

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SARGENT COUNTY WATER RESOURCE BOARD HELD ON THURSDAY, MAY 20, 1999 AT 8:00 P.M. IN THE SARGENT COUNTY COURTHOUSE, FORMAN, ND

The meeting was called to order with the following present: Dan Jacobson, John Totenhagen, Richard Engst and Mark Breker. Absent Randy Ptacek.

Royce Granlund was present about an obstruction of the drain through Milnor City. The waterway has been obstructed by silt and also a fence has been constructed by Daryl Arneson that acts as a windbreak with the result that blowing dirt is deposited in the waterway on the downwind of the fence. Anderson Law Office, representing Milnor City, feels that the Water Board does have statutory jurisdiction over this matter and requests that this Board take appropriate steps to remove the obstruction from the affected waterway and to seek reimbursement from the responsible landowner(s) as authorized in NDCC 61-16.1-51. Interstate Engineering provided information for cleaning the natural ditch. Mr. Granlund would like the dike removed because water sits on his land. Motion to send a letter to the landowner (Daryl Arneson) and tenant (Kit Mund) with a copy to Milnor City instructing the removal of the obstruction as per the NDCC. (Totenhagen/Breker, unanimous)

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

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

36812 Mark Breker	Travel	9.00
36813 Richard Engst	Travel	40.50
36814 Dan Jacobson	Travel	4.50
36815 John Totenhagen	Travel	33.50
14281 Mark Breker	1 PD less 4.59 taxes	55.41
14282 Dan Jacobson	3 PD less 13.77 taxes	166.23
14283 John Totenhagen	3 PD less 13.77 taxes	166.23
14284 Sherry Hosford	Sec. Salary less 20.40	246.27
14285 Richard Engst	6 PD less 27.54 taxes	332.46

The Board received a letter from Jackson Township regarding problems with 2 culverts on Drain 11 that intersect the township road. The culverts are located between Section 22/23 and 27/34 and need extensions and the road tapered down. The Board will measure the culverts and order extensions and make repairs when conditions allow. Send letter to the township.

Drain No. 2 work is completed and appears to work better than it has in the past. Discussed removing trees in the drain and felt it would be very beneficial to the landowners. Richard will talk to the landowners. Contact Hutterites above leveling the spoil bank this fall. The culvert in the county road appears to high and lowering it would increase the flow of water. There isn't a survey of this drain to compare elevations. The landowner in Section 32-132-53 would like a culvert between Section 32-33 to equalize the water from the south. Richard will inform the landowner that they should contact the township.

The county commissioners declared an emergency for the county on May 18, 1999. Projects that have not been completed will carry over until the conditions allow the work to proceed.

The Board toured Wild Rice Channel # 9 with Larry Dahl and SCD members. After inspecting the area it was suggested that posts would be set on the line and the duck ponds will be marked. All affected parties approved a verbal agreement and posts that will be paid for by the Water Board will mark the property line.

Dan reported that Drain No. 12 needs some work completed and leveling of the spoil banks. Richard will talk to the Hutterites about completing the work.

Colin Stockstad called Dan about a crossing in Section 36-131-54 (Shuman Township). The crossing has 4 36-inch culverts upstream and another crossing in Section 36 has 3 36-inch culverts in which in one has collapsed. They would like to replace the 36-inch with a 48-inch and request cost sharing. (Engst/Totenhagen, unanimous)

North Dakota Department of Transportation is experiencing road problems south of Forman along ND Highway 32. The water is up to the edge of the road and DOT would like to put a 12-inch pipe in the approach at mile marker 8. The water will flow south to last years grade raise. Approve placement of the 12-inch pipe. (Breker/Engst, unanimous)

Fran Mlnarik filed a dam and/or dike complaint on the NW1/4-6-130-55 stating that the construction date was 11-14-97. The sloughs were filled in on Rick Hoistad's land and the dirt build-up is damming the water up on the Mlnarik property. The water has naturally sat on his except in extreme conditions and now has his water and much of Hoistad's water sitting on Mr. Mlnarik and causing problems to his yard, trees and sewer. Mr. Hoistad originally agreed

that a tile could go in this area but now he has to get permission from the city to tile into Drain # 4. Mlnarik has talked to the city and they aren't agreeable to this tile. The Board will contact the City of Forman.

Forman City contacted this Board regarding the emergency drain permit # 2861 that expired January 2, 1999. According to the city, the inlet to the drain has been capped and closed as of May 11, 1999. No water has entered this drain for many months. Jeff Olson, Hydrologist, Office of the State Engineer, will be contacted with this information.

Jackson Township contacted the Board about a problem with water between 22/23 and 27/34 where Drain No. 11 intersects the township road. Both areas need to have the culverts extended and the side on the road tapered down. Presently, the edge of the road drops straight down and they have flagged the spots. The Water Board will inspect the area and make plans to fix as soon as conditions allow.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 p.m.

DAN JACOBSON - CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

SHERRY HOSFORD - SECRETARY