

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SARGENT COUNTY WATER RESOURCE BOARD HELD ON THURSDAY, APRIL 15, 1999 AT 8:00 P.M. IN THE SARGENT COUNTY COURTHOUSE, FORMAN, ND

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

Dennis Brezicka, Dunbar Township, Roger Walstead, Jim Marquette and Daniel Pearson, Rutland Township, inquired about a 24-inch tile being installed south of Forman. Dan Jacobson read a letter Rick Hoistad received from Ron Herr; DC, SCD stating that there is not an agreement to make this a permanent drain. Mr. Hoistad could be in violation of the farm program if he does not get a permit to lay this pipe. The Water Board cannot stop them from installing the pipe but they could not run any water through the pipe until a permit is obtained.

Discussed status of cleaning Crooked Creek on land owned by Verna Fredrickson (NW1/4 and N1/2SW1/4 31-131-55). Jack Lalor, Tewaukon Refuge, sent a letter to Mrs. Fredrickson that there are easements on said land but a clean out would be allowed under the easement agreement. The township board members present asked about changing the channel of Crooked Creek. Dan suggested talking to the railroad and checking on the road right-of-way. The landowners are responsible for cleaning natural drains on their land.

John Hayen and Rex Ferguson, Sargent Township discussed problems with culverts along the township road and Drain No. 11 (between Section 4/9). The Board will try to put some rock by the culverts to save the roadways.

Dale Keller, Esler and Jan Swanson, Harlem Township have some questions on what the Board plans to do with crossings in Harlem Township. Plans are to install culverts in the crossings from Mezarous to the outlet. After this project they will go north and upsize the culverts according to the engineers report. Money will determine when the Board can continue with additional work. Harlem Township has a project from 1997 FEMA that must be completed before they can receive 1998 funds. One crossing is on Drain No. 11 (9/16) and is underwater. The township will talk to Sandy Hanson to see if a culvert can be delivered to the site and the Water Board will install when conditions allow.

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

Approve transfer of the following funds: From Drain No. 3 to General Fund - \$13,676.78 and from Drain No. 12 to General Fund - \$4,842.58. (Ptacek/Engst, unanimous) This will pay off amounts due to the General Fund.

Mark reported that Daryl Foertsch called about Drain No. 2 and water is being held on his land in Section 4 of Herman Township. Some of the cleaning did not get completed last year. Richard will call Mr. Foertsch and inspect the area.

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

36410 Johnston Fargo Culvert	Dr. # 11 culverts	14144.86
36468 Mark Breker	Travel	9.00
36469 Richard Engst	Travel	17.50
36470 Dan Jacobson	Travel	18.00
36471 Randy Ptacek	Travel	5.00
36472 John Totenhagen	Travel	94.75
36473 Viking Office Products	Film	26.99
14215 Mark Breker	1 PD less 4.59	55.41
14216 Danny Jacobson	3 PD less 13.77	166.23
14217 John Totenhagen	3 PD less 13.77	166.23
14218 Sherry Hosford	Sec. Salary less 20.40	246.27
14219 Richard Engst	2 PD less 9.18	110.82
14220 Randy Ptacek	1 PD less 4.59	55.41

Red River Joint Water Resource Board reimbursed the Board \$35,397.82 for the Silver Lake Project. This amount is 25% of the total local cost.

John reported on the RRJT meeting held in Hillsboro and new legislation that will effect the reassessment process. Several studies are underway for different projects.

A check was received from Dave Titus Excavating insurance company for payment of the culverts that were damaged on Drain No. 11. Payment will be made to the culvert company.

Gerald Baker signed the papers authorizing increasing the NE1/4-10-131-53 to 70% assessment for Drain No. 2.

Received a copy of the Annual Operation Plans for Tewaukon Refuge.

Discussed work on the road by Mezarous Slough. The commissioners were contacted about replacing the culvert under the county road. Some roadwork will be done when conditions allow and the culvert replaced at that time. Cost share will be 60% Water Board and 40% county commissioners.

Drain No. 11 culvert work has made a big difference in the flow of the water. Gravel is needed at some of the sites.

Tri-County Drain No. 6 hearing was held. No changes were made and the original order confirming benefits has been signed.

A beaver dam has been removed on SC Water Channel Imp. # 1 in the city of Milnor.

ND State Highway Dept. is pumping water from the road ditch along ND # 11 and will compensate landowner receiving the water.

The Board plans to tour the Wild Ricer Watershed area and inspect the Dahl land to comply with the SCD proposal.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 p.m.

DANNY JACOBSON - CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

SHERRY HOSFORD - SECRETARY