

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SARGENT COUNTY WATER RESOURCE BOARD HELD ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2003 AT 9:30 A.M. IN THE COMMISSIONERS ROOM, SARGENT COUNTY COURTHOUSE, FORMAN, ND

The meeting was called to order by Sherry Hosford, Secretary and the Board proceeded to organize for 2003.

Managers present: Dan Jacobson, Mark Breker, Richard Engst and Roger White. Absent Randy Ptacek.

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

Nominations for Chairman. Motion for Dan Jacobson. Second and cast a unanimous ballot. (Engst/White. Carried)

Nomination for Vice-Chairman. Motion for Mark Breker. Second and cast a unanimous ballot. (Engst/White, unanimous)

Re-appoint Sherry Hosford as Secretary. (Engst/Breker, unanimous)

Approve January 16, 2003 minutes and financial statement. (Engst/Breker, unanimous)

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

45653 Mark Breker	Travel	22.32
45654 Richard Engst	Travel	31.00
45655 Dan Jacobson	Travel	3.72
45656 Martinsen's	Nuts & bolts for signs	2.88
45657 ND Water Resource Districts Ass'n	2003 dues	375.00
45658 Roger White	Travel	19.84
45411 Mark Breker	1 PD less 4.59	55.41
45412 Danny Jacobson	1 PD less 4.59	55.41
45413 Sherry Hosford	Sec. Salary less 20.40	246.27
45414 Richard Engst	1 PD less 4.59	55.41
DD Sargent County Bank	Matching S.S.	77.52

The Silver Lake stabilization project will be reviewed at a meeting scheduled for March 4 at 2:00 p.m. in the commissioner's room with the Park Board, county commissioner's and David Rush, Red River Riparian Board. The Water Board is invited to attend.

Lynette de Silva, Energy and Environmental Research Center, UND, Grand Forks met with the Board to discuss the "waffle effect". This three-year study effect is to store water where it falls and use depressions in fields to hold back more water during the spring flooding. The study is on flood mitigation and looks at incorporating structure and non-structure ideas. GIS information is used in the study to review culvert placement and other existing data. Several boards composed of a variety of people are being established and the data will be put into a model for studies to aid the various boards in their decision making.

Sandy Hanson, Emergency Manager, met with the Board to review the Sargent County multi-hazard mitigation plan. The Board's main concern is flooding and would like to add all legal drains to the plan as well as the three dams. Individual projects will be reviewed and presented to Sandy after the March meeting.

Approve third Thursday of each month as regular meeting dates of the Sargent County Water Board. (Engst/Breker, unanimous)

The Board received a letter from Interstate Engineering, Inc. regarding the sewer system improvements scheduled in Milnor City. Richard will review the proposed project.

Russell Mauch, Barney, ND filed a request for Drainage on Highway Right of Way on the NE1/4-13-132-53. He is requesting to clean and slope the highway ditch with a laser in order for the water to run. The project would include the entire mile on the south side of Highway 13 on the north side of Section 13-132-53. Approve the request and send to ND Department of Transportation for their consideration. (White/Engst, unanimous)

The Board met with the county commissioners and Jeff Volk on March 18 to discuss the maintenance of Tewaukon Watershed. Mr. Volk explained the process to the commissioners and they felt that an individual letter should be sent to each landowner inviting them to a hearing. The hearing was scheduled for Tuesday, March 25 at 7:00 p.m. in the Havana Community Center, Havana.

Mark reported on the continuing problems at Frenier Dam with the gate. It is being left open and people are driving across the dam.

Meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

DAN JACOBSON - CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

SHERRY HOSFORD - SECRETARY