MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SARGENT COUNTY WATER RESOURCE BOARD HELD ON THURSDAY, JULY 13, 2006 AT 8:00 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 June 15, 2006 minutes and financial statement. (White/Engst, unanimous)

Approve payment of the following bills: (Jacobson/Engst, unanimous)		
55238 James & Deborah Bosse	5.01 acres land right of way	5511.00
55239 Mark Breker	Travel	100.23
55241 Richard Engst	Travel	58.50
	.53 acres right of way	583.00
55243 Heitkamp Construction, Co.	Silver Lake Stabilization	31766.00
55244 David Hoffer	Beaver removal # 1	50.00
55245 Dan Jacobson	Travel	51.87
55246 Randy Ptacek	Travel	7.80
55247 Richland Co. Water Board	Dr # 3-Duerr/Kingston Twp	6911.84
55248 Sargent County	Cost share Bridge 118-20	37319.59
55249 Roger White	Travel	379.36
55327 Mark Breker	5 PD less 30.60	369.40
55328 Danny Jacobson	5 PD less 30.60	369.40
55329 Sherry Hosford	Sec salary less 20.40	246.27
55330 Richard Engst	3 PD less 18.36	221.64
55331 Randy Ptacek	1 PD less 6.12	73.88
55332 Roger White	5 PD less 30.60	369.40
DD Sargent County Bank	Withholding taxes	273.89

Approve cashing CD #12859 (\$108,414.32) and deposit in the general fund. (Jacobson/White, unanimous)

John Hayen met with the Board regarding the easements/warranty deed on Section 27-130-57. He received the documents and will sign them next week. The Board will acquire .53 acres from Mr. Hayen and four temporary construction easements with a completion date of October 2007. Jim and Debbie Bosse executed their warranty deed and temporary construction easements. The deeds will be recorded and Bosse's paid for 5.01 acres.

Dan informed the Board that Titus Excavation removed bridge 114-21 on Drain No. 9 in Taylor Township. He checked on culverts and recommended a 66" squash pipe. There are some other problems with culverts downstream and spoil bank and the contractor is inspecting and will make recommendations.

Dave Titus met with the Board to discuss work on Drain No. 9 and hopes to complete within 2-3 weeks. He estimated the cost to install the culverts on Bridge 114-21 would be \$3,000. The Board agreed to proceed with one 78"x36' arched spiral culvert (87"x63") at the bridge site and one 54"x36' arched spiral culvert (64"x43") one-half mile south of the bridge which Dan will order and have delivered to the site. Dave Titus said they are planning to begin FEMA work on Drain No. 11 and other locations upon completion of Drain No. 9.

Mr. Titus presented bills for cleanout of Drain No. 4 and also work to date on
Drain No.9. Approve payment of bills. (White/Ptacek, unanimous)55240 Dave Titus Excavating, Inc.Dr # 4Dr # 932,880.00Dr # 941,170.00

Richland County Water Board informed this Board that they are waiting for a report from Interstate Eng. on the Duerr and Kingston Township dispute regarding Wefel/Wohlwend. When the report is available copies will be provided to this Board and a meeting scheduled.

Roger White reported on the Red River Basin Commission meeting in Lidgerwood on June 28. Items discussed were water quality monitoring efforts on the Wild Rice River and water quality of White Lake and Roberts County. Also discussed nonpoint source pollution strategies and overall water quality in the Red River basin.

North Dakota Parks and Recreation Dept. has reviewed the Head of the Mountain Nature Preserve lease and provided a revision on the indemnity and insurance section. Lynette Elijah, county insurance agent will review and provide necessary paper work for ND Parks and Recreation.

The Board reviewed maps of legal drains for spraying and will submit areas to Midwest Helicopters and request the use of Habitat at \$375 per mile.

The annual dam inspection was held on June 21, 2006. Board members Mark Breker, Richard Engst and Dan Jacobson attended accompanied by Janet Bradbury, NRCS. Channels are in good condition and working properly. Equipment was in the process of cleaning Wild Rice Creek Channel 9. The bridge was inspected that has been removed in Taylor Township. The "No Farming" signs remain in good condition and in place at the brood/duck pond buffers where they were placed in 2002. A small area, about 1.5-2 feet long, of erosion is starting around the concrete structure at the north end of the Wild Rice Creek Channel # 1. The area is on the east side of the structure, on the south side of 98 St SE, between Section 11/14-129-56. The area will be filled and existing crested wheatgrass is expected to vegetate the spot. A hole approximately 3 inches in diameter was found on the east side of the north end of a culvert on the Bergh-McLaen waterway between Section 25/36-129-55. The Board plans to fill the hole and determine the extent of erosion around the culvert. The south end of the same culvert continues to rust at a patch site. Water stands at the level of the culvert at this time. Excellent grass stand is present on Brummond-Lubke Dam. No cattle have grazed the dam this season. Cattle were grazing the adjoining pasture. Digital photos were taken throughout the tour to document conditions and provided to Board members.

Roger White attended the Summer Meeting in Mandan and reported on the Energy Trail Tour, including a coal-fired power plant, ethanol projects and wind energy. He reported on the Red River Joint Water Board meeting and the Maple River Dam.

Dave Rush, Red River Riparian Council sent a letter to the Board summarizing the inspection on June 21 of the completed Silver Lake Shoreline Stabilization project. He explained about maintenance of the stabilization work and plantings along the shoreline. He also addressed some of the required maintenance as well as reiterated the limited mowing (maintenance) condition that was a requirement of the US ACE 404 permit. A copy of this letter is in the Silver Lake file and Board members tabled signing off on acknowledging the requirements until they meet with Dave Rush.

The Sargent County Commission is requesting the Water Board to assist in replacing Bridge 127-20 located 2 miles east and 2.7 miles south of Rutland. Total estimated cost of replacing the bridge is \$400,000 with an 80% cost share from the federal monies. The county would be responsible for 20% or \$80,000. Tabled for more information.

The Board reviewed the 2007 budget and moved to approve \$235,500 for the General Fund and the following for the individual drains: #2-\$1,000, #3-\$8,000, #4-\$500, #8-\$1,500, #9-\$10,000, #11-\$80,000, #12-\$4,000, Water Channel # 1-\$10,000 and Tewaukon Watershed-\$15,000. (Engst/Jacobson, unanimous)

Discussed the farm contracts with Jeff Breker and Roger Nelson. They will terminate in October 2006. Authorize the Secretary to prepare new contracts for 3 years and both Chairman and Secretary sign each lease at \$43.50 per acre for farmland, pastureland at \$10/acre and \$30/acre on 51 acres of CRP. (White/Ptacek, unanimous)

Mark Breker reported that FEMA would be in Sargent County on July 17 and 18 to inspect legal drains that have damage. There are some areas in the southern part and also on the Tri-County Drain.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 p.m.

MARK BREKER - CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

SHERRY HOSFORD - SECRETARY