

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SARGENT COUNTY WATER RESOURCE BOARD HELD ON THURSDAY, JUNE 15, 2006 AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE COMMISSIONERS ROOM, SARGENT COUNTY COURTHOUSE, FORMAN, ND

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

Motion to approve the May 18, 2006 minutes and financial statement. (Jacobson/White, unanimous)

Approve payment of the following bills: (Ptacek/White, unanimous)

54936 Daniel Bishoff	Beaver removal # 9	250.00
54937 Jim Bosse	Beaver removal # 11	100.00
54938 Mark Breker	Travel	45.63
54939 Richard Engst	Travel	44.46
54940 Dan Jacobson	Travel	60.06
54941 Randy Ptacek	Travel	89.31
54942 Roger White	Travel	23.79
55127 Mark Breker	3 PD less 18.36	221.64
55128 Danny Jacobson	6 PD less 36.72	443.28
55129 Sherry Hosford	Sec salary less 20.40	246.27
55130 Richard Engst	3 PD less 18.36	221.64
55131 Randy Ptacek	4 PD less 24.48	295.52
55132 Roger White	2 PD less 12.24	147.76
DD Sargent County Bank	Withholding taxes	261.65

OLD BUSINESS: The Board reviewed carry over business and several projects are still on hold until the water recedes. Easements have been prepared for Milton J and Danene Rae McLaen and William Gulleson for all of that portion lying within a strip of land needed to improve the Outlet Channel of Tewaukon Watershed Dam T-7 (Nelson). The Board instructed the Secretary to send the easements to the landowners and invite them to the July meeting to discuss the consideration and also the bottom width and flow depth. The Corps of Engineers notified the Board that the proposed project involving the removal of spoil piles from wetlands adjacent to the Wild Rice River with placement of spoil material in an upland site in Section 8-129-56 is not considered waters of the US and consequently, the Department of the Army has no regulatory authority in accordance with Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. The Board has 1740 foot right of way within the NW1/4-8-129-56 but the remainder of the area must be delineated by personnel from NRCS and that no fill or dredge material will be placed into the waters of the US and the proposed project, as presently designed, is not subject to DA regulatory authorities. The Board will talk to contractors about proceeding with the work and Dave Breker, NRCS to mark the area.

Mike Harris, Jerry Kappenman, Kevin Rodine, Denver Township, Sargent County and Dave Zetocha, Jerry Schumaker and Vic Thompson, Divide Township, Dickey County, Dave Breker and Janet Bradbury, NRCS met with the Board to discuss the water that flows east and west of Crete in Section 31-132-58. The roads are suffering with the excess water and the landowners have standing water and it is not draining away from the land. The area is not a legal drain but a natural watercourse. The problem continues and in 2001 this group met with Water Board and they were advised to contact NRCS to get approval to clean the sediment and cattails. Mr. Breker prepared a minimal-effects agreement on a portion of the area and it has not been signed. Sediment cannot be removed unless a 1026 is filed with NRCS but by removing the plugs 1-2 feet of water should flow. No mitigation is required and no violation with the Swamp Buster Law would occur. The group asked about spraying and will contact the helicopter sprayer and also work together to solve the water problem.

Landowners along Drain No. 9 met with the Board to discuss the cleanout project underway by Titus Excavating. Dave Titus and his crew were also present and he explained the proposed project timeline. There will be some cropland damage and tree removal will need an area to place the trees until they can be burned. Also discussed removing the bridge in the center of Section 17-18-19-20-129-56 and replacing it with a Texas crossing. There is some concern about removing the bridge. The landowners agreed to work with the contractor and relay any concerns to Board members.

Dave Titus visited with the Board regarding work on Drain No. 11 (Section 27-130-57) He submitted a proposal for the work and the Board authorized him to do the work as per the bid presented. Mr. Titus will also look at other sites approved by FEMA for repairs and work with the Board to get this work completed.

Dave Rush, Red River Basin Riparian Project contacted the Board with an update of progress on the shoreline stabilization at Silver Lake and an assessment of some damage on the west lakeshore (at the gabions) that was brought to his attention by Quentin Hoistad. The shoreline work is 90% complete and he would like to meet with the Water Board, Park Board and County Commission to explain what was done and what is expected for maintenance.

City of Forman officials contacted US Fish and Wildlife about a concern with Drain No. 4. This was a health issue with their lagoon and USFW prepared a Special Use

Permit approving legal drain maintenance on the NW1/4 of NE1/4-5-130-55. The approved permit states that the Water Board agrees to avoid depositing spoil in areas discussed in the field, level spoil in 2007 and re-seed, if required, in 2008, to a mixture of wheat grass, alfalfa and sweet clover, drain maintenance will not extend into the open water wetland in the NE corner of the WPA and no culverts will be adjusted as part of this work. The Sargent County Water Board hired Titus Excavating to clean this area and the work was completed.

Gerald Friskop filed an application to remove approaches, clean and maintain existing ditches around his farmstead along the north side and east side of farmstead in NE1/4-24-132-53. Mr. Friskop filed this application on a Richland County form. Richard Engst agreed to take a Sargent County form for him to complete and the Board will review at the July meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 p.m.

MARK BREKER - CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

SHERRY HOSFORD - SECRETARY