

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SARGENT COUNTY WATER RESOURCE BOARD HELD ON THURSDAY, JULY 19, 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.

Milton McLaen reported that east of his approach in the road ditch it has silted in this spring. The location is between Section 18-19-129-55 and the water flows from Nelson Dam. The Board explained that they have been working to try to set up an assessment area that has to be approved by this Board and the county commissioners. If this assessment area were set up it would enable the Board to clean up. There is a culvert that needs to be cleaned out in the approach or put a culvert in the south approach and clean out to allow the water to flow the natural course. The Board agreed to clean the culvert and the area that it flows through. Another site between Section 13-24-129-55 on a township road is causing the water to backup. This water does not flow from a dam but from the hills and would be a township board project.

Approve June 21, 2001 minutes and financial statement. (Breker/Totenhagen, unanimous)

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

41612 Christine Bopp	Conference registration	\$200.00
41613 Mark Breker	Travel	55.49
41614 Richard Engst	Travel	35.65
41615 Holiday Inn	Totenhagen lodging	104.00
41616 Dan Jacobson	Travel	29.76
41617 Bonnie Josewski	Conference registration	200.00
41618 Randy Ptacek	Travel	6.20
41619 John Totenhagen	Travel	262.78
16136 Mark Breker	4 PD less 18.36	221.64
16137 Danny Jacobson	5 PD less 22.95	277.05
16138 John Totenhagen	7 PD less 32.13	387.87
16139 Sherry Hosford	Sec.salary less 20.40	246.27
16140 Richard Engst	3 PD less 13.77	166.23
16141 Randy Ptacek	1 PD less 4.59	55.41
DD Sargent County Bank	Matching social security	224.40

The Silver Lake Bank Stabilization project was discussed and the proposal reviewed that was prepared by Frank Beaver and Jason Warne. The project would provide stability to the shores of Silver Lake while maintaining a user friendly and aesthetically pleasing environment. The options include installing field rock riprap along the water line, cover the riprap with sand and plant short, deep rooted, water tolerant vegetation inshore. Along the west bank it is necessary to reshape the slope where necessary, install rock gabions and plant deep-rooted vegetation such as willows. The estimated budget is \$40,000. Approve sponsoring the project. (Engst/Ptacek, unanimous) Letters requesting cost share will be sent to the ND State Water Commission, ND Game & Fish Dept., Red River Riparian Board and Red River Joint Board.

Dana Banish, Mike Paczkowski and Bill Gaukler met with the Board to inquire when work on Drain No. 3 will be completed. Dana would like to see it cleaned on both sides because it is sloughing in. The area would be from the County Road No. 14 west to the end. Mark Breker talked to the Hutterites and they hope to start in a couple weeks. FEMA approved a portion of the cleaning and the Board will consider cleaning to the end. Bill asked about some work on the lateral and the Board is planning to do that this fall. There is much concern about the water from Richland County. It is causing problems for the landowners and it should be controlled back at Park Lake. The Board decided to wait for the hydrological study from Richland County. There is talk about forming another assessment area between Richland and Sargent County but the Board feels there are so many problems with all the water now that Sargent County would like to see what happens on the county road and Park Lake. A letter will be sent to the Richland County Water Board.

The public hearing for the Head of the Mountain Nature Preserve (Frenier Dam) has been scheduled by the North Dakota Parks and Recreation Dept. for Wednesday, August 22 at 8:00 a.m. in the Sargent County Bank Community Room, Rutland, ND.

A noxious weed management plan for the Head of the Mountain Nature Preserve was sent to the Board for review. Mark reported that the leafy spurge bugs have been spread in this area.

Sargent County has been accepted as a disaster county for 2001. The culvert site between Section 4/9-130-57 will be submitted through Sargent Township.

Team Laboratory Chemical Corp. mailed information to the Board about a product to remove the algae growth in the standing water along the tile inlet in Cogswell. He has two products Aqua Kill and Copper Sulfate. The Board agreed to try the copper sulfate to see if it will remove the algae.

The Secretary was instructed to send a delinquent notice to Louis Gaukler to collect \$522.50 for cleaning Crooked Creek last fall. If the amount is not paid by October 1, 2001, the amount will be added to his taxes.

Gary Kratcha called Dan about leveling the spoil bank on the area of Crooked Creek that was cleaned last fall. Dan will talk to Steve Wyum about his request.

The Annual Dam inspection report was filed and reviewed by the Board. Discussed the fence problem at Brummond/Lubke Dam and Ron Herr has met with Boyd Brummond and if he has time he would build the fence. The Board should hire someone to do the project and get it completed.

Mark talked to Randy Kriel, ND Game & Fish Dept. about the problem at Alkali Lake and he misunderstood the location. Mark contacted Brian Kinsman, Land Management, NDGF and he looked at it on 7-9-01 and he will get back to Mark if they decide to do something.

John reported on the 2001 Summer Water Resource Convention and the legislation update pertaining to water and related matters enacted by the 2001 legislative session.

The City of Milnor sent the Board a letter asking for clarification on right-of-way through the city on SC Water Channel Imp. # 1. They also want to know the board policy regarding right-of-way as far as building, shrubs, bushes and tree plantings. A letter will be sent to the city with right-of-way information and that planting any vegetation on the right-of-way is prohibited.

Weber Township requested cost share on a 4-foot extension to a 36-inch culvert between Section 13-24 and also request sizing of a culvert to the Francis Maly driveway. Mark looked at the site and he feels a 24-inch culvert is adequate. Approve cost share and sizing of 24-inch on the driveway culvert. (Breker/Engst, unanimous)

Approve 2002 Budget in the amount \$234,500 and Drain # 2-\$1,500; Drain # 3 - \$5,000; Drain # 4 - \$1,000; Drain # 9 - \$5,000; Drain # 11 - \$50,000; Drain # 12 - \$1,000 and SC Water Channel Imp. # 1 - \$4,000. (Totenhagen/Engst, unanimous)

Dan and John inspected a culvert west of Gwinner in the assessment area for SC Water Channel Imp. # 1. When it comes through the track there is a blowhole. It should be fixed and try to straighten out or make a more gradual turn and this should take care of the problem. The Water Board will talk to a contractor about making repairs.

Dave Titus will be contacted about proceeding with cleaning Drain No. 11 east of Mezarous Slough and south to the outlet in Taylor Township.

Project WET informed the Board that two people from Sargent County, Christine Bopp and Bonnie Josewski attended the 2001 Lewis and Clark's Missouri Big Muddy Institute. Evaluations were sent to the Board completed by Bopp and Josewski. The Board had approved attendance of any Sargent County teacher including reimbursement of \$200 registration fee.

Meeting adjourned at 11:40 p.m.

DANNY JACOBSON - CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

SHERRY HOSFORD - SECRETARY