

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SARGENT COUNTY WATER RESOURCE BOARD
HELD ON THURSDAY, MARCH 18, 2010 AT 9:00 A.M. IN THE COMMISSIONERS
ROOM, SARGENT COUNTY COURTHOUSE, FORMAN, ND**

Managers present: Jim Bosse, Richard Engst and Roger White.
Absent: Mark Breker and Chris McFarland.

Approve February 18, 2010 minutes and February financial statement.
(Engst/White, unanimous)

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

62182 James Bosse	Travel	118.50
62183 Richard Engst	Travel	62.00
62184 Gladen Construction Inc.WCI#1 (Dr # 7)		53,642.23

62185 David Hoffer	# Beaver removal - SCWCI#1	150.00
62186 Roger White	Travel	204.50
4321 Sherry Hosford	Sec. salary less 24.22	292.45
4322 Richard Engst	4 PD less 36.72	443.28
4323 Roger White	5 PD less plus \$15 meals less 47.05	567.95
4324 James Bosse	8 PD less 76.44	883.56
DD Sargent County Bank	Withholding taxes	366.81

Hap McCleery, Mayor of Milnor and Lorraine Jacobson, reporter The Sargent County Teller requested a meeting with the Board. Mr. McCleery was unable to attend but Lorraine Jacobson joined the meeting via conference call. The discussion was regarding an article in the paper a few months ago that concerned this Board. Ms. Jacobson informed the Board that she is to report what is said and she would put the comments in a quote. If other issues need to be cleared up she is willing to work with the Board and Secretary Sherry Hosford to learn what has happened in the past years so the public can understand what the responsibilities of this Board are and to the City of Milnor. Everyone agreed to work together to get this misunderstanding resolved.

Dennis and Casey Decker, Gwinner and Jeff Anderson, Gwinner City Auditor met with the Board to discuss an undersized culvert under ND Highway 13 on the west edge of Gwinner that is not adequate to handle the water. Jeff Anderson provided numbers on elevation. On the south side of the highway it is 1256.13 and on the north side 1255.53. On the south side railroad track it is 1254.57 - north side is lower and they knew it was wrong when installed but thought it would be addressed when the culvert in the highway was replaced.

Mike Walstead, Chairman, Sargent County Commission stopped by the meeting.

Sherry read a letter from North Dakota Department of Transportation addressed to the Water Board dated February 14, 2000 regarding this location. At that time NDDOT responded that they were not anticipating any major improvements for at least another 10 years to ND #13 and if a problem still exists when they plan their next improvements in that area they would work with the Sargent County Water Board and consider any modifications at that time.

The Decker's stated that additional water is flowing into this area because the culvert through the railroad is filled because the culvert is caving in. In addition the culvert under ND #13 is not in the best shape.

The Decker's would like the water to drain from their land and it is not moving. The water is going south and east and should go north.

Roger White suggested contacting an engineer to study the volume of water and make a recommendation to NDDOT.

Mike Walstead placed a call to Damon DeVillers, Interstate Engineering, Inc. do a hydrology study and to contact NDDOT for their plans on the future on this roadway. Mr. DeVillers responded that he has completed a hydrology study in a portion of this area and would do a further study on this.

A meeting was scheduled for everyone in attendance at this meeting to meet with the county commission on April 6th with Mr. DeVillers to review the results of the hydrology study and then decide how to proceed.

Sherry received an email from Kurt Lysne containing the final bill on the culvert project east of Milnor located on Drain # 7 (WCI#1). The total due is \$53,642.23 (The first payment-\$11,003.40 has been approved by this Board at a previous meeting). Mr. Lysne also included Change Order No. 1 (this is mainly for foundation material to deal with bad soil conditions, but also included a 36" culvert that needed to be replaced just north of the box culvert) and Balancing Change Order (this shows the increase in contract price for the change order items and other items that were used more than the bid quantity. This also shows the decrease in contract price for items that will not be completed by Gladen Construction (Richard Engst, board member agreed to do the seeding and mulching). The final contract price after increases and decreases is \$64,645.63. Motion to approve Change Order No. 1, Balancing Change Order and final payment of \$53,642.23. (White/Engst, unanimous)

Jim Bosse had been contacted by Don Glarum, Mandan, ND who owns land on Drain No. 9 where tree piles are still located. It appears that this Board does not have any easements for this portion of the drain. Jim placed a called to Attorney Fredrick's and he will prepare paper work for the Glarum's to consider.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00.

JAMES BOSSE - CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

SHERRY HOSFORD - SECRETARY