

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SARGENT COUNTY WATER RESOURCE BOARD HELD ON THURSDAY, JULY 15, 1999 AT 8:00 P.M. IN THE SARGENT COUNTY COURTHOUSE, FORMAN, ND

The meeting was called to order with the following present: Dan Jacobson, John Totenhagen, Richard Engst and Mark Breker. Absent Randy Ptacek.

Sandra Siekaniec, Tewaukon Refuge, met with the Board about SC Water Channel Imp. # 1. The Refuge owns the S1/2-13-132-54 and said drain runs through this land. In 1987 the drain was cleaned out and a structure installed by the Fish & Wildlife to hold water. There is a large hole in the dike and muskrat damage and not holding water back. The refuge wants to repair the dike. There is 75 feet of right of way and the spoil bank is on the right of way. Grant permission to Refuge to repair the spoil pile dike adjacent to SC Water Channel No. 1. Repair of the dike will allow the refuge to hold water on their property out of the drain. Fill to repair the dike will be removed from the south side of the spoil pile. (Totenhagen/Engst, unanimous)

Ellery Rall, David Gates, Joey Gregor, and John Lien met to discuss the drain through Milnor City. Ransom County has no restrictions on draining and landowner kept road closed until he couldn't hold the water and then he opened it up. He doesn't do that anymore so all that water comes into Milnor City. Another problem is with the railroad tracks from the elevator to the lake. When the elevator was remodeled it was dug out and all the water comes up to the road on either side of the track. When the lake rises there is much water and they must sandbag to keep the water out of town. There is a culvert in there now and if a dike is installed the culvert could be opened and the water would flow back into the lake. Another problem on the northwest side of town is the drain overflows and floods landowners along the area. Ask that the Water Board prohibit removal of the spoil bank from the drain right of way and try to build up the spoil bank on the drain. Suggested contacting FEMA for assistance. City would have a better chance but this year they didn't have any flood damage so may have to look at hazard mitigation. The City would like the Water Board to send a letter to the railroad addressing their concerns on this water problem. If there were a way to get the water to the drain without flowing through the city, this would help solve some of the problem. The Water Board will talk to their engineer about looking into the possibility of widening the drain to control more water.

Approve minutes and financial statement. (Engst/Breker, unanimous)

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

37184 Mark Breker	Travel	41.00
37185 Richard Engst	Travel	25.00
37186 Dan Jacobson	Travel	20.00
37187 Sargent County	Culverts/Dunbar Twp.	3014.22
37188 John Totenhagen	Travel	29.50
14426 Mark Breker	3 PD less 14.23 + \$6.00 meal	171.77
14427 Dan Jacobson	3 PD less 14.23 + \$6.00 meal	171.77
14428 John Totenhagen	3 PD less 14.23 + \$6.00 meal	171.77
14429 Sherry Hosford	Sec. Salary less 20.40	246.27
14430 Richard Engst	2 PD less 9.64 + \$6.00 meal	116.36

Drain No. 2 work was completed and Richard will talk to Larry Moxness about tree removal.

Dan reported he met with FEMA officials on 1999-flood damage. Jeff Volk will work with the Board on preparing documentation for each site.

Randy measured the culverts in Jackson Township. The Board agreed that a 10-foot extension on the 60-inch north culvert would be adequate and 2 10-foot extensions on the 72-inch culvert located between Section 27/34. Culverts and bands will be ordered when Titus Excavating Co. is ready to do the work.

NRCS notified the Board that they canceled Arlen Willprecht's Minimal Effect Agreement on 6-21-99.

Mark reported that there are large trees in Drain No. 3 on the south end and landowners would like them removed. The Board agreed to do the work this fall.

The annual dam inspection was completed June 28, 1999. The channels are in good condition. There are some areas of leafy spurge along portions of Channel # 9. Possibly hire an airplane to spot spray these areas. The area where the Bergh-McLaen waterway crosses Co. # 7 is developing a small hole in the shoulder of the road that appears to extend under the entire road along side or on top of the concrete culvert. Some trees should be removed. All channels were open and functioning properly. Cattails or other debris are not a problem. Brummond-Lubke Dam needs some repair on the fencing. The landowner or a fencing contractor will be contacted to fix the fence. All dams are structurally sound and look very good. Vegetation is in excellent condition and all drains are functioning properly and are free from debris.

The Secretary was instructed to fax maps to David Morten, Midwest Helicopters Inc., Larimore, ND. Two areas should be sprayed in 1999 - Section 9 & 11 in Taylor Township and Section 19 in Hall Township.

The Board received a bill from Royce Granlund for engineering services. Mr. Granlund was informed that the Board is not willing to pay this bill because we have a policy stating that prior approval must be obtained before work is ordered if payment is expected from this Board.

2000 Budget was discussed and approved \$293,350 and a levy of 4.00 mills. (Totenhagen/Breker, unanimous)

North Dakota Division of Emergency Management contacted the Board about current status of 1997 and 1998 flood related small projects. 1997 projects are completed and 1998 will be completed before April 1, 2000.

Received a Project Inspection Report on the Wild Rice Creek. Buffer boundaries were marked out with flags in spring 1999. Water Board will buy posts and put in place in August 1999. These steel posts will define buffer boundaries. Areas for required buffers were not cropped this year and some grass was present. Water Board will ask each landowner to spray weeds when their crops along the buffers are sprayed to maintain weed control. Water Board is trying to find "No Farming Signs" to mount on steel posts.

Mark reported there is spurge on Frenier Dam. He will talk to Weed Board about getting bugs for that area.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 p.m.

DAN JACOBSON - CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

SHERRY HOSFORD - SECRETARY