

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SARGENT COUNTY WATER RESOURCE BOARD HELD ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2000 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 2000.

Managers present: Dan Jacobson, John Totenhagen, Randy Ptacek, Mark Breker and Richard Engst. Also present: Larry Lindberg, Wild Rice Watershed Coordinator

Oath of Office signed by Richard Engst for a three-year term.

Nominations for Chairman: Dan Jacobson. (Engst/Totenhagen, unanimous ballot)

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

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

Mr. Lindberg presented the ND Nonpoint Source Pollution Program 319 with guidelines for pollution control best management practices. The most concern is the livestock waste containment facilities and areas of Crooked Creek. They will concentrate on the entire region. This is a good program and a volunteer program and monies are available for cost-share. ND Game & Fish will assist with a fish count program and microorganism tests.

Darren Hoistad met with the Board about the channel from Lubke-Brummond to the refuge. The Hutterites cleaned a portion of the channel from Co. # 5 in Section 11-129-55 north to the refuge in October 1998. He presented a bill for the leveling that he did in this area. He is requesting \$1,000. Darren also agreed to sign an easement. The Board will investigate the easement process and contact Darren to sign the form.

Jerome Wisnewski, Geneseo met with the Board about a culvert on the southend of Geneseo. There is a natural drain in the NW1/4-13-130-55 land that he farms and flows to the east. There is a problem because it fills in and a lot of water backs up behind this area. The homeowner is burying a boxcar in this watercourse and also dumping dirt in and restricting the flow. Mr. Wisnewski talked to the landowner and she suggested digging another ditch for the water to flow or build a dike and a six-foot fence and they will deed the land to Mr. Wisnewski. There is approximately 1/2 acres that is being filled in. Mr. Wisnewski filed a written complaint and will talk to the FSA office about diverting the water.

Dan read a letter from Troy Gilbertson, NDDOT maintenance coordinator, in reply to the request from Dennis Decker to inspect a culvert west of Gwinner. Mr. Gilbertson stated they had inspected the culvert and noted it has approximately 7" of drop and is approximately 8" higher than the pipe, which crosses under the railroad tracks. NDDOT has recently completed overlay and chip seal projects and do not anticipate other improvements for another 10 years. If this Board or Mr. Decker feel improvements need to be made before that time, NDDOT will work with the Board and Mr. Decker, however, they will not be able to participate in funding of any of the work. A copy of the letter will be mailed to Mr. Decker.

Board members attended the county commission meeting on 2-15-00. Bernie Vculek made a presentation on Drain No. 11. Mr. Vculek was concerned about managing the water that flows through the drain and into the Wild Rice River. He would like a study of the river completed to find the problem areas and what can be done to correct these issues. The Water Board would like to wait with a study to see what happens with the flow of the water since culverts and cleaning have been completed.

The county commissioners approved placement of a 36-inch round culvert between Section 1-2-129-53 in Kingston Township and on Co. # 14 and Legal Drain # 3. This culvert will have a cap placed on it.

Approve 1-20-00 minutes. (Ptacek/Engst, unanimous)

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

38611 Mark Breker	Travel	47.00	
38612 Richard Engst	Travel	91.00	
38613 Darren Hoistad	Leveling berm in 2-11-129-55	1,000.00	
38614 Dan Jacobson	Travel	8.50	
38615 Moore Engineering Inc.	Crooked Creek	738.10	
38616 Randy Ptacek	Travel		20.00
38617 John Totenhagen	Travel	47.75	
38618 Wild Rice SCD	319 Water Quality Program	2,500.00	
14888 Mark Breker	5 PD less 22.95	277.05	
14889 Dan Jacobson	4 PD less 18.36	221.64	

14890 John Totenhagen	5 PD less 22.95	277.05
14891 Sherry Hosford	Salary less 20.40	246.27
14892 Richard Engst	6 PD less 27.54	332.46
14893 Randy Ptacek	4 PD less 18.36	221.64

Approve request for \$2,500 to Wild Rice Soil Conservation District for the 319 Water Quality Program for this year with a note that the Board will reevaluate the program next year before committing any future funding. (Totenhagen/Engst, unanimous)

Mark talked to Jeff & Joe Breker about water from Nelson dam that is spilling out of the channel and should be cleaned. Discussed assessment area for dams and possibly levying \$.50 per acre. Motion to contact Jeff to prepare a map of the assessment area. (Ptacek/Engst, unanimous)

Randy checked Bridge 109-12 and he said it is very sound but needs to be cleaned and also between the track and the bridge. He doesn't feel it needs replacement.

Richard Engst reported on a Tri-County meeting and condemnation proceedings on parcels that are being included in the new lateral. Maintenance levies were placed on all land for 1999 taxes.

Received a letter from Office of State Engineer responding to a letter from FEMA Region VIII. FEMA is proposing to prepare an environmental assessment to provide disaster assistance for repairs to Dr. # 11. Craig Odenbach stated that the drain is an important project for the residents of the county and much above average precipitation experienced across most of the state since 1993 has placed a great burden on local governments as they attempt to repair the damaged infrastructure. Mr. Odenbach could not think of an alternative other than repairing the damage.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 noon.

DAN JACOBSON - CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

SHERRY HOSFORD - SECRETARY