

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SARGENT COUNTY WATER RESOURCE BOARD HELD ON THURSDAY, JUNE 17, 2004 AT 8:00 P.M. IN THE COMMISSIONERS ROOM, SARGENT COUNTY COURTHOUSE, FORMAN, ND

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

Roger Bopp, Stirum met with the Board to discuss approval of a request for drainage on highway right of way in the SE1/4-22-132-56 for Steven R. Bopp, Stirum. He is requesting to clean the highway right of way ditch so the water does not back up into his field. Approve the request and mail to NDDOT District Engineer, Fargo. (Jacobson/White, unanimous)

Approve May 20, 2004 minutes and financial statement. (Engst/Jacobson, unanimous)

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

49578 Mark Breker	Travel	120.28
49579 Richard Engst	Travel	46.19
49580 Dan Jacobson	Travel	5.58
49581 Jerry's Backhoe Service	Dr # 9 - Beaver control	50.00
49582 ND Water Resource Dist.	Water Laws update	33.95
49583 Roger White	Travel	43.40
49652 Mark Breker	6 PD less 27.54	332.56
49653 Danny Jacobson	3 PD less 13.77	166.23
49654 Sherry Hosford	Sec salary less 20.40	246.27
49655 Richard Engst	4 PD less 18.36	221.64
49656 Roger White	2 PD less 9.18	110.82
DD Sargent County Bank	Withholding taxes	178.50

The Board inspected Bridge 105-01 on June 1st and work will be done by Dakota Improvement. Pillars will be moved south to an existing bridge located between Section 14/23-132-58 and a Texas crossing will be constructed.

Arlin and Dan Mund, Harlan Hogness and Ken Quam met with the Board to discuss problems with flooding in Hall Township that is damaging the pastures. They want to know who has jurisdiction of cleaning the river and why the cleaning can't start at the river and go west. They are concerned about Bridge 135-5.1 and 136-5.1, which was replaced in 1988 and 1991 with culverts. Dirt is silting in and the county commissioners have been contacted to clean out this area. The Board informed those present that a 404 permit is needed before the river can be cleaned and any cleaning on the natural drain requires that all the debris be hauled out, which costs more than the actual cleaning. There is concern about the water stopping at the county line. The Board agreed to talk to the county commissioners.

The Board looked at the ditch erosion by Bob Banderet's on the June dam inspection and feel it is not that serious but could use some rock.

A map was prepared for the SC Weed Board to use in spraying leafy spurge in several areas across the county.

Discussed land that Jeff Breker is interested in buying (NE1/4-NW1/4-16-129-54 LTL). After reviewing the Board agreed that they are not interested in selling any of the land.

The Board conducted the annual dam inspection on June 15 with all members present and Ronald Herr and Malinda Jorstad, NRCS. All installed drains and watershed dams are in good condition and working properly. There are some Russian olive trees and small willows along Channel # 1 in Taylor Township, some leafy spurge and trees along Channel # 9, a few shrubs/trees in the Bergh McLaen waterway. The "No Farming" signs that were placed along the brood/duck pond buffers in 2002 are present and functioning. All signs were in place this spring and the operators went around them when the crops were planted this spring. All buffer areas have become vegetated with tame grasses. The 6' CMP under Co. # 7 at the start of Bergh/McLaen waterway has been patched as per Jim Hick's short term fix recommendation. A small amount of groundwater is seeping through the CMP patch below the band. NRCS suggested boring numerous seep holes in the concrete weir box near the bottom. Several one inch (or so) diameter holes should help eliminate the ground water around the weir box and thus around the CMP downstream of the box.

During the dam inspection it was noted that with the excellent grass stand and vegetation now present on the areas that we needed to have re-vegetated on Brummond-Lubke Dam, NRCS recommends that the dam can be grazed this season with short-term grazing. NRCS calculated stocking rates for the area and based on those numbers allow up to a maximum of 21 days of grazing using Mr. Brummond's animal numbers of 35 cow/calf pairs. If environmental conditions would take an immediate turn for the worse, then those days may need to be revised to insure there are no damaging effects. The Board instructed the Secretary to send a letter to Mr. Brummond allowing the grazing under the above conditions.

On the upstream side toe slope of Nelson Dam there is a small area just west of the inlet riser that has eroded due to possible wave action and/or ice movement. The soil and vegetation has sloughed off and will be riprapped to prevent any further degradation. The Board will talk to Allen Nelson about placement of rock this winter when the ice is froze and rock will be hauled in to the site this summer or fall.

Kim Rasmussen requested that the Board proceed with work on Drain No. 9. Bridge No. 114-21 needs a new deck or removal. Many large cottonwood trees are in the drain. The Board will do more research on bridge repairs and removal of the trees.

Bob Bussman talked to Richard about a culvert that goes through the SE1/4-16-132-55 railroad by Hoving. Red River Valley Railroad has been contacted and they say they will fix it but it hasn't been done yet. The culvert is filled in and water doesn't flow through. He is asking the Board to send a letter to the railroad asking that the culvert be cleaned to enable the water to flow. Richard will talk to Mr. Bussman and see whom he has talked to and report at the July meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 11:10 p.m.

MARK BREKER - CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

SHERRY HOSFORD - SECRETARY