

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SARGENT COUNTY WATER RESOURCE BOARD HELD ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2002 AT 9:30 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 2002.

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

Oath of Office signed by Mark Breker and Roger White for a three-year term.

Nominations for Chairman: Dan Jacobson. (Ptacek/Engst. Breker cast a unanimous ballot)

Nominations for Vice-Chairman: Nominate Randy Ptacek. (Engst/Breker) Nominate Richard Engst. (Ptacek/Breker) Voting for Ptacek: Engst and Breker. Voting for Engst: Ptacek and White. Chairman voted for Engst. Richard Engst nominated vice-chairman.

Reappoint Sherry Hosford, Secretary-Treasurer. (Engst/Ptacek. Breker cast a unanimous ballot)

Approve January 17, 2002 minutes and financial statement. (Engst/Breker, unanimous)

Doug Ruby met with regarding the right-of-way on SC Water Channel Imp. No. 1 (also known as Drain No. 7) through Milnor City. The county commissioners in 1937 sold the right-of-way and the Board needs to acquire an easement to maintain the drain. Doug would like to know how many feet is needed for operation of the excavator, he would like the spoil bank leveled so he can keep the weeds mowed and not have a mess with large pieces of dirt. When the drain is maintained he would like the area returned to its present condition at the conclusion of the cleaning. Mr. Ruby would like to be notified of any projects and the scope of work prior to the beginning of any work. The Board will contact their attorney to prepare paper work for the Ruby's to review.

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

42831 Mark Breker	Travel	36.27
42832 Richard Engst	Travel	31.00
42833 Dan Jacobson	Travel	3.72
42834 Moore Engineering, Inc.	Dr#8-295.00/Dr#11-690.00	985.00
42835 Ohnstad Twichell, P.C.	Dr#7-139.90/Dr#11-261.10	401.00
42836 Randy Ptacek	Travel	12.40
42837 Sargent County	Dr#11 final	1913.75
42838 Viking Office Products	Film	25.99
42839 Wayne Trophies	Plaque-Totenhagen	30.13
42840 Roger White	Travel	21.08
16662 Mark Breker	4 PD less 18.36	221.64
16663 Danny Jacobson	2 PD less 9.18	110.82
16664 Sherry Hosford	Sec. Salary less 20.40	246.27
16665 Richard Engst	2 PD less 9.18	110.82
16666 Randy Ptacek	2 PD less 9.18	110.82
16667 Roger White	2 PD less 9.18	110.82
DD Sargent County Bank	Withholding taxes	151.76

Silver Lake project has been completed according to plans and specifications. Site preparation and planting should occur this spring. The Red River Regional Council will coordinate the planting specifications. Instruct the Secretary to contact David Rush and Easy Butler on status of planting project and money due to the Board.

The Board met with the county commissioners and Jeff Volk to discuss the Tewaukon Watershed assessment area. The commissioners encouraged the Board to conduct public meetings to discuss the project. Jeff will prepare an analysis of the area with percentage calculations. Motion to proceed with the Tewaukon Watershed project. (Ptacek/Engst. Roll call. Yes: Jacobson, Breker, Ptacek, Engst and White. No: None. Motion carried unanimous)

Discussed the extension of SC Water Channel Imp. # 1. It would involve about 5 miles of land from the end of the existing drain to the Wild Rice River. Senate Bill 2287 was passed allowing for assessing natural drains up to \$.50 per acre. The Board will talk to Jeff about the options available under SB 2287.

Dan will contact NRSC to get an inspection scheduled on the outlet of Drain No. 11

Richland County Committee approved the Board's request to burn tree piles along the drain right of way that is adjacent to Tom Siemieniewski's CRP acreage (NE1/4-3-129-53 LTL). They asked the Board to use caution in burning and to monitor closely so that the adjoining CRP land is not damaged or cover destroyed. The Board is concerned about the liability and tabled any action.

The Board reviewed a copy of a complaint from Richland County that Luvern Illies filed. He feels that the culvert is one foot too high between SE1/4-36-Kingston

Township and SW1/4-31-130-52-Richland County. Mr. Illies would like the culvert lowered. Mark feels that the culvert is about field level and lowering it doesn't appear to do any good. This Board did not give anyone permission to install the culvert so a letter will be sent to Richland County with that information.

Mark reported he met with Weber Township on a culvert request from Orvis Silseth (NW1/4-13-129-55). The township is not in favor of a culvert being installed and does not feel there was a culvert in this area. This is also an easement slough. The Board will respond to Mr. Silseth that due to no existing culvert, they do feel a culvert is necessary.

Harold Lawrence reported that a large culvert that the Water Board owns was blown into Drain No. 3. The culvert was placed on the north side of the drain along the fence line.

Mark visited with fence contractors on the Brummond-Lubke Dam. Two of the contractors will come up and look at the project and prepare bids. Mark asked some of the Board members to meet with him when the contractors look at the dam. He will contact Boyd Brummond to accompany them on the investigation.

The North Dakota State Water Commission requested information from this Board regarding potential water management projects and programs, timing of implementation and estimated costs of projects located in Sargent County. The Board will review the project and make a recommendation at the March 2002 meeting.

Roger White reported on a water problem in Vivian Township. FEMA has inspected and has determined that it needs an equalizer culvert. Grant Vivian Township permission to install a 24-inch equalizer culvert between NW1/4 of SW1/4-7-132-57. (Engst/Ptacek, unanimous)

Meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

DANNY JACOBSON - CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

SHERRY HOSFORD - SECRETARY