

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SARGENT COUNTY WATER RESOURCE BOARD HELD ON THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 2000 AT 8:00 P.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 and Mark Breker. Absent John Totenhagen.

Approve March 16, 2000 minutes and March, 2000 financial statement. (Breker/Engst, unanimous)

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

38980 Mark Breker	Travel	35.40
38981 Richard Engst	Travel	26.20
38982 Danny Jacobson	Travel	11.40
38983 Johnston Fargo Culvert	Drain No. 11 culverts (SW Twp)	599.60
38984 Randy Ptacek	Travel	5.50
15035 Mark Breker	4 PD less 18.36	221.64
15036 Danny Jacobson	3 PD less 13.77	166.23
15037 Sherry Hosford	Sec. Salary less 20.40	246.27
15038 Richard Engst	3 PD less 13.77	166.23
15039 Randy Ptacek	1 PD less 4.59	55.41

Kevin Throener, Cogswell, met with the Board to discuss a water problem north of his home. A slough in the S1/2-26-131-57 has increased in size to about 500-600 acres and the pasture is not usable. Water from Section 26 seeps over to Section 27 and into Drain No. 11 Dave Breker, NRCS looked at it for ditching and can only take 21/2 feet of water from this wetland. Kevin would be allowed to ditch this area with a plug and then obtain permission to open if the water continues to rise. Approve request with the condition that proper permission is obtained from NRCS. (Engst/Ptacek, unanimous)

Discussed the three dams and land that the Board has for easement. Jeff is working on the assessment area and the Board will review upon receipt.

Dan read a letter from Lucille VanVlanderan, Geneseo, ND regarding a water problem in her yard. Mark looked at the problem and said the culvert under the county road needs to be landscaped and possibly lowered. The culvert has been driven over and squashed on the end. The Board will contact the SC Highway Dept. about fixing the culvert and Mark will talk to Jerome Wisnewski about a possible solution to this problem.

Mark checked the culvert in Richland County and they do not have the flapgate installed but when the water slows down they will get it completed.

FEMA project - Dan and John met with FEMA on 4-17-00 to discuss what the Board plans to do. They had visited with people about Drain No. 11 trial and are waiting for the environmental impact study. The Board will wait for results of the study.

Dave Titus called Dan on Drain No. 11 work and he will plan to start working around July 1 when conditions are favorable.

The Board received a letter on a highway improvement project involving Hwy 32 from the west junction of ND 13, north to Lisbon. The Ransom and Sargent County WRD should provide the review and concurrence needed to complete this project.

Jeff Volk, Moore Eng. provided plans and specifications for the two bridge replacement projects in Hall Township. He sent plans to seven contractors with two different alternatives for each site. Bids were opened at 2:00 p.m. on April 19, 2000. Bids were received from Riley Bros. Construction, Inc., Morris, MN and Brezina Construction, Fargo, ND. Site 1 - Bridge 133-4 - Alternate 1 \$39,522.25 and \$47,653. Alternate 2 - \$37,192. and \$43,575. Site 2 - Bridge 134-5 - Alternate 1 - \$39,522.25 and \$43,573.00; Alternate 2 - \$37,192. and \$39,495. Accept the low bid for Alternate 2 on both sites from Riley Bros. Construction, Inc. (Ptacek/Engst, unanimous) This bid would authorize installation of new 9'9" x 6'7" CMPA 12 gauge w/beveled ends.

Gerald Baker asked if spoil banks on Drain No. 2 (Bruce Speich and Bob Nelson's land) could be leveled. A pay loader would do the work. Richard will contact the Hutterites.

Donald Marcuson called Mark Breker regarding a culvert problem south of Geneseo. There is a ditch that runs by the church and north and under the county road with two culverts and then easterly near Mr. Marcuson's property. The State Highway ditch needs to be deeper. The landowners want to know what can be done and who would pay for the work. It is a county road and both the county and township should be contacted for assistance. The Water Board would be concerned about impact on downstream landowners and also NRCS should be involved.

Richard reported that the culvert project on Tri-County Drain is in the bidding process.

Meeting adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

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DAN JACOBSON - CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

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SHERRY HOSFORD - SECRETARY