

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SARGENT COUNTY WATER RESOURCE BOARD HELD ON THURSDAY, MAY 17, 2001 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, Richard Engst, Mark Breker and John Totenhagen. Absent Randy Ptacek.

Mr. & Mrs. Doug Ruby met with the Board. Richard noticed that evergreens have been planted by the Ruby's on the berm along SC Water Channel No. 1 and Milnor City and may cause problems in the future for cleaning and leveling. Richard will measure the area and see how much land is needed to work on the area. The Ruby's agreed that if it is a problem they will cooperate with the Board.

Roger White, Vivian Township, met with ND State Highway Officials regarding a culvert located between Section 19/20-132-57 that is located in Highway 13 right-of-way. There is a big slough in Section 20-132-57 and water cut its own drain across the land instead of following the road ditch and passing under the highway into Big Slough. If there could be an approach/dike placed in the road ditch the water would stay in the road ditch and eliminate the water from flowing between 19/20 and causing problems with the township road. John is concerned with the farm program because water would be diverted away from this field. The Board will talk to NRCS and if there isn't a problem the State Highway Dept. will be contacted for placement of a 24-inch culvert.

Sparky Engquist, road supervisor, SC Road Dept. met with the Board to discuss an area north of the railroad track (between Section 32-33-132-58) where county road # 2 is in need of repair. There are two 30-inch culverts currently in this roadway and he would like to upgrade to the next largest size (2 36-inch squash) culvert. The capacity would increase from 5 to 7 square feet. Approve 2 36-inch culverts. (Totenhagen/Engst, unanimous)

Milton Bartell met with the Board regarding a problem with water in the SE1/4-9-132-56 that is being pumped from the landfill. He lives about 1/2 mile from the landfill. Periodically there is water pumped across their land. He is wondering if they can pump without a permit or flowage easement. John was involved in a meeting today with the Bartell's and the landfill and feels that the landfill should be contacted to inform them that they are not in compliance with the law and should have proper permission to pump this water. Mr. Bartell filed a complaint and the Board will investigate and contact the landfill.

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

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

Abatement refund		1.53
41288 Mark Breker	Travel	23.56
41289 Richard Engst	Travel	28.21
41290 Dan Jacobson	Travel	16.74
41291 Personalized Envelope Prog.	500 stamped envelopes	195.20
41292 Sargent Co. Treasurer	Culvert installation/Dr # 11	1473.40
41293 John Totenhagen	Travel	27.90
15987 Mark Breker	2 PD less 9.18	110.82
15988 Danny Jacobson	3 PD less 13.77	166.23
15989 John Totenhagen	2 PD less 9.18	110.82
15990 Sherry Hosford	Sec salary less 20.40	246.27
15991 Richard Engst	2 PD less 9.18	110.82
DD Sargent County Bank	Matching SS	123.42

Dan reported on the Silver Lake meeting held on April 24. The State Water Commission was present to conduct the study as well as county commissioners, park board and a member of the Red River Riparian Board who is a professor from UND with students. The students proceeded to survey the area and a report should be returned some time this month.

Sandy Hanson is working on a countywide operation plan on the reservoirs with a storage capacity greater than 1000 acre-feet. This includes Brummond-Lubke and Frenier Dam. She will present this for the Board to review at the next meeting.

The work completed by the Water Board between Section 9-16-130-57 on Drain No. 11 has been satisfied and the money (\$3366) was released to the Board and deposited in the drain fund.

Mark reported he had some feedback concerning the letters that were mailed regarding the cleaning project on Drain No. 3 scheduled to begin this fall. Dan has had a couple people ask about the amount of space that will be needed to do work on Dr. # 11.

Dan received a call from the ND State Highway Department asking permission to pump a slough in Section 6-129-55 on May 10, 2001. The slough was threatening the state highway. Permission was granted.

Dan received a call from a landowner in Richland County regarding problems with their roads and water from Park Lake. He wants a larger culvert in the county road with a restricter that would prevent the water from coming too fast into Sargent County. Dan agreed to a meeting with him and the Richland County Water Board to discuss his request at a later date. Mark has been contacted by Clayton Wohlwend about a problem with the Richland Co. Lateral that gets full and floods the flats and pushes the water back NE to Wohlwend's and back through the culverts. He is concerned with the speed of the water and loss of acreage. The Gaukler's are also being flooded and do not feel this is right. Mark isn't comfortable with a larger culvert being placed in the county road. The Board will wait for the meeting and discuss the concerns at that time.

Willey Township is requesting cost share on a 48-inch culvert that needs to be replaced. The bottom has rusted out and the road has washed out. The culvert is located between Section 7-18-132-55. Approve cost share. (Totenhagen/Engst, unanimous)

The county commissioners informed the Board that mileage reimbursement has been raised to \$.31/mile effective April 18, 2001 as per legislative action.

A final revision of the Drainage District Guidance plans has been prepared and wording added regarding NEPA and other environmental laws. This is a working document that may be refined, if needed, depending on future disaster events.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 p.m.

DAN JACOBSON - CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

SHERRY HOSFORD - SECRETARY