

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SARGENT COUNTY WATER RESOURCE BOARD HELD ON THURSDAY, APRIL 19, 2007 AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE COMMISSIONERS ROOM, SARGENT COUNTY COURTHOUSE, FORMAN, ND

Managers present: Mark Breker, Dan Jacobson, Roger White, Richard Engst and Jim Bosse. Absent none.

Approve March 15, 2007 minutes as presented and March financial statement. (Jacobson/Bosse, unanimous)

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

57062	Jim Bosse	Travel	52.50	
57063	Mark Breker	Travel	85.68	
57064	Richard Engst	Travel	84.00	
57065	Sherry Hosford	Tape Recorder	21.38	
57066	Dan Jacobson	Travel	44.52	
57067	ND Dept. of Emergency Services	Dr # 3 refund	2305.50	
57068	Ohnstad Twichell	DR#3-\$1900, General-\$255	2155.00	
57069	Red River Basin Commission	2007 dues	960.00	
57070	Roger White	Travel	136.08	
57133	Mark Breker	6 PD less	36.72	443.28
57134	Danny Jacobson	5 PD less	30.60	369.40
57135	Sherry Hosford	Sec. Salary less	20.40 taxes	246.27
57136	Richard Engst	4 PD less	24.48	295.52
57137	Roger White	5 PD less	30.60	369.40
57138	James Bosse	5 PD less	30.60	369.40
DD	Sargent County Bank	Withholding taxes		348.13

The Board proceeded to conduct a public hearing on the Application to Drain No. 3156. A list of attendees is attached to this set of minutes. Chairman Mark Breker gave a background of the circumstances in that Mr. Mund submitted a drainage application. The Board adopted the 8-point questionnaire and drainage affidavit as the Board's policy and this Board previously determined a public hearing would best serve relevant public and private interests.

Mr. Mund outlined the application and explained what he plans to do through this tile project. A map of the tile project was presented at the last meeting and was reviewed by those in attendance. Chairman Breker asked Mr. Mund to explain his responses to the questionnaire and followed with the questions of how many acres are being drained. The entire watershed of the area to be drained must be considered in the evaluation of a drainage permit application. For tile drain systems, contributing area may exist beyond the perimeter of the installed tile and should also be taken into account. More questions followed by Board members and others present at the hearing. There is concern for downstream landowners and excess water that flows to that area. There needs to be something taking place to move the water through more effectively. There was a question on the proposed outlet—where will the water flow? It will flow the same place as when it rains and into the creek. It will not flow in the township road ditch unless there is excessive rain and it goes through the culvert. The Hall Township Board is concerned about the water going over the road between Dick Kuehn and Mary Alice Mund and it is costly to fix this road if it keeps flooding. Mr. Ellingson explained the process of the tile drain and that the same amount of water will reach the outlet but it will be stored in the soil and slowly released (3/8 inch in 24 hours) out an outlet pipe over a period of days. There is a problem at the Sargent/Richland County line that is holding some water back. The Water Board agreed that something needs to be done and this Board should contact the county commissioners. A question where the sump pump will be located and where the water will flow through—Mr. Mund stated through the culvert. The offer with Mr. Mund and Mr. Dick Kuehn to clean out the natural watercourse will cease upon approval of this permit according to Mr. Mund. The hearing concluded at 8:20 p.m. The Secretary was instructed to contact Attorney Sean Fredricks to review the tape from the hearing and discuss when to meet to further discuss the drainage application.

Jeff Breker met with the Board to discuss grass seed on the northeast edge of Frenier Dam for a park area of approximately 4 acres. (Section 8-129-54) He plans to seed the grass this year and plant trees next year. There is a fence that is in this area and causes some problems with turning when he is farming and he is asking if it can be removed or squared up. He does not think there would be any problems to move this fence or straighten it out. Board members will inspect this area in June during annual inspection. Another area in the NW1/4 of NW1/4-16-129-54 has non-cropland and also a building site that he would like to remove and clean up. The Board felt it would be fine to clean up this area.

The FEMA project in Section 27-130-57 has received an extension for one year from FEMA. Also discussed the Environmental Assessment that was completed by NRCS. The Secretary was instructed to contact Sandy Hanson, SC EMS to see if she has heard from the State Division of Emergency Management on this project.

The Water Board met with the county commissioners on April 10 and was informed of a project to expand Silver Lake. Damon DeVillers, Interstate Engineering, Inc.

provided information on moving the dam at Silver Lake and presented three alternates including moving the dam 1 mile to the east between Section 35/36-130-55 (Elevation 1225), moving it one-half mile to the east in the center of Section 34-130-55 (Elevation 1227) or moving it to the township road north of Silver Lake (Elevation 1240). Discussion followed on costs of replacing and moving the dam versus repairing the existing dam as well as land acquisition and Fish and Wildlife concerns. Enhancements on the fishery aspect at the lake and also other water management enhancements at the lake are the goal that is being explored. If repairs to the dam are prohibitive, relocating is certainly an option. Damon DeVillers will conduct a survey to see how much the water would back up and what elevation would affect Fish and Wildlife land and get cost estimates together. A motion to allocate one half of the survey costs for preliminary findings up to \$1500. (Jacobson/Engst, unanimous)

Roger White reported on the summer workshop that he attended in Jamestown on proposed legislative changes.

Meeting recessed subject to call by the Chairman.

MARK BREKER - CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

SHERRY HOSFORD - SECRETARY