MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SARGENT COUNTY WATER RESOURCE BOARD HELD ON FRIDAY, MARCH 22, 2002 AT 9:30 A.M. IN THE COMMISSIONERS ROOM, SARGENT COUNTY COURTHOUSE, FORMAN, ND

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

February 21, 2002 minutes and financial statement. (Engst/White, Approve unanimous)

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

43023 Mark Breker	Travel, tire repair and fuel	94.68
43024 Dyste's	Retirement party expenses	16.15
43025 Richard Engst	Travel	62.00
43026 Dan Jacobson	Travel	63.86
43027 Randy Ptacek	Travel	6.20
43028 Roger White	Travel	66.34
16736 Mark Breker	5 PD less 22.95	277.05
16737 Danny Jacobson	2 PD less 9.18	110.82
16738 Sherry Hosford	Sec. Salary less 20.40	246.27
16739 Richard Engst	2 PD less 9.18	110.82
16740 Randy Ptacek	1 PD less 4.59	55.41
16741 Roger White	2 PD less 9.18	110.82
DD Sargent County Bank	Withholding taxes	151.76

The Board received the 60% reimbursement (\$25,440) from the Red River Riparian Board for the Silver Lake project. The tree planting portion of the project is being put together and after all the materials are gathered, Mr. Rush will prepare the information for receiving bids.

Owen Brennan, FEMA contacted Dan last month requesting maps and information from the appeal for Drain No. 11. They are still working on it in Denver.

The Board reviewed the Easement prepared by Mr. Breitling for Drain No. 7 with Douglas and Janel Ruby. The easement will be presented to the Ruby's for their review.

Discussion followed on the Tewaukon Watershed assessment and the extension of SC Water Channel Imp. #1.

Mark Breker presented two bids for fencing at Brummond-Lubke Dam. Melius Fencing and Jim River Fencing submitted bids of \$5,678 and \$6,820 respectively. This is for removing the old and installing the new fence and does not include the materials. Approve bid from Melius Fencing with the understanding that the price may increase depending on how many wood line posts can be salvaged. (Engst/Ptacek, unanimous)

The Project Information and Cost-Share Request form from the ND State Water Commission was discussed and the Board agreed to submit the following projects: Brummond-Lubke Dam T1A repairs, Nelson Dam repairs, preliminary engineering of water channels, natural and legal drains study.

John and Jan Totenhagen, Jim Bosse, Mike Paczkowski, Bill Smith and Ray Brockman arrived at the meeting and the Water Board proceeded to honor John Totenhagen for 20 years of service to the county on this Board. A plaque was presented to John and cake and coffee served in his honor.

Red River Basin Board requested \$1920 to support water management planning and advocacy activities in the Red River Basin. Tabled.

The tree piles on the CRP at Tom Siemieniewski's were discussed and Mark called the Richland County office. They replied that he could burn them and so he did complete that project. Darwayne Crandall will go in with the cat and bury the piles. A letter will be sent to Richland County that the burning was completed on March 14, 2002 and there was no habitat destroyed. We appreciate your cooperation with this Board.

The Board received a letter from Lucille VanVlaenderen regarding a water problem on her property. The renter has cut a ditch into the county road ditch and concerned that the water won't get to the ditch and will flood her yard and barn. The Board has looked at this in the past and had the county do some work with the road and culvert. Mark will talk to Ron Herr at NRCS to see if there are any conservation problems involved in this situation.

Roger and Richard attended the meeting in Fargo on Wednesday and reviewed changes in the Water User's Handbook. They talked about court cases and discussed powers, duties and responsibilities of Water Resource Districts.

Meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

ATTEST:

SHERRY HOSFORD - SECRETARY