

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE SARGENT COUNTY WATER RESOURCE BOARD  
HELD ON THURSDAY, JULY 22, 1999 AT 1:00 P.M. IN THE COMMISSIONERS ROOM,  
SARGENT COUNTY COURTHOUSE, FORMAN, ND**

The meeting was called to order with the following members present: Dan Jacobson, John Totenhagen, Randy Ptacek and Richard Engst. Absent Mark Breker. Also present: Jim Lindseth, ND State Water Commission, Jack Lalor, Assistant Refuge Manager, Tewaukon National Wildlife Refuge; Ken Forster and Dennis Fliehs.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss permanent work that could be done to help lower water in easement wetlands around the Ken Forster home located in the NE1/4-36-131-56.

Fish and Wildlife tried to use temporary drainage to provide relief when easement wetlands were causing damage to Mr. Forster's property. The temporary arrangement hasn't been working so F & W agreed that the amount of water these wetlands hold could be reduced on a permanent basis while maintaining the easement wetland. Mr. Fliehs, who farms this quarter section, would like to see tile installed so he would not have an open ditch to negotiate with his equipment. Mr. Forster agreed to the tile as long as it could be done permanently.

Mr. Lindseth explained that no state permit would be needed to drain sheet water, or water above and outside the wetland basins unless more than 80 acres was involved.

After much discussion, it was agreed to let Mr. Forster drain some top water off of the two wetlands to help solve his problem. There were several conditions that will have to be met before he can proceed:

- 1) Landowners and renters permission
- 2) Tile to be used to drain water off and it has to be buried at Mr. Forster's expense.
- 3) Jack Lalor, F& W and Ron Herr, NRCS will establish the depth at which the tile shall be located.
- 4) Drainage must meet the requirements of NDDOT because the water will run in the state road ditch.
- 5) Permission from downstream landowner.

Meeting adjourned.

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DAN JACOBSON - CHAIRMAN