

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE SARGENT COUNTY WATER RESOURCE
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25, 2014 AT 2:00 P.M.
CONFERENCE CALL ORIGINATING FROM THE OFFICES OF OHNSTAD TWICHELL, P.C.
WEST FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA

Managers present: Jim Bosse, Richard Engst, Roger Zetocha. Absent: Chairman McFarland and Luke Siemieniewski. Also present: Chris Gross, Engineer for the Board; and Sean Fredricks, Attorney for the Board.

Drain No. 7 – Milnor Drain Crossing Improvements

Chris Gross reported that he conducted a bid opening regarding the Drain 7 crossing improvement project on Tuesday, June 24, at the office of the Sargent County Water Resource District. Chris reported that three contractors submitted bids, Comstock Construction, Riley Brothers Construction, and Sellin Brothers. The pre-bid estimate was approximately \$415,000. Comstock Construction submitted the low bid in the amount of \$383,520.00. Chris reported that Comstock has done good work on other Water Resource District projects in the past including a box culvert installation project last summer. Chris explained the timing if the Board awards a contract to Comstock; he would contact Comstock immediately to notify them of the award, Comstock would notify their suppliers, and would provide show drawings for Chris to review. In addition, Chris would provide a draft Notice of Award for Chairman McFarland’s signature to formally award the contract to Comstock and to commence the contractual process.

Manager Zetocha moved to award the construction contract regarding the Drain No. 7 crossing improvement project to Comstock Construction in the amount of \$383,520.00. Manager Engst seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Paul Mathews/Drain 11 Right of Way

At the Board’s previous meeting, the Board discussed the need for weed spraying regarding the property in dispute in the Paul Mathews litigation. Moore Engineering is currently conducting a survey of the right of way as directed by the Court; the Court will ultimately enter an order in the matter once the metes and bounds description is ready. In the meantime, the Board did not want to proceed with weed spraying without conferring first with the Court. Ohnstad Twichell contacted the Court and explained the situation, and the Court indicated the Sargent County Water Resource District could conduct weed control while the order is pending. Manager Engst moved to authorize Manager Bosse to coordinate weed spraying. Manager Zetocha seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

APPROVED:

JIM BOSSE, VICE-CHAIR

ATTEST:

SEAN M. FREDRICKS, ACTING SECRETARY