

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SARGENT COUNTY WATER RESOURCE BOARD HELD ON THURSDAY, APRIL 8, 2004 AT 8:00 P.M. IN THE COMMISSIONERS ROOM, SARGENT COUNTY COURTHOUSE, FORMAN, ND

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

Harlan Hogness met with the Board at their request to discuss a bill he submitted for work on the area that the Board had cleaned in SW1/4-26-132-53 last fall. Mr. Hogness agreed to have the dirt placed in his cattle yard to shorten up the trip. The contractor piled up more dirt than he anticipated and it had to be leveled before winter. He did not feel that the contractor did a good job spreading the dirt and damaged some fence. The Hutterites had agreed to come back and remove the dirt but did not do it before winter. Harlan is asking for \$610 and the Board has a policy that this should have been approved prior to him doing the work. Richard agreed that it was a rush job and not completed as intended. There was a lack of communication and the Board is concerned about other landowners doing unauthorized work. The Board must approve any future work before the work is done. The Board will discuss the bill and decide how to handle the payment.

Dick Anderson, SC Weed Officer, met with the Board to discuss spraying some of the drains for leafy spurge and thistle. The Weed Board will have two employees and two four wheelers this year so they would like to work on the drains. The Board is agreeable to hire the Weed Board to spray the areas of need and will prepare a map after the annual dam inspection.

Approve March 18, 2004 minutes and financial statement. (Jacobson/White unanimous)

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

48956 Mark Breker	Travel	22.32
48957 Richard Engst	Travel	15.50
48958 Harlan Hogness	2003 work on Water Channel Imp.	610.00
48959 Dan Jacobson	Travel	1.86
48960 Randy Ptacek	Travel	6.20
48961 Roger White	Travel	68.20
49152 Mark Breker	2 PD less 9.18	110.82
49153 Danny Jacobson	1 PD less 4.59	55.41
49154 Sherry Hosford	Sec salary less 20.40	246.27
49155 Richard Engst	1 PD less 4.59	55.41
49156 Randy Ptacek	1 PD less 4.59	55.41
49157 Roger White	2 PD less 9.18	110.82
DD Sargent County Bank	Withholding taxes	105.06

Four NDSU students have reviewed the Silver Lake stabilization project and they are working on the design. Dave Rush, Red River Riparian Board hopes that in the next couple of weeks he can share this information with Sargent County. He plans to have a design with the intentions that the work can begin this fall.

Roger White talked to Dakota Builders who will be doing some of the bridge work on Bridge 105-01. He estimated \$1200 to remove the pillars and move them to the south. A Preliminary Construction Conference is scheduled for April 26 at 10:30 a.m. in the commissioner's room and Roger will attend on behalf of the Board.

Mark reported that he attended the Annual Township Officer's Spring meeting and presented the report for the Water Board.

Roger attended the Water Resource Management Workshop in Fargo on April 6 and topics were on feedlots, monitoring water samples from rainfall to check for pollution. The Wild Rice River would be checked every six months for water quality after a rainfall. They also talked about the waffle effect and GPS.

Soil Conservation Service inquired if the Water Board is interested in sharing the expenses for teachers to attend the summer WET workshop. Approve sharing expenses.

Received a letter from State Water Commission regarding the need to improve the data they use to inventory drainage projects. They would like to meet with the Board to discuss what data is currently available on the county level and from there determine an appropriate process to obtain the data required to ultimately complete a GIS layer of the assessment drains in the state. They will arrange an initial discussion with the Board.

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

MARK BREKER - CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

SHERRY HOSFORD - SECRETARY