

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SARGENT COUNTY WATER RESOURCE BOARD HELD ON THURSDAY, MARCH 15, 2007 AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE COMMISSIONERS ROOM, SARGENT COUNTY COURTHOUSE, FORMAN, ND

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

Approve reinvesting CD 12372 for 6 months and CD Nos. 12375 and 12376 for 12 months. (Jacobson/White, unanimous)

Approve February 15, 2007 minutes as presented and January and February financial statement. (Bosse/Jacobson, unanimous)

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

56792 Jim Bosse	Travel	104.36
56793 Mark Breker	Travel	109.98
56794 Dave Titus Excavating Inc.	Dr # 11/Sargent Twp-Sec. 26	412.50
56795 Richard Engst	Travel	66.18
56796 David Hassebroek	Beaver removal-Dr # 11	50.00
56797 Dan Jacobson	Travel	63.12
56798 Roger White	Travel	89.40
56869 Mark Breker	6 PD less 36.72	443.28
56870 Danny Jacobson	6 PD less 36.72	443.28
56871 Sherry Hosford	Sec. Salary less 20.40 taxes	246.27
56872 Richard Engst	4 PD less 24.48	295.52
56873 Roger White	4 PD less 24.48	295.52
56874 James Bosse	5 PD less 30.60	369.40
DD Sargent County Bank	Withholding taxes	348.13

Tom Mund, Scott Mund, Wade Kuehn and Dick Kuehn, Craig Speich and a conference call from Marlyn Bogart met with the Board to discuss an Application to Drain No. 3156 from Thomas W. Mund of Milnor, ND. This application requests a permit to construct a tile drain system in NE1/4 and SE1/4 31-132-53. The tiling will be in approximately 70 acres of land. The system will have a sump pump in the Northeast corner of the section evidently to elevate drain water to the surface highway ditch. The ND State Water Commission has determined the application to not be of either statewide or inter-district significance. Mr. Mund proceeded to explain the purpose of the application. Mr. Bogart expressed his opposition to the permit. Mr. Mund would like to improve his property so that he can drain his land but it is at high water table and tile will take this down. The water will be pumped in the road ditch and will flow down the ditch to the natural watercourse. Mr. Mund feels that this could improve the water flow but there is concern about impact on downstream landowners. Mr. Mund offered to clean out the township road ditch or the natural drain, whichever can be negotiated with Mr. Dick Kuehn and Mr. Marlyn Bogart. The Board will do some investigating and table any decision until these issues have been addressed. Mr. Bogart is concerned about who will replace the culvert into the private drive.

Alex Breker, General Irrigation Supply, Oakes met with the Board to introduce himself and offer to do some cleaning work on drains or de-watering work for Sargent County. They have pumps and other equipment to lay tile and would rent equipment for other jobs. The contact person would be Dana Rosendahl.

John Hayen, Cogswell inquired about Drain No. 11 project in Section 27 of Sargent Township. The Board recently received information from NRCS that will be sent to Lonnie Hoffer, ND FEMA.

John Hayen and Ed Juran, Sargent Township officers met with the Board to discuss a bill from Titus Excavating Inc. for work on Drain No. 11. There was a washout in the township road ditch along Section 26 and the Water Board had it streamlined and filled with rock because the dirt was going into the drain. The Township is seeking some cost share on the total cost of \$825. Motion to pay one-half of the bill. (Bosse/Jacobson, unanimous)

The Board proceeded to discuss the meeting with Richland County Water Board regarding forming a joint board on SC Drain No. 3 and Richland Co. Drain 11. Another meeting has been scheduled in Sargent County for March 29 to further discuss this venture. There is concern about how this joint board will work with all the wetlands involved.

Discussed the assessment areas for Drain Nos. 15, 17 and 18. Sherry will do additional checking on any right of way that was acquired and whether these drains can be abandoned.

Other old business issues were discussed including fence work at Nelson Dam, repairs to areas inspected during the annual dam inspection, Nelson Watershed work, David Totenhagen complaint, CRP leveling and seeding on Bernie Planteen land in Section 17 of Taylor Township and leveling spoil bank on Drain No. 12 in Marboe Township by Robert Lee.

The Water Board met with the commissioners on March 6 to discuss culvert replacement on Drain No. 11 on County Road 3. They also discussed adding a curved section onto the box culvert on County Road 14 and Drain No. 3. Mark reported there was water on the road last night and the county road crew was flagging it. The county backhoe removed some of the dirt along this area and at a meeting today with the commissioners, it was decided that Sparky Engquist will visit with Dana Banish and ask him to remove the extra fill that Mr. Banish placed there last year to alleviate the water going on the county road. The commissioners approved 40% cost share participation in replacement of culvert on Co. Road #3 west of Elwood Anderson's between sections 23/26-130-57 on legal drain #11 with work being done by Titus Excavating. Damon DeVillers, Interstate Engineering submitted three options to alleviate ditch bank erosion on County Road #14 south of Geneseo on Drain #3. After discussion of options with the members of the county commission, a motion was made to proceed with Option #1 to add four curved sections to the box culvert at an estimated cost of \$26950. The County and the Water Resource District will cost share 60%/40% with the County Road Dept. doing the work. Following the March 6 meeting, there is concern that the angle may not be worth the cost of the project. Commissioner Wyum was going to contact Damon DeVillers, engineer to put the project on hold. Duayne Baldwin, landowner is willing to let the water spread out on his land and eliminate the need for this angle culvert. Mark will look at the area once the water recedes and the county commissioners will discuss the project at their next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

MARK BREKER - CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

SHERRY HOSFORD - AUDITOR