

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SARGENT COUNTY WATER RESOURCE BOARD HELD ON THURSDAY, MARCH 18, 1999 AT 9:00 A.M. IN THE 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 minutes and financial statement. (Totenhagen/Engst, unanimous)

Reinvest one CD for six months and renew other for 12 months. (Engst/Ptacek, unanimous)

Mike Paczkowski and Gerald Baker met with the Board to discuss Drain No. 2. The Board explained some concerns with said drain and asked Mr. Baker's opinion on the boundary of the drain. Some of the proposed southern portion does not receive benefit but some on the north end could be extended. Mr. Baker would be in favor of raising his assessment 20% and lowering Mr. Nelson's 20%. The Board asked if he would split the 2 percentages and each pay 70%. He agreed if Mr. Nelson would allow work to clean up the area downstream. The Board will prepare the papers and contact Mr. Baker. Raise NE1/4-10-131-53 to 70% and lower SW1/4-11-131-53 to 70%. (Totenhagen/Engst, unanimous)

Jim Bosse, Maynard Lien and Lysle Coleman arrived at the meeting. The Board honored Mike Paczkowski for 25 years of service to the Sargent County Water Resource Board. Cake and coffee were served and a plaque presented to Mike.

Mark Breker left the meeting at 10:40.

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

36363 Mark Breker	Travel	18.00
36364 Richard Engst	Travel	25.00
36365 Sherry Hosford	Supplies	21.84
36366 Danny Jacobson	Travel & phone	21.00
36367 Moore Eng. Inc.	Drain No. 2	210.00
36368 Randy Ptacek	Travel	5.00
36369 John Totenhagen	Travel	44.50
36370 Wayne Trophies	Plaque	29.00
14150 Mark Breker	2 PD less 9.18 taxes	110.82
14151 Danny Jacobson	4 PD less 18.36 taxes	221.64
14152 John Totenhagen	3 PD less 13.77 taxes	166.23
14153 Sherry Hosford	Sec. Salary less 20.40	246.27
14154 Richard Engst	2 PD less 9.18 taxes	110.82
14155 Randy Ptacek	1 PD less 4.59 taxes	55.41

Discussed the damaged culvert for Drain No. 11. The Board feels that they hired Titus Excavating to do the work and he was confident he could do the work. The Board will pay \$604.08 for the additional length and asked Mr. Titus to pay the balance of \$13,540.78. The Board will send a letter to Mr. Titus.

County Road 3 intersects Drain No. 11 on the south side of Mezarous Slough and a culvert needs replacement. The Board discussed replacing with 2 four-foot squash pipes and will coordinate with the county road department for replacement.

Joe Breker and Kent Carpenter, Wild Rice Soil Conservation District and Ron Herr, NRCS met with the Board to discuss the water quality 319 project. They have been monitoring some of the surface streams in the county. This started in 1996, skipped 1997 and completed in 1998. ND Health Department contacted the SCD and informed them there is money available to go to the phase of implementing the project. They provide cost share dollars for the project. The project is a 5-year project and may be expanded to a 10-year project. April 15th is the deadline for money distribution. Local cash is equal to 40% of the total project. In-kind funds are used to support the total figure and cash out-of-pocket is decreased because of this. Producers in the county could be eligible for funds to do certain practices under this program. WRSCD would like to include the entire watershed district and work with the people in this area. Joe explained another project about nesting areas with Ducks Unlimited. These two projects can be joined and use DU monies as local matching for the 319 project. The Water Board would contribute start up money and cooperation in proceeding with these projects. SCD hasn't decided as a Board on any amounts but would appreciate any monetary participation. The Water Board feels this is a worthwhile project and would be helpful to Sargent County residents. They will support SCD over a five-year period and decide on monetary commitment at a future meeting.

Glen Thompson asked for culverts in his area and would like Bernie Vculek's culverts (Structure plate pipe-arch-11'10"x7'7") to give a higher ditch level. To extend the culverts would cost about \$3,000 to \$5,200. S1/2 Mezarous Slough 29-130-57 has 100% assessment on this area. It hasn't been drained for years and he would like the Board to consider reducing the assessment.

Dan reported that the State Health Dept. tested the water throughout the drain system and Silver Lake. Oxygen levels were present throughout the drain and good at the bridge south of Forman. Levels were checked in the middle of Silver Lake

and were good. Reports have been received that people are catching fish at the lake.

The Board received a letter from Jeff Olson, Hydrologist, Office of State Engineer. The emergency drain permits issued to Cogswell City (2860) and Forman City (2861) expired January 2, 1999. Both drains should be closed according to the conditions of the permits. Letter will be sent to both mayors and ask for their attention on closing these drains and a letter informing this Board what date they were closed.

Dennis Decker, Gwinner, called the Board about culvert problems on the west edge of Gwinner City. The 36-inch culvert under the state highway is 1.6 feet higher than the 48-inch culvert through the railroad. He also indicated that several other new developments have attributed to more water through this area and it is causing problems with excessive water. He feels the culvert in the state highway was installed improperly. The Board agreed to contact their engineer to get a survey of the culverts that are in question.

The meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

DAN JACOBSON, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

SHERRY HOSFORD, SECRETARY