

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SARGENT COUNTY WATER RESOURCE BOARD HELD ON THURSDAY, JULY 15, 2004 AT 8:00 P.M. IN THE COMMISSIONERS ROOM, SARGENT COUNTY COURTHOUSE, FORMAN, ND

Managers present: Dan Jacobson, Mark Breker, Richard Engst, Randy Ptacek and Roger White. Absent none.

Approve June 17, 2004 minutes and financial statement. (Jacobson/Engst, unanimous)

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

49718 Daniel Bishoff	Beaver removal/Drain No. 9	100.00
49719 Mark Breker	Travel	12.24
49720 Richard Engst	Travel	17.00
49721 Dan Jacobson	Travel	2.04
49722 Randy Ptacek	Travel	12.92
49723 Douglas & Janel Ruby	Easement for SCWCI # 1	1.00
49724 SC Recorder	Easement recording fee	16.00
49725 Roger White	Travel	11.56
49895 Mark Breker	1 PD less 4.59	55.41
49896 Danny Jacobson	1 PD less 4.59	55.41
49897 Sherry Hosford	Sec salary less 20.40	246.27
49898 Richard Engst	1 PD less 4.59	55.41
49899 Randy Ptacek	2 PD less 9.18	110.82
49900 Roger White	2 PD less 9.18	110.82
DD Sargent County Bank	Withholding taxes	105.06

Drain No. 9 requires some spraying and willow removal. Dan looked at it and agrees that some work must be done and landowners along the drain are in favor of the cleaning. There is approximately \$17,000 in the fund now. Further discussion on cleaning the drain and the Board decided to visit with more landowners about proceeding with the work to get more input.

Acknowledge receipt of an Easement from Douglas and Janel Ruby for and in consideration of the sum of \$1.00 for an easement, in perpetuity, over and across a strip of land lying and being in the City of Milnor along Drain No. 7. The easement has been recorded in the SC Recorder's Office and is on file in the Drain No. 7 easement file.

Roger White arrived at 8:35 p.m.

Students from NDSU have prepared a plan of the proposed improvements along the east and west side of Silver Lake. A presentation on July 6 to the Park Board and the county commissioners concluded with a request that an extension of the plan be prepared to include the entire south bank of the lake. Another meeting is scheduled for July 27 for the Water Board, Park Board and commissioners to view the entire proposed project.

Dan checked with Ransom County regarding the Red River Basin assessment request and it appears that Cass, Grand Forks, Richland, Ramsey, Traill counties have paid their assessment fee. The Board agreed to wait until the meeting on July 22 to discuss the fee with other counties at the Red River Joint Water Board.

Bridge 114-21 on Drain No. 9 was inspected and the bridge deck is in poor condition. Dan suggested that the bridge be removed and another type of crossing put in to replace the bridge. The area is not a high volume flow and not a heavy traffic area. Tabled

Bob Bussman asked the Board to send a letter to the Red River Valley Western Railroad requesting that they remove an obstruction in a culvert located in the railroad bed in the SE1/4-16-132-55. The culvert is filled with rock and water does not flow through the culvert. The water is ponding on the north side and drowning out cropland. Request letter sent to the railroad. (Jacobson/Ptacek, unanimous)

The Board met with the commissioners with their concerns on flooding in Hall Township and the county road department will clean out the triple culverts.

Bridge 105-05.1 is under construction and the bridge south of that location where the pillars were going to be moved needs a culvert in the bottom to drain the water. Roger feels the pillars should be put on top of the culvert to protect the pipe and 2 inch rock around the pillars. Dakota Improvement will complete the job. The Board has a 36-inch squash pipe and Roger will ask Sparky to deliver it to the site.

North Dakota Dept. of Transportation returned the application requesting drainage highway right-of-way in the SE1/4-22-132-56 for Steven R. Bopp. NDDOT approved the application with several conditions. A copy of the permit will be mailed to Mr. Bopp.

The Board proceeded to work on the 2005 budget. Approve \$234,500 for the general fund and the following amounts for each drain. Drain No. 2 - \$1,000; Drain No. 3

\$2,000; Drain No. 4 - \$500; Drain No. 8 - \$1,500; Drain No. 9 - \$10,000; Drain No. 11 - \$10,000; Drain No. 12 - \$1,500; Water Channel Improvement District No. 1 - \$10,000 and Tewaukon Watershed \$8,000. Approve the following assessment amounts for each drain: Drain No. 2 - \$1.50; Drain No. 3 - \$.25; Drain No. 4 - no levy; Drain No. 8 - \$.25; Drain No. 9 - \$.50; Drain No. 11 - \$.50; Drain No. 12 - \$.50; SC Water Channel Imp. District No. 1 - no levy; Tewaukon Watershed - \$.50 (Jacobson/Ptacek, unanimous)

The Board prepared a map for helicopter spraying services from Midwest Helicopters, Larimore, ND. The price for cattail spraying will be \$230 per sprayed mile.

Discussed the culvert problem by Nepstad's between Section 22/23 and 26/27 of Jackson Township. Randy will mark the area and see what can be done to fix the problem.

The meeting adjourned at 11:10 p.m.

MARK BREKER - CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

SHERRY HOSFORD - SECRETARY