

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SARGENT COUNTY WATER RESOURCE BOARD HELD ON THURSDAY, JUNE 21, 2001 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, Richard Engst, Mark Breker, Randy Ptacek and John Totenhagen. Absent none.

Approve May 17, 2001 minutes and financial statement. (Totenhagen/Engst, unanimous)

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

41451 Mark Breker	Travel	14.88
41452 Richard Engst	Travel	15.50
41453 Danny Jacobson	Travel	16.74
41454 ND Water Resource District	Registration	85.00
41455 Randy Ptacek	Travel	12.40
41456 John Totenhagen	Travel	47.12
41457 Viking Office Products	Film	25.99
16059 Mark Breker	2 PD less tax	110.82
16060 Danny Jacobson	3 PD less tax	166.23
16061 John Totenhagen	3 PD less tax	166.23
16062 Sherry Hosford	Sec. Salary less tax	246.27
16063 Richard Engst	1 PD less tax	55.41
16064 Randy Ptacek	2 PD less tax	110.82
DD Sargent County Bank	Matching Social Security	141.78

No information has been received on the Silver Lake erosion control project.

There hasn't been any response on the Head of the Mountain Nature Preserve change of activities. Sherry will call for an update. Mark reported on getting bugs for the spurge and talked to the ND Parks and Recreation Dept. He informed them that he can get beetles for leafy spurge from the SC Weed Board and they said that is fine. They have funds available to spray Plateau for leafy spurge this fall. John Kwapinski, Fort Ransom State Park will coordinate the project.

LeAnn and David Even, Cogswell City met with the Board to report that they are having algae problems near the dome area of the tile drain and continues to plug the dome. Cogswell City pays an assessment on the drain and feels the Board should provide a solution. Water has risen in the last few days from the rain. The Board was looking into putting something in to keep out the larger items that plug the tile but is not aware of any chemical that is available. It was suggested that someone could be hired to keep it clean. The City also asked if the Board would consider assisting monetarily with plan changes for the lift station relocation. When they applied for the loan and grant, the dollar figure exceeded what is available because of additional excavation. They have contacted Rural Development for a \$300,000 grant but if everything has to be changed, the engineering fees could be another \$17,000. The Board cannot use taxpayer dollars to fund a project such as engineering. David will talk to someone to see if chemicals are available and the Board assured him they would compensate him to keep the dome clean if chemicals do not work.

The Board met at Park Lake with Richland County Water Board on Tuesday, June 19. After investigating they are waiting for some further studies.

The Board received a letter from the landfill addressed to Alice Bartell with some options to build up the existing south bound road in the low area where the storm water tends to flow across the road from the landfill. Mr. Beckstrom asked that Ms. Bartell sign the approval box and this would allow him to get approval from the township, USFW and this Board. The letter will be filed with the complaint filed earlier by Ms. Bartell.

Mike Harris, Bernie Vculek, Vic Thompson, Dave Zetocha, Gary Rodine, Kevin Rodine and Jerry Kappenman met with the Board to see if there is a solution to remove water that is ponding near the Jerry Kappenman land in Section 31-132-58. There is a natural drain that flows to the east through county road 2, along the railroad track and into Drain No. 11 in Section 35. The water does not move through the culvert because it has filled with sediment over the past years. The culverts are only half full and it backs up the water into Kappenman's yard because it does not flow the correct route. There is sediment and many cattails. They would like to have someone clean the natural channel. The assessment monies cannot be used on areas other than the legal drain. The area involves about 3 miles and the railroad has indicated that if the Water Board doesn't have a problem they will not object. The Board reminded the landowners that they have to contact NRCS to explain the project and get approval before any work begins. Some of the land is in CRP and that landowner might not be willing to participate in the cost. The Board agreed to send a letter to all the landowners informing them

of this meeting and that the water is restricted in flowing the natural watercourse to Drain No. 11. The Board will also talk to NRCS and inform them of this meeting.

Mark reported that the road on the west side of Alkali Lake in Ransom Township (Section 36) has been abandoned. The lake keeps growing and it is washing out the roadway area and the bank. The road is used for access to farmland. He called Terry Stienwand at NDGF and they have built up the road in the past and would put some gravel on this road. Mark will contact Brian at NDGF to see what they need from this Board.

Jim Marquette, Rutland Township called Dan about replacing some culverts in Section 3 & 4-130-54. They are doing some checking and will get back to the Board.

Discussed the upcoming summer meeting, which includes the Executive Briefing & Water Law Seminar. John plans to attend.

The annual dam inspection was discussed and decided to meet on June 27<sup>th</sup>.

The township road between Section 4-9-130-57 washed out and the culvert needs to be relayed. There is about 20-30 feet of roadway that is washed out. It is a crossing for Drain No. 11. The county commissioner declared an emergency on June 5<sup>th</sup>. The Board will submit this site for FEMA inspection.

Richard reported that he has been contacted by some landowners about constructing a drain from Borg Lake in Milnor Township. An engineer would be required to prepare the assessment area along with a petition from the landowners requesting the establishment.

Mark asked about extra culverts that would be available. There is a bent rusted 24-inch culvert on the Mathews land. The Board instructed Mark to dispose of the culvert.

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 p.m.

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DAN JACOBSON - CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

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SHERRY HOSFORD - SECRETARY