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Dickey-Sargent Joint Water Resource
Board Special Meeting
Video Conference
Originating at the Sargent County Courthouse
Forman, North Dakota
July 18th, 2024 – 8:00 a.m.

In attendance at the Sargent County Courthouse, Forman, ND, on April 18th, 2024 at 8:00 a.m. was Chairman Steve Hansen, and Vice-Chairman John Quandt of the Dickey County Water Resource Board. Sargent County Water Resource board members in attendance were Lucas Siemieniewski, Roger Zetocha, Todd Stein, Bruce Speich and Michael Wyum. Also present at the courthouse were Wendy Willprecht Secretary-Treasurer, Nathan Trosen and Brady Woodard of Moore Engineering, Noah Hazard of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Richard Ruch, Jerry Meide, Miles Thompson, Scott and Paul Mund. Others present via video conferencing were: Sean Fredricks, the board's attorney, and Stephen Hilfer of Ohnstad Twichell, Sargent County Commissioner Scott Johnson and landowner Leon Mallberg.

At 8:00 a.m. Chairman Steve Hansen called the meeting to order.

BILLS:

The following bills were presented for approval and payment:

1. Bills:

DVEC – electricity –	\$ 379.00
Dakota Pump & Control-install float	\$1,116.00

A motion was made by Manager Stein and seconded by Manager Quandt to approve the bills. Upon roll call, the motion carried unanimously. We can expect a bill around \$1500 to come for the expense of the transducer.

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Manager Zetocha and seconded by Manager Quandt to approve the April 18th, 2024, meeting minutes. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

JACKSON DRAIN MAINTENANCE:

Vice-Chairman Quandt said that one of the pumps was repaired by DCP and now it was running well. Quandt said that the flap gate on the downhill side was stuck open causing back flow. He was able to get the gate free. It is working for now, but he is looking at a cost of replacement.

Sweeney Controls was down looking at the pump to inspect the lower level where parts have been eaten away by muskrats. Also, the transducer has not been functioning efficiently. Sweeney was going to send out a new transducer. Hansen and Quandt will try to install the transducer themselves once they receive it.

Quandt said the pump was running 20 seconds per minute. The pump was off for about 10 days due to the non-functioning transducer. Quandt noted that the water is a little high, about 1,303.

Hansen said that Larson Helicopter is unable to spray the drain. Engineer Brady Woodard volunteered to reach out to Dakota Helicopter and put a spray map together. It was noted that it is mainly trees that need to be sprayed. Quandt offered to try and do the spraying himself first.

APPLICATION FOR SURFACE DRAIN NO. 6311 for Travis Thompson in Sections 13 and 24 of Lovell Township

The Board reviewed the RECORD OF DECISION issued by the Department of Water Resources (“DWR”) regarding APPLICATION FOR SURFACE DRAIN NO. 6311 for Applicant Travis Thompson. DWR referred this Application to the Sargent County Water Resource District because DWR concluded that, even though the physical improvements for the project will be in Dickey County, the majority of the watershed impacted by the project is in Sargent County.

Under APPLICATION NO. 6311, Applicant seeks to construct a lateral to the Lovell Improvement Project in Section 24 and the West Half of Section 13 in Lovell Township, Dickey County, North Dakota. Lovell Improvement Project is permitted under SURFACE DRAIN PERMIT NO. 4757. The channel improvements will commence near the northeast corner of the Southeast Quarter of Section 24; the channel will run to the south, along the east boundary of the Southeast Quarter of Section 24 until reaching the southeast corner of the Southeast Quarter; the channel will then run to the west along the south boundary of the Southeast Quarter; the channel will then run to the north along the west boundary of Section 24 and the west boundary of Section 13. The project will outlet into the Lovell Improvement Project channel at the northwest corner of the Northwest Quarter of Section 13.

The project will include a control structure a half-mile south of the outlet into the Lovell Improvement Project channel; Applicant will close the control structure when the water surface elevation of the Lovell Improvement Project reaches an elevation of 1,303.3 feet at the east riser 1,200 feet west of the section line between Sections 10 and 11 in Lovell Township. The current O&M Plan for the Lovell Improvement Project at the same east riser requires closure of the main channel and lateral culverts at a water surface elevation of 1303.8 feet (six inches higher than the project proposed under APPLICATION NO. 6311) and requires that all subsurface drainage pumps be shut off at water surface elevation of 1303.6 feet (3.6 inches higher than the project proposed under APPLICATION NO. 6311).

Manager Quandt expressed concerns that DWR forwarded this drain application to the Sargent County Water Resource District when none of the project components will be constructed in Sargent County. The Board agreed that the water resource district where a project will be constructed should be the WRD that processes and ultimately approves any surface permit. Manager Siemieniewski moved to direct Sean Fredricks to submit a request to the Department of Water Resources to direct future surface drain applications to the Dickey-Sargent Joint WRD for all projects that propose any discharge into, or that would otherwise impact, the Jackson Drain or the Lovell Improvement Project (permitted under Surface Drain Permit No. 4757). Manager Stein seconded the motion. Upon roll call, the motion carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The financials for June 30th, 2024 were not available:

DSJWRD-Jackson Improvement Fund \$

DSJWRD-Jackson Improvement Maintenance Fund \$

Next meeting will be in October 17th, 2024.

The meeting adjourned at 8:19 a.m.

APPROVED:

Steven Hansen, Chair

ATTEST:

Wendy Willprecht, Secretary-Treasurer