

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SARGENT COUNTY WATER RESOURCE BOARD HELD ON THURSDAY, MARCH 22, 2001 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, Randy Ptacek, Richard Engst, Mark Breker and John Totenhagen. Absent none.

Approve minutes and financial statement. (Totenhagen/Engst, unanimous)

Approve reinvesting CD Nos. 32790, 32791 and 33896 for twelve months. (Ptacek/Breker, unanimous)

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

40982 Mark Breker	Travel	31.20
40983 Richard Engst	Travel	42.00
40984 Dan Jacobson	Travel	74.40
40985 Randy Ptacek	Travel	25.80
40986 John Totenhagen	Travel	45.30
15840 Mark Breker	4 PD less 18.36	221.64
15841 Dan Jacobson	4 PD less 18.36	221.64
15842 John Totenhagen	3 PD less 13.77	166.23
15843 Sherry Hosford	Sec. Salary less 20.40	246.27
15844 Richard Engst	3 Pd less 13.77	166.23
15845 Randy Ptacek	4 PD less 18.36	221.64
DD Sargent County Bank	Matching social security	206.04

The Board discussed the assessment area for the watershed dams. A meeting was scheduled for April 3 at 9:30 a.m. to present to the county commissioners for approval.

Drain No. 8, which is south of the City of Rutland, was discussed and the Secretary was instructed to proceed with preparing the list to include the various blocks and lots in the city.

Larry Lindbergh met with the Board and thanked them for support on Project 319. He reviewed the progress of the project and reported that 7200 acres were in no-till, 9300 acres mulch till and 12,000 nutrient management. This represents 12% tillable land and they are looking for 40% within the next 5 years. There were 3 different pasture rotations last year and working with F&W for more. He has had a good working relationship with F&W. Silver Lake improvement on the bank erosions is another project, which he submitted to GCD and looks favorable. The 319 monies will come from the Red River riparian for Silver Lake. He has worked with the schools and presented several programs. Discussed the Silver Lake project and a suggestion to have the Park Board, Water Board, State Water Commission, Red River Riparian Board and Garrison Diversion representative's meet to discuss the scope of work.

Jack Lalor, Tewaukon Refuge, met with the Board to discuss the Channel No. 2 that flows into Hepi Lake. He has researched the area and found the easement records for the channel. He questioned the Board on the plans to prepare an assessment area. There is a maintenance agreement with NRCS and he obtained a copy of that document. All the right-of-ways refer to a drawing, which he found in the T2 file at NRCS. The slope of the channel is a concern and he has worked his way down the channel and doesn't have the measurement for the slope but there is a drop of approximately 1-½ feet. He asked about the Board's plans to develop an assessment area. There is also right-of-way going into Sprague Lake. The area has been cleaned up to the fence. He asked that F & W be kept informed on the progress and would like to work together on the project.

The public hearing on Head of the Mountain Nature Preserve at Frenier Dam was held on March 19 in Rutland. The comments received were favorable to include bow hunting, muzzleloader, trapping and upland game and waterfowl. Those in attendance were not in favor of any rifle activities. Allowing hunting would keep the deer population from nesting in this area and reduce the population. The refuge hunting season for pheasant and the deer gun season in South Dakota move the deer to this area and they stay. Approve sending a letter to North Dakota Parks and Recreation requesting that the nature preserve be opened to the above activities. (Breker/Engst, unanimous)

Discussed an easement for the E1/2 of NW1/4 and NE1/4 of SW1/4 in Section 11-129-55 and agreed to prepare an easement for Darren W. Hoistad to sign to give the Water Board ingress and egress to the Water Channel No. 1. All other easements are in place for this channel.

Sandy Hanson has been contacted to assist with preparing an Emergency Action Plan on Frenier Dam and Brummond-Lubke Dam. Dan will talk to her and invite her to the April meeting.

The Board received a letter from USDA on the aging watershed dams. Legislation has been approved but at this time no funding has been appropriated. USDA is requesting information on the assessment on rehabilitation needs of Frenier,

Brummond-Lubke and Nelson Dam. An application for funding to make these repairs must be submitted before April 13. Authorize the Chairman to sign an application on behalf on the Board.

Drain No. 2 needs some tree removal and there is a culvert in the county road by Section 9/10 in Herman Township that is at least 8 inches to high. Mr. Foertsch talked to the county road supervisor about lowering and he was informed that it would be replaced. The Board will visit with the commissioners on April 3 to discuss the culvert. The tree removal was discussed and the Board agreed to contact the Hutterites to remove the trees.

Drain No. 11 proposed work for 2001 was reviewed and the Board agreed to send a letter to landowners and renters informing them that the Board plans to clean 5 miles from Section 26 in Sargent Township to the outlet. This letter would let them know the scope of work and ask for their cooperation. The Board would not commence work until and crops are harvested. A list of landowners/renters will be compiled and a letter mailed in April.

Dan placed a call to Jeff Volk to inquire on the FEMA appeal. He is working on it and we should have the information by this week or next.

ND State Health Dept. contacted Dan Jacobson regarding the Mickey Willprecht property north of Forman. Their concern is all the vehicles that are sitting in Water. They are directing Mr. Willprecht to remove the vehicles by August 1 or they will proceed with legal action. Dan directed the NDHD to contact Ron Herr, NRCS and US Fish and Wildlife Service to review the water level and the high water mark of the adjacent wetlands.

Mark received a letter from the Red River Reconnaissance Study. They have provided their website address and invite comments to discuss the background, purpose and framework/process for the RRRS.

Meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

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DANNY JACOBSON - CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

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SHERRY HOSFORD - SECRETARY