

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SARGENT COUNTY WATER RESOURCE BOARD HELD ON THURSDAY, MARCH 17, 2005 AT 9:30 A.M. IN THE COMMISSIONERS ROOM, SARGENT COUNTY COURTHOUSE, FORMAN, ND**

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

Approve February 24, 2005 minutes and financial statement. (Jacobson/White, unanimous)

Discussed the interest rate for CD's. Four CD's will mature 4/7/05. Approve renewing the CD's for twelve months at 2.72% and purchase another CD for \$220,000 for twelve months. (Jacobson/Engst, unanimous)

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

51664 Mark Breker	Travel	38.76
51665 Richard Engst	Travel	63.92
51666 Dan Jacobson	Travel	6.12
51667 Randy Ptacek	Travel	13.60
51668 Roger White	Travel	79.56
51738 Mark Breker	4 PD less 18.36	221.64
51739 Danny Jacobson	3 PD less 13.77	166.23
51740 Sherry Hosford	Sec salary less 20.40	246.27
51741 Richard Engst	4 PD less 18.36	221.64
51742 Randy Ptacek	2 PD less 9.18	110.82
51743 Roger White	3 PD less 13.77	166.23
DD Sargent County Bank	Withholding taxes	187.68

Joe Breker, Havana, met with the Board to submit an application to drain and discuss a plan to tile land located in the W1/2-5-129-54 LTL. The outlet would go in the Frenier Dam drain. The plan proposes that the tile come into the ditch at the ½ mile line and another 300 yds from the north end of the ditch. The plans show different size tiles and either 12 or 15 inch will flow into the ditch. The bottom of the ditch is about 2' below the lay of the land. There is 10 foot of drop from the beginning down to four feet at the end. The engineer is proposing five inlets into the ditch; two at the eastside, one from the west and 2 at the north. They plan to take the bottom of the ditch and clean fairly flat and stair step up a foot with rock, which will slow down the water. At certain peak flow there will be a backup of water but the rest of the tile would function and as the water goes down, the water table would take it through the tile. The work would be in mid-summer. There will be no expense for this project to the Board. The Board plans to continue from the earlier work on the refuge to the south and will proceed with that work in this area. The Board will look at the easements, coordinate with the engineer and contractor for the staking of the work and the cleaning work will proceed to the end of the ditch. Approve the Permit to Drain. (Jacobson/Engst, unanimous)

The Board read a Permit from NDDOT for Brian Vculek to remove water from the SW1/4-24-132-58. NDDOT required a hydraulic study for this permit and approval was granted to the SC Water Resource Board with several conditions. A call was placed to NDDOT questioning the liability of the county. The state suggested a written agreement between the applicant and the Water Board on constructing this channel in the north ditch of ND 13 in the SE1/4-23 and SW1/4-24-132-58. The Board placed a call to Richland County Water Board to ask about their protocol for this type of permit. No one was available at that office and the Board will wait to hear from their Secretary.

The State Water Commission notified the Secretary that the Silver Lake Stabilization Project will be carried forward to the 2005-2007 biennium and the agreement with an extension date will be amended and sent to the Board.

Kurt Breker had water coming into his yard from Drain No. 3 (along Short Foot Creek). Mark Breker and Steve Wyum, County Commissioner, inspected the drain and looked at the area and indicated that the legal drains have water in the ditch but a few areas have water that is out in the fields. They also looked at Park Lake in Richland County and no water is coming out of the lake at this time. No water appeared to be running or coming through the culverts. Mark will visit with the landowners and see if they are in favor of establishing an assessment area for the Short Foot Creek.

USDA/Wildlife Services programs informed the Board that the beaver management program has not been funded and USDA will curtail this program service.

Richard reported that the Tri-County Board will meet on April 12 in Milnor to review some cleaning that is being proposed on the drain.

The Water Board is scheduled to meet with the Sargent County Commissioners on Tuesday, March 22 at 1:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

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MARK BREKER - CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

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SHERRY HOSFORD - SECRETARY