

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SARGENT COUNTY WATER RESOURCE BOARD HELD ON THURSDAY, MARCH 16, 2000 AT 9:00 A.M. IN THE COMMISSIONERS ROOM, SARGENT COUNTY COURTHOUSE, FORMAN, ND

The meeting was called to order with the following present: Dan Jacobson, John Totenhagen, Randy Ptacek, Richard Engst and Mark Breker. Absent none.

Approve February 17, 2000 minutes and January, 2000 financial statement. (Totenhagen/Engst, unanimous)

Discussed CD renewal. Renew all CD's for 12 months with interest to be added to the principal. (Totenhagen/Ptacek, unanimous)

Dan talked to Jeff Volk about assessment area for the dams. Jeff found some information at the Fargo office about these areas. He has been out of town and will proceed with the research.

Lysle Coleman, Ray Brockman, Steve Wyum and Bernie Vculek met with the Board regarding the request from Bernie Vculek to agree to a study of Drain No. 11. The Water Board would like to wait and finish the work on the drain and see how it works after the completion of the project. The Water Board is working on an application to the Corps of Engineers on the Al Illig land in the S1/2-9-129-56 (Taylor Township) to clean this area which is a portion of the Wild Rice River. The commissioners feel there is a blockage in the area that flows from White Lake, South Dakota and enters the river along ND Highway 32. The Water Board reviewed the remaining work on Drain No. 11 and their plans. Lysle Coleman stated this is a Water Board decision and the commissioners want to continue the good working relationship with the Water Board. Steve Wyum agreed and commended the Water Board on their communication with the commission and the constituents of the county. There is a question on what area this study will cover. The study is planned to be the whole system (Drain No. 11) up to ND Highway 13. The Water Board is hopeful that the remaining work can commence early summer.

Bernie Vculek stated he has read minutes from the Water Board from April 1984 regarding obstructions to watercourses. What are the penalties for obstructions? Bernie also expressed his concern that culverts are obstructing the watercourse. The culverts that were sized by the Water Board were to coincide with the culverts downstream. Bernie feels that someone else should study the drain and see what restrictions are present. He feels the drain will work if there are not restrictions. The Board does not agree that there are restrictions in the drain with the exception of a pipe that hasn't been replaced. The Board is concerned about the money situation and taxing the people at \$1.50/acre. Randy Ptacek would like to consider the study and see if there is a problem. The Water Board is also pursuing the water coming in from Ransom County. They also do not feel they have to go to Rochester, MN to hire an individual, who is not an engineer, to conduct a study.

Discussed a problem in Denver Township with cattle dying. The Agriculture Department has investigated and found a certain chemical that is in the water the cattle are drinking and dying. The Ag. Dept. will continue the investigation.

Titus is available to continue with work on Drain No. 11 and within a couple months the work could begin. The area of work will begin at the railroad and continue south to Mezarous Slough.

Randy reported he checked the southwest branch of Drain No. 11 and there is a slough in Section 1-129-58 that was not cleaned (approximately ¾ mile). At the time that area was cleaned, the slough was full of water and the contractor was unable to clean. It is possible that the slough can be cleaned this summer. Another area on the drain by Banderet's should be cleaned out at the same time.

Mark looked at the Jerome Wisnewski problem and could see the drain area. He hasn't heard anymore from Mr. Wisnewski. The Board will look at the site during annual dam inspection.

Dan talked to Ken Forster and NRCS will not do anything about the map that the State Water Commission provided. Dan will investigate with Mr. Forster and prepare a map with the drainage area.

Jeff Volk sent an image map of the outlet to Drain No. 11. The south half of Section 9-129-56 is the area that the Board is applying for a permit to clean from the Corps of Engineers. Dan was instructed to finalize the permit and submit to the COE.

Mark had a phone call from Jim Gaukler, Sr. about his concern with the culvert between Richland and Sargent County. The flap is not installed. Agreed to send a letter to Richland County

John talked to Duane Johnson, Gwinner about his request to install a culvert in Gwinner City near the Gwinner Oil Shop. The culvert is along the state highway and within the city limits. This request should be coordinated with ND State

Highway Department and Gwinner City. Send a letter to Mr. Johnson with this decision.

Randy talked to Fred Holmgren about his request for a culvert extension near his home. Mr. Holmgren asked for both sides but Randy felt that one side (10-foot) extension would be adequate. A culvert, located across a township road on Drain No. 11, requires an extension and will be ordered and Jerry Bohnenkamp contacted to install between Section 11/14-129-58.

Mileage allowance will increase to \$.275 per mile effective April 1, 2000 according to a letter from the county commissioners.

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

38803 Mark Breker	Travel	9.00
38804 Richard Engst	Travel	12.50
38805 Danny Jacobson	Travel	16.00
38806 Randy Ptacek	Travel	12.00
38807 John Totenhagen	Travel	9.50
14959 Mark Breker	1 PD less 4.59 taxes	55.41
14960 Danny Jacobson	3 PD less 13.77 taxes	166.23
14961 John Totenhagen	1 PD less 4.59 taxes	55.41
14962 Sherry Hosford	Sec. Salary less 20.40	246.27
14963 Richard Engst	1 PD less 4.59 taxes	55.41
14964 Randy Ptacek	2 PD less 9.18 taxes	110.82

Meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

DAN JACOBSON - CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

SHERRY HOSFORD - SECRETARY