

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SARGENT COUNTY WATER RESOURCE BOARD HELD ON THURSDAY, JULY 21, 2005 AT 8:00 P.M. IN THE COMMISSIONERS ROOM, SARGENT COUNTY COURTHOUSE, FORMAN, ND**

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

Dave Rush, Red River Basin Riparian Project and Bob Harsel, ND Forest Service met with the Board regarding the Silver Lake Stabilization Project. Dave presented the final plans for the project and discussed the revised plans. The Corps of Engineers have issued a permit (No. 200460629) to proceed with the work at Silver Lake. A solicitation letter with the project plans will be sent to a list of contractors. The Board chose Tuesday, August 23rd at 4:00 p.m. as the deadline to receive bids. Bids will be opened at 7:00 p.m. the same evening. Mr. Harsel asked if there are any particular needs for erosion concerns or heavy debris problems in Sargent County. There is technical and financial assistance available through the RRBRP and the Forest Service is another branch to offer assistance.

David Totenhagen, Randall and Judith Greenley, Stirum and Jason Asche, Gwinner arrived at the meeting. David Totenhagen explained his situation from 1991 and the request to install a larger culvert. In 1991, the Water Board hired Moore Engineering to do a study of the incoming drainage between the NW1/4 of 7 and the SW1/4 of 6-132-56. An existing 15" culvert in the roadway was proposed to be increased to a 24" culvert. Whitestone Hill Township Board was not in favor of this change and the Totenhagen's agreed to an 18" culvert. About three years ago, one of the landowner's installed an earthen dam on top of an approach about 300' east of the 18" culvert. This culvert will not handle the water that is being held back. At the time, the Totenhagen's didn't do anything about it but have continued to lose more land in wet years and would like this problem resolved. David presented pictures and maps showing the contributing drainage area. He would like a culvert installed at the approach site to handle the water. On an average year, there are one or two instances when the water overflows. The Totenhagen's are asking for the larger culvert. Jason Asche invited the Board to look at the approach to view the elevation. Prior to the 18" culvert, the land was flooded and with a larger culvert, it would be even more inundated. The Board agreed to inspect the area and make a determination on increasing the culvert at the August meeting.

The Sargent County Commissioners, Doug Askerooth, Cayuga, Duayne Baldwin, Geneseo, Sparky Engquist, Road Supt. and Lyle Bopp, States Attorney, met with the Board to discuss the water problem north of Buffalo Lake. The outlet to Buffalo Lake and into Crooked Creek has caused problems for landowners downstream. The commissioner's agreed to install a steel plate restriction on the 30" culvert on Wednesday (7/20/05) to slow down the water and the plate was removed by someone during the night. There were no roads being jeopardized and the Erickson farmstead is not being threatened. Edwin Erickson received a letter from the county commissioners but he was not in favor of installing the plate. It was a joint decision of both the commissioners and the Water Board to install the restriction. The downstream landowners want the creek to get back in its banks. The input to Buffalo Lake has decreased considerably, which will slow the water up to Edwin Erickson's. Both Boards' continue to agree that the plate should be reinstalled and that the downstream landowners do some work on the outlet to clear out the cattails so the water can get out. Mr. Askerooth agreed that work must proceed on the end portion. The county road department and the Hutterites are currently working on cleaning out this area at the expense of the landowners. There is an option of forming an assessment area to generate revenue for the long-term maintenance--this would have to be approved by the Water Board and the county commissioners. There is concern about field access for Jim Kleingarn on a section line road (Section 24-131-54), which is minimum maintenance. It was suggested that a rock crossing be installed to allow passage of the farm implements. Board members agreed to call a special meeting tomorrow with Edwin Erickson, Jim Kleingarn and Shuman Township Board to discuss a solution. If nothing can be agreed upon, an alternate is that the plate should be placed on the culvert until some agreement has been made with everyone involved. The Special Meeting will be held on Friday, July 23, 2005 at 9:00 a.m. in the Conference Room, Sargent County Courthouse.

Approve June 16, 2005 minutes and financial statement. (Ptacek/Jacobson, unanimous)

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

52762 Mark Breker	Travel	164.22
52763 Richard Engst	Travel	53.04
52764 David Hofer	Beaver removal/SCWC#1	50.00
52765 Dan Jacobson	Travel	101.32
52766 ND Water Resource Dist. Ass'n	Convention registration	95.00
52767 Randy Ptacek	Travel	75.48
52768 Viking Office Products	Minute Book	129.47
52769 Roger White	Travel	261.86
52838 Mark Breker	12 PD less 61.41	658.59
52839 Danny Jacobson	9 PD less 41.31	498.69

52840 Sherry Hosford	Sec salary less 20.40	246.27
52841 Richard Engst	6 PD less 27.54	332.46
52842 Randy Ptacek	4 PD less 18.36	221.64
52843 Roger White	10 PD less 45.90	554.10
DD Sargent County Bank	Withholding taxes	424.58

Roger White attended the Annual Summer Meeting in Fargo on July 7 & 8 and reported on the Legislative Session Update and the bus tour of the diversions in Fargo.

Frenier Dam outlet is presently being cleaned by the Sundale Hutterites and Joe Breker has had an area staked that will also be cleaned. Joe Breker asked for approval to drain additional acreage into his tile drain, which was previously approved. The State Water Commission determined the prior permit does not involve drainage of statewide or inter-district significance. Approve his request. (Ptacek/Engst, unanimous)

The Board received an Application to Drain from Darwin H. Heley requesting a permit to construct a tile drain system in the SE1/4 of SE1/4-28-132-54. The purpose of the tiles is to lower the water table from approximately 1.5 acres, although this is just the area to be tiled, and may not constitute the entire affected drainage basin. Richard will contact Mr. Heley to inspect the area to be drained.

The Milnor City Council asked this Board if the dike could be removed before grain harvest. This would all depend on whether there is excessive rain again. Richard had some rain amounts that he had recorded during the June rains. He feels if there is a comparable rainfall again, the drain can handle it and he suggested that the dike be removed as per the request of the elevator and the city.

The meeting adjourned at 12:10 a.m.

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MARK BREKER - CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

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SHERRY HOSFORD - SECRETARY