

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SARGENT COUNTY WATER RESOURCE BOARD HELD ON THURSDAY, JUNE 16, 2005 AT 8:00 P.M. IN THE COMMISSIONERS ROOM, SARGENT COUNTY COURTHOUSE, FORMAN, ND

Managers present: Dan Jacobson, Mark Breker, Roger White and Richard Engst. Absent Randy Ptacek.

Kathy Duttonhefner, ND Parks and Recreation Dept. (NDPR), Bismarck and John Kwapinski, Park Manager, Fort Ransom State Park met with the Board regarding the 25-year lease for the Head of the Mountain Nature Preserve, which expires July 31, 2005. Kathy said NDPR desires to keep it as a nature preserve because this is one of the few places where tallgrass prairie is located in the state. If the Board would like to change the use on the preserve, these activities can be added to the Articles of Dedication. The Head of the Mountain Nature Preserve is open to the public for walking access and a tough track to manage from Bismarck. NDPR does have a willingness to manage this preserve and would like to have a prescribed burn, which has been discussed with Tewaukon Refuge. Are there reasons why this should be undedicated? The Board would like to have a public meeting to get input on what activities should be offered on the preserve. The Board would like to see deer gun available at the preserve but not have driving on the dam. Pheasant hunting was suggested as well as upland game. Kathy indicated that the Articles of Dedication are quite flexible and could include any of the various hunting options discussed. Discussed putting a parking lot in the area to allow for vehicles to park while hunting. Motion to prepare a new lease with more descriptive conditions, including replacing the signs at the preserve, checking existing fence line and allow public hunting, walk-in only. (Jacobson/Engst, unanimous) ND Parks and Recreation will prepare the lease and make a management recommendation to this Board to open for hunting.

Roger left the meeting at 9:15 p.m.

Approve May 19, 2005 minutes and financial statement. (Jacobson/Engst, unanimous)

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

52419 Mark Breker	Travel	118.66
52420 Richard Engst	Travel	44.20
52421 David Hofer	Beaver removal-SCWC#1	50.00
52422 Dan Jacobson	Travel	41.48
52423 Ohnstad, Twichell Law Offices	Brian Vculek permit	65.00
52424 Viking Office Products	Film	27.59
52425 Roger White	Travel	69.36
52487 Mark Breker	5 PD less 22.95	277.05
52488 Danny Jacobson	3 PD less 13.77	166.23
52489 Sherry Hosford	Sec salary less 20.40	246.27
52490 Richard Engst	3 PD less 13.77	166.23
52491 Roger White	3 PD less 13.77	166.23
DD Sargent County Bank	Withholding taxes	170.39

The drainage permit for Brian Vculek was approved to enter ND 13 right of way. The permit covers constructing a drainage channel in the north ditch of ND 13 in the SE1/4-23 and SW1/4-24-132-58. The Board was instructed to notify ND One Cell Call System to locate and mark all utilities and also the Fargo District Engineer prior to any work on the highway right of way. Mr. Vculek was informed of these calls that he must make prior to any work.

All Board members attended the Red River Basin Commission bus tour on June 2nd. They visited the watershed areas at the ND, SD and MN borders and found it all very interesting.

Mark reported on the Nelson Dam and he had looked at the records at NRCS but was unable to find anything additional on the dam. Sherry was unable to locate any easements in Section 18 except from NW Bell Telephone, rural water and Sargent County for roadwork. There is a need to get an easement prepared and the Secretary was instructed to call Moore Engineering to request a survey of this area.

The Board reviewed the 2006 budget and moved to approve \$234,500 for the General Fund and the following for the individual drains: #2-\$1,000, #3-\$5,000, #4-\$500, #8-\$1,500, #9-\$10,000, #11-\$20,000, #12-\$2,000, Water Channel # 1-\$10,000 and Tewaukon Watershed-\$15,000. (Jacobson/Engst, unanimous)

Approve transfer from Drain No. 12 to General Fund for \$5,050 as repayment in full. (Engst/Jacobson, unanimous)

The Water Board summer meeting is scheduled for July 7 and 8 at Ramada Plaza Suites, Fargo.

The Tewaukon Watershed area from Brummond/Lubke Dam to the north was discussed and Mark informed the Board that Jerry Woytassek notified him that the corner of Section 15 is underwater and he would like it cleaned. The Board reviewed the

easements and it appears that there are easements for the entire area. Mark will visit with Jerry and talk to a contractor.

Dan reported that Tom Wyum contacted him about the possibility of diverting water to the south from the overflow in Buffalo Lake. An area known as Nathe-Wyum Dam was considered in 1981 and put into an inactive file because there was not enough water for Buffalo Lake and the Nathe-Wyum area. There is some opposition from the current landowners and Tom Wyum agreed to visit with the landowners and meet with the Water Board with his findings.

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 p.m.

MARK BREKER - CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

SHERRY HOSFORD - SECRETARY