

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SARGENT COUNTY WATER RESOURCE BOARD HELD ON THURSDAY, JUNE 15, 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, Mark Breker, Richard Engst and John Totenhagen. Absent Randy Ptacek.

Richard reported on the two bridge projects in Hall Township. The work was completed in about 4-5 days. It looks good and he didn't hear any complaints. The road has been graveled but the bills haven't been received. The old bridges were buried ¼ mile south of the old site in a wasteland parcel owned by Orvin Hogness.

Approve May 18, 2000 minutes and May, 2000 financial statement. (Totenhagen/Breker, unanimous)

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

39349 Mark Breker	Travel	16.78
39350 Richard Engst	Travel	36.30
39351 Dan Jacobson	Travel	15.95
39352 Moore Eng. Inc.	Bridge 133-4 & 134-5 Eng.	6,831.29
39353 Riley Brothers Const. Inc.	Bridge 133-4 & 134-5	68,194.80
39354 John Totenhagen	Travel	38.78
15177 Mark Breker	2 PD less 9.18	110.82
15178 Dan Jacobson	2 PD less 9.18	110.82
15179 John Totenhagen	3 PD less 13.77	166.23
15180 Sherry Hosford	Sec. Salary less 20.40	246.27
15181 Richard Engst	3 PD less 13.77	166.23
39384 ND Water Resource District	Registration	84.00
Direct Deposit	Matching Social Security	132.60

John and Richard attended the hearing on Tri-County Drain regarding the complaints from landowners along the drain. The Board approved 2 107" culverts at the first site and 2 95" culvert at the second site. The project was bid today and Comstock Construction; Wahpeton was the low bidder.

Donnie and Rachelle Marquette met with the Board about a pasture in SE1/4-16-131-57 where Drain No. 11 flows through. A culvert between 16/21 washed out when the water started flowing and is causing problems with his pasture. Their fence was also destroyed when the drain was cleaned. The water is down but flowing. Titus will return to fix the culvert and will also level the area where the fence is damaged. Mr. Marquette would like a call from Titus to coordinate the repairs to the fence. Dan will contact Donnie to make the repairs.

Kelly Cooper presented information on Dr # 9 and asked about the elevation. Maps were reviewed of the drain, topo maps and maps from Bureau of Reclamation. The route of the drain begins in Section 36-129-57 and flows through Section 31-129-56 and north along the quarter lines to the southeast corner of 8-129-56. Extending the ditch further west would create problems with wetlands. Kelly asked questions about the aquifer and could water be pumped out of the aquifer into the drain during the winter. This would take the pressure off the aquifer and allow the system to drain the water away.

Dennis Quam and Wayne Heley met with the Board about Drain No. 3 in Section 11-Marboe Township. If the creek rises the water backs up into the slough in Section 11. They would like to put in a culvert with a flap and a dike to slow down the water in the SE1/4-11-129-53 LTL. The land is very flat but when the creek is deep the water spreads out. If there were a dike the water would remain in the ditch. This would not divert more than 12 ½ acre-feet of water and is within the boundary of Drain No. 3. It should not create any downstream problems and with the culvert and cap it could be corrected if there is a problem. The Board will talk to NRCS. Approve a four-foot dike, forty feet in length with Mr. Quam and Mr. Heley paying the expenses. The size of the culvert shall be at least an 18-inch and installed in the bottom of the ditch. The Board reserves the right to control the flap gate. (Breker/Engst, unanimous) A letter will be sent to Mr. Quam and Mr. Heley.

Sparky Engquist met with the Board to discuss the culvert on Co. Road # 4 between Sections 1-2-129-57. The culvert is washing and filling with water and rusting. The existing pipe are 2 7-foot squash and a 36" round CMP in the bottom. Sparky estimated an 8'x10' concrete would cost about \$35,000 and the county could install. Sparky will prepare some estimates for the Water Board when they meet with the county commissioners on June 20th. The Board could salvage the existing multi-plate to reuse at another site.

Mark asked Sparky to fix the culvert south of the railroad tracks in Geneseo and Sparky made a note to get this project completed.

Mark visited with Lucille VanVlanderan and she explained the problem. Jerome Wisnewski was offered the piece of land but he would have to pay for legal fees, build a six-foot dike and install a fence. Jerome is not interested in

acquiring the land. This appears to be a situation that the two parties must mutually agree upon.

The Board received notification from the State Water Commission on Ken Forster's permit. This Board determined on May 31, 2000 that from ground inspection and by planimeter, the drainage basin size is 63 acres and so the basin is too small for a drainage permit to be required. The SWC accepts the determination of this Board and will close the file regarding drain permit application #2923.

Mark will inspect the gate on the culvert in the SW1/4-6-139-52/Section 1-129-53 in Richland County. The gate should be installed.

Milnor City inquired about the beaver dam in the drain. Richard talked to the Hutterites and they will remove the dam when they are in the area.

Approve Farm Contract to Jeffrey Breker and Roger Nelson for \$43.50 per acre for three years on the following land and subject to the terms of the contracts: NE1/4OFNW1/4; SW1/4OFNE1/4; W1/2OFSE1/4; SE1/4OFNE1/4; E1/2OFSE1/4-8-129-54 LTL; W1/2OFNW1/4OFNW1/4; E1/2OFNW1/4OFNW1/4; 17.8 ACRES IN W1/2OFS1/2OFSW1/4-9-129-54 LTL; NE1/4OFNW1/4-16-129-54-LTL and NW1/4OFNE1/4-8-129-54 LTL. (Engst/Breker, unanimous)

The sign at Frenier Dam needs repairs. Sherry will talk to Donna Reinertson about re-painting.

The Annual Summer Meeting is July 10 & 11 in Grand Forks. Registration is due July 5, 2000.

The July Water Board meeting will be held on July 13, 2000 at 8:00 because of a conflict.

Tewaukon Refuge mailed out the Draft Comprehensive Conservation Plan and Environmental Assessment and is scheduling an Open House at the Cayuga Hall on June 27 at 1-5 and 6-9.

Dan talked to NRCS about dam inspection and the best date is June 28th at 8:00 a.m.

Ray Brockman talked to John about Silver Lake shore stabilization. There is excessive erosion and the banks on the north side of the lake are falling in.

Meeting adjourned at 11:15 p.m.

DAN JACOBSON - CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

SHERRY HOSFORD - SECRETARY