

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SARGENT COUNTY WATER RESOURCE BOARD HELD ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2009 AT 9:00 A.M. IN THE COMMISSIONERS ROOM, SARGENT COUNTY COURTHOUSE, FORMAN, ND**

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

The meeting was called to order by Sherry Hosford, Secretary and the Board proceeded to organize for 2009.

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

Nominations for Chairman. Motion for Jim Bosse. (Breker/White). Second and cast a unanimous ballot. (White/Engst. Motion carried)

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

Re-appoint Sherry Hosford as Secretary. (Jacobson/Engst, motion carried)

Approve 2009 meeting dates on the third Thursday of each month. All dates and times will be on file in the County Auditor's Office. (Jacobson/Breker, unanimous)

Approve January 15, 2009 minutes and January 2009 financial statement. (Jacobson/Breker, unanimous)

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

60309 James Bosse	Travel & Framed picture	354.90
60310 Mark Breker	Travel	54.90
60311 Richard Engst	Travel	111.60
60312 Ryan Hogness	2 beaver from SCWC# 1	100.00
60313 Interstate Eng.	Dr#3/Co Rod #14	1500.00
60314 Dan Jacobson	Travel	8.10
60315 ND Dept of EMS	Adjustment for Dr#3 FEMA	481.53
60316 Roger White	Travel	117.90
2965 Mark Breker	3 PD + meal less 18.94	228.56
2966 Danny Jacobson	4 PD + meal less 25.06	302.44
2967 Sherry Hosford	Sec. salary less 20.40	246.27
2968 Richard Engst	5 PD less 30.60	369.40
2969 Roger White	5 PD + meal less 31.18	376.32
2970 James Bosse	5 PD + meal less 31.18	376.32
DD Sargent County Bank	Taxes and withholding	315.79

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Approve payment of \$1500 of the bill from Interstate Engineering, Inc. for the bill on Drain No. 3 and County Road 14. (Breker/Jacobson, unanimous) The Board received an update from the State Water Commission on repairs to Silver Lake Dam. The investigation report for Silver Lake Dam is progressing forward. The background information for the project has been compiled. The computer modeling of the watershed is approximately 80% complete. The computer modeling of the drainage basin above Silver Lake Dam is needed to determine how runoff from various storms will affect the lake and dam.

The Board discussed upcoming projects and various contractors that will be available to do the work. Jim Viele, JAV Construction, Inc. Walcott, ND met with the Board to inform them of his company and equipment that is available.

NEW BUSINESS: Approve cancellation of Drain No. 4 special assessment (\$52.93) on parcel 14-4381000 owned by the USA. (Jacobson/Breker, unanimous)

The Board received a letter from NDDOT regarding the structural rehabilitation on ND 13, 2 miles west of ND 18 near Wyndmere. NDDOT is seeking comments or information relating to environmental or other matters that this Board may be of concern. March 9 is the deadline for submission of comments.

Tom Jones, NRCS, met with the Board to make them aware of an upcoming program that will affect this Board. NRCS sent out postcards on the Wetland Reserve Program (WRP). Mr. Jones presented a brief description on WRP and restoring wetlands that have been degraded through the years. The plan is to take those acres, enroll in the program and try to restore them to their original condition. It is a one time lump sum payment and a 30 year easement program. NRCS will enroll the land for a 30 year easement and let the owner manage the land similar to the CRP program. Drain No. 11 as it flows through Crete Slough and crosses under ND Hwy 13 will become an issue because producers are eligible to enroll in this program because the land is eligible and in private ownership. Mr. Jones' concern is that he may have to decide on how much land can be legally and economically restored and to what extent this can be done. There is enough slope in other areas that would not negatively impact the drain but in the Crete Slough area he has no idea because it is so flat and sandy. There may be no restoration that can be done in this area. Mr. Jones must justify how he can restore these areas to the landowners and Washington. This Board would have input on whether to use the drain to allow

storage of water and to what depth. Landowners are paying \$1.00 per acre for maintenance of this drain and should have a say on what is allowed for restoration. The Board and Mr. Jones agreed to keep communicating on this issue.

Sherry reviewed the 2008 financial report and explained total revenues and expenditures for the General Fund, CD account and all legal drains.

Jim Bosse reported on an ice jam that Charles Anderson in Weber Township had reported to him. It thawed and went over the road so the township will be making repairs.

Board members met with Milnor City on February 18<sup>th</sup> to discuss spring flooding concerns. The issues discussed included the following: 1) Check on putting some kind of a restriction on a 9 foot culvert located 2 miles north of Milnor on the county line where SCWC#1 begins. Richard will talk to Ransom County about holding some water if it is necessary. 2) Have a plate made to place on the concrete structure where Storm Lake outlet meets with SCWC#1 at the slaughter house in case the water from SCWC#1 goes into Storm Lake. Is it a possibility to divert water from SCWC#1 to Storm Lake? It goes there naturally and would require a 24" dam/planking in the drain but so many times the water goes into Storm Lake, goes around the dam and threatens the City. The dam has been removed by Milnor City in the past. 3) Milnor City will talk to USFW about wildlife concerns. 4) Wallace Johnson has a concern because whenever there is a flood situation the water breaks out of SCWC#1 and follows the old natural channel and there is a small culvert under Hwy 13 that does not handle the water. Mr. Johnson would like to see a larger culvert replace the smaller one.

Richard Engst inquired about extending SCWC#1 to the Wild Rice River and create an assessment area. The extended area would not pass through any Fish and Wildlife land. The existing assessment area extends west of Gwinner. Should Moore Engineering begin working on this project to prepare a proposed assessment area? Tabled.

Steve McLaen has land in Drain # 4 in the assessment area with a USFW easement and plans to remove sediment.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 noon.

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JAMES BOSSE - CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

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SHERRY HOSFORD - SECRETARY