

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SARGENT COUNTY WATER RESOURCE BOARD
HELD ON THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 2015 AT 7:00 P.M., IN THE COMMISSIONERS ROOM,
SARGENT COUNTY COURTHOUSE, FORMAN, NORTH DAKOTA

Managers present: Luke Siemieniewski, Jim Bosse, Roger Zetocha, Korey Martinson and Richard Engst. Absent: None. Also present: Attorney Sean Fredricks; Chris Gross, Engineer; Kari Gregor and Frank Walker, Erickson Farms, Milnor.

Korey Martinson, Milnor; the new Board member replacing Chris McFarland, was welcomed to the Board and signed his Oath of Office for a term ending February 1, 2016.

Approve the March 19, 2015 minutes and March financial statement. (Engst/Bosse, unanimous)

RENEW CD # 14417: Motion to renew CD# 14417 for twelve months. (Engst/Bosse, unanimous)

Motion to approve payment of the following bills: (Engst/Martinson, unanimous)

71229	James Bosse	Travel	204.13
71230	Richard Engst	Travel	154.10
71231	Korey Martinson	Travel	27.60
71232	Ohnstad Twichell	General - \$730.00; Hoistad Eminent Domain-\$193.00; =	
Total			923.00
71233	Lucas Siemieniewski	Travel	117.30
71234	Roger Zetocha	Travel	120.75
10751	Sherry Hosford	Salary less 123.72 taxes	966.28
10752	Richard Engst	5 PD plus less 45.90 taxes	554.10
10753	James Bosse	7 PD less 76.59 taxes	763.41
10754	Roger Zetocha	3 PD less 44.37 taxes	315.63
10755	Lucas Siemieniewski	3PD less 27.54 taxes	332.46
10756	Korey Martinson	1 PD less 9.18 taxes	110.82
DD	Sargent County Bank	Withholding taxes	591.65

GWINNER DAM COST SHARE: Chris Gross informed the Board that the agreement has been approved by the State Engineer's staff members and is awaiting State Engineer's signature on the agreement.

BRUMMOND-LUBKE DAM REPAIRS: Comstock Construction, Inc. is waiting for road restrictions to be removed and plans to begin the repairs on May 1st.

DRAIN NO. 8 AND DRAIN NO. 11: Both Cost Share agreements are still with the State Engineer and will need Board signature upon approval.

DRAIN NO. 2 CULVERT REPLACEMENT: The culverts were purchased and delivered last fall but due to freezing weather, Comstock Construction, Inc. was unable to get them installed. Motion to authorize Moore Engineering, Inc. to set the elevation of the culverts at the two sites with a fee not to exceed \$800 and hire Comstock Construction, Inc. to install the culverts, which will be located between Sections 4/10 and 10/11 in Herman Township. (Engst/Martinson, unanimous)

HARLAN KLEFSTAD/EMERIC ERICKSON: A conference call from Emeric Erickson was received and discussion led by Frank Walker and Emeric Erickson followed. Harlan Klefstad is working with Erickson Construction Inc. to install a tile system in the SE1/4-2 in Sargent Township. Mr. Walker provided maps of the area and explained a tentative proposal for this drain to tie into the existing tile drain through Section 12 which drains into Drain No.11 in Section 23 of Sargent Township. The area involved is 73 acres and Erickson Construction, Inc. is wondering what type of an application would be needed or if a permit is even needed. The project would include tiling of the 73 acres; installation of road crossing improvements to convey the tile discharge to another quarter; staging of the tile discharge on that quarter; and a surface inlet to the Board's tile line. The Board expressed concern regarding the capacity of the tile, as well as sediment build-up at the inlet. Further this type of project would require operating conditions. Discussion followed on impact to the Water Board tile drain and other land along the drain. According to Erickson, this system could also remove water from Cogswell. The Board informed Mr. Walker and Mr. Erickson that the surface inlet would require a surface drainage permit. Following a lengthy discussion, Mr. Erickson agreed to do some background work, inspect the existing tile drain, meet with the City of Cogswell in early May and return to this Board at the May 21 meeting with findings.

Roger Zetocha arrived at 8:15 p.m.

UNPAID DRAIN TILE OR SUBSURFACE FEES: Secretary Hosford provided Board members with the recap of billings sent to drain applicants and unpaid fees for their permits. A discussion followed on increasing the initial fee for permits from \$500 (current fee) to \$1500. This would cover almost all permit applications up front instead of the applicant owing money following approval of the permit. Motion to increase the fees to \$1500 effective immediately. (Bosse/Zetocha, unanimous) Sean Fredricks will prepare a revised policy notification with the new amount. Also inquired whether these unpaid bills could be added to the individual's real estate taxes of the property where the drain tile was installed. Attorney Fredricks will look into this and report back at the May meeting.

ROGER ZETOCHA DRAIN NO. 4170 REQUEST FOR EXTENSION: Roger Zetocha applied for and received a permit to place a surface drain in the East Half of Section 30-132-57. The Board approved the permit on May 16, 2013 with a two year deadline to complete the project. Mr. Zetocha submitted a written request for an extension of the permit. Motion by Bosse to approve a one year extension on Permit No. 4170. Second by Martinson. Roll call: Aye: Martinson, Engst, Bosse, and Siemieniewski. Nay: None. Abstain. Zetocha. Motion carried.

DRAIN NO. 12: Lucas Siemieniewski asked if the Board would approve cleaning approximately ¾ mile of Drain No. 12 from County Road # 5 to the southwest. It is a lateral in Section 6 of Marboe Township. Jim Bosse will talk to Dakota Improvement to request pricing and time frame to do the work and report back to the May meeting. Jim would also like to have the spoil banks on Drain No. 11 and Meszaros Slough removed. He will get quotes on this work as well.

Chairman Siemieniewski reminded Board members that any and all work that is done for this Board must have prior Board approval and be included in the minutes. No one has authority to expend funds without Board approval.

TRI-COUNTY DRAIN: Richard Engst reported that seven miles of the Tri-County Drain will be reconstructed. The Tri-County Joint WRD has obtained most of the easements but may have to commence eminent domain proceedings to obtain the outstanding right of way. Box culverts will be installed with a 4:1 side slope on the drain slopes.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

LUCAS SIEMIENIEWSKI – CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

SHERRY HOSFORD - SECRETARY