$26,402.34**

EXPENDITURES:

Ck. #19043 Ohnstad Twichell PC \$674.54

TOTAL EXPENDITURES **\$674.54**

TOTAL BALANCE January 31, 2023 **\$416,817.43**

RS #1 MAINTENANCE CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE **\$0.05**

RS #1 MAINTENANCE SAVINGS ACCOUNT BALANCE **\$416,817.38**

TOTAL MAINTENANCE FUND BALANCE January 31, 2023 **\$416,817.43**

Solicitation of Views-Richland-Sargent Drain No. 1 Phase 3 Improvements: No action required at this time.

The meeting adjourned at 8:27 a.m.

APPROVED:

LUCAS SIEMIENIEWSKI, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

WENDY WILLPRECHT SECRETARY-TREASURER