

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SARGENT COUNTY WATER RESOURCE BOARD HELD ON THURSDAY, MAY 18, 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 John Totenhagen. Absent Mark Breker.

Bernie Vculek and Roger White were in attendance to discuss Drain No. 11. Mr. Vculek is requesting that the Board reconsider hiring another individual to evaluate the drain for restrictions. Mr. Carlson, Crookston, MN is licensed in North Dakota and would charge \$600/day. The total cost would be \$3,000-\$5,000.

No response to the letter that Jeff Volk sent to the railroad to replace the culvert. It was suggested that they contact Titus for assistance in replacing. Contact Attorney Breitling to send a letter to the railroad requesting repairs. (Ptacek/Engst, unanimous)

Jerome Wisnewski has been contacted about the water problem. He feels the culvert in the county road is too high and should be lowered. Dan talked to Sparky and he will fix the culvert and clean out both sides of the road ditch and feels this will help the drainage problem.

The flapgate north of Jim Gaukler's still is not in place. The water in the culvert is running about 1/3 full. Richland County plans to install the flapgate when the conditions allow.

Dan and Ken Forster measured the area that drains on Mr. Forster's permit. They will have NRCS measure the map and send it to the ND State Water Commission.

Sparky Engquist will replace the culvert south of Geneseo with a 36-inch squash (42"x29") and a flapgate will be ordered with the culvert. Sparky will install and also decide the length of the culvert.

Received contracts for the two bridge projects and the certificate of insurance liability insurance from Riley Brothers Construction, Inc., Morris, MN. Copies were executed and returned to Moore Engineering. The contractor will begin work on May 19 or 22 and the work ought to take approximately two weeks depending on the weather.

Discussed the Petition against culvert changes in the SE1/4-5 and SE1/4-6, Wyndmere Township, Richland County, which is part of Tri-County Drain. A meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 25 at 8:00 a.m.

Approve April 20, 2000 minutes and April, 2000 financial statement. (Engst/Ptacek, unanimous)

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

39162 Richard Engst	Travel	18.70
39163 Dan Jacobson	Travel	4.95
39164 Moore Engineering Inc.	Reassessment analysis-Dr # 8	392.50
39165 Randy Ptacek	Travel	11.55
39166 John Totenhagen	Travel	131.28
15105 Dan Jacobson	2 PD less 9.18	110.82
15106 John Totenhagen	6 PD less 27.54	332.46
15107 Sherry Hosford	Sec. Salary less 20.40	246.27
15108 Richard Engst	2 PD less 9.18	110.82
15109 Randy Ptacek	1 PD less 4.59	55.41

Bernie reported that the culverts north of Brampton on Drain No. 11 are not running to capacity. Dan talked to Sparky and he realizes they need something-possibly remove culverts and replace with a concrete box. This would significantly improve the flow. The water at Mezarous is flowing south to north. Water up north in Bruns Slough and on ND 13 has been raising (approximately two feet) and with very little rain and runoff. It appears to have leveled off. What is the Board planning to do with the culverts up north? On July 1st the Board will look it over with the contractor. Bernie suggested six-foot squash culverts so it would alleviate problems. John felt 48-inch culverts are adequate. The cover isn't adequate for a six-foot squash. What is the Board doing with water from the north? The Board is trying to develop a drainage area to see how much water is coming into the county from the north. Once this is determined, Ransom County Water Board would be contacted. The wet cycle is affecting the entire area and the water level is high. Bernie is asking that the Board appoint three people to review the total amount spent on Drain No. 16 and then publish an article in the paper for the public.

The City of Havana is requesting comments on the city water project. The projects consists of installing approximately 11,000' of 3-inch PVC water line north of the city, and approximately 5,000' of 3-inch PVC and 3,000' of 2" PVC, along with valves and other appurtenances, within the city. Surfaces

will either be graveled or seeded and mulched upon completion of the work. All work will be completed within city right-of-way or land over which the city or the water supplier holds an easement. A letter will be sent to Houston Engineering, Inc. stating that the Board requests that they not fill any drains or block any existing drainage.

Received information from the ND State Water Commission regarding the Community Development Block Grant Program associated with the Sanitary Sewer System Improvements Projects located in Cogswell City. Lake Agassiz Regional Council is assisting the city and they have received \$400,000 for the cost of the project. NDSWC suggested that the SC Water Board be contacted to provide project details.

The Division of Emergency Management sent information about the Disaster Recovery Project Application for Package # 799. This is for the inlet portion of Drain No. 11, which had spring flooding in 1999 and caused bank sloughing, sedimentation and culvert headwall washing on several reaches of the drain. This damage is in addition to the 1998 damage, which could not be quantified because of high water levels. The inlet portion will be put in suspension until conditions allow continuation.

The Board scheduled a meeting with the county commissioners on June 20 to discuss replacing the culverts on County No. 4 north of Brampton.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

DAN JACOBSON - CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

SHERRY HOSFORD - SECRETARY