

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SARGENT COUNTY WATER RESOURCE BOARD
HELD ON THURSDAY, JULY 26, 2011 AT 9:00 A.M. IN THE COMMISSIONERS ROOM,
SARGENT COUNTY COURTHOUSE, FORMAN, ND

Managers present: Mark Breker, Jim Bosse, Richard Engst and Chris McFarland. Absent: Roger White. Also present: Chad Engels, Moore Engineering, Inc.; Mark Bopp, Mayor and Susan Kleingarn, Council member, Forman City.

The Board reviewed the 2012 budget and moved to approve \$247,075 for the General Fund and the following for the individual drains: #2-\$2,000, #4-\$36,000, #8-\$20,000, #9-\$8,000, #11-\$10,000, #12-\$10,000, Water Channel # 1-\$35,000 and Tewaukon Watershed-\$40,000. (Engst/Breker, unanimous)

Approve the following maintenance assessment amounts for each drain for 2011 taxes: Drain No. 2 - \$1.00; Drain No. 4 - \$2.00; Drain No. 8 - \$2.00; Drain No. 9 - \$2.00; Drain No. 11 - \$1.00; Drain No. 12 - \$1.50; SC Water Channel Imp. District No. 1 - \$2.00; Tewaukon Watershed - \$1.00. (Engst/Breker, unanimous)

Jim Bosse informed Board members that between the NE1/4-27-130-58 and the NW1/4-26-130-58 (Jackson Township), which is on Drain No. 11, that a crossing is needed by the landowner to get into the field. Authorize placement of the culvert crossing. (McFarland/Engst, unanimous)

A letter from Interstate Engineering, Inc. regarding Runway Rehabilitation at the Gwinner Airport was discussed and no comments were made on any environmental areas from this Board.

The meeting reconvened in the conference room with approximately fourteen people present (list of attendees is attached) to listen to more information on Drain No. 4 through Forman City. Chad Engels, P.E. Moore Engineering, Inc. provided a recap of the July 21 meeting and concluded that there is no alternative except tile as there is not enough room for any other option. Chad suggested that the old tile should be removed to eliminate any constraints in the area and follow the same alignment as the existing tile. Other items discussed included west grade slope and elevation, ND Highway 11 culvert—try to create more of a basin on west side of Forman to keep from overtopping the road—possibly build in some retention structures. Discussed crossings and culvert sizing and the slope of the land. Some concern was expressed on the existing assessment district including land that does not flow into Drain No. 4. Those in attendance were reminded that the Water Board has met with landowners around the Buffalo Lake area regarding the establishment of a legal drain. The Water Board cannot go out and initiate a drain, the landowners have to petition and the Water Board facilitates what the people request in their petition. The Water Board responsibility now is the assessment area for Drain No. 4.

Forman City Mayor Mark Bopp stated that the city has a Hazard Mitigation Grant submitted but they do not have it back yet. This would be used to put dikes on the west side of Forman and then look at the north end under Highway 32. The State does not plan to do any work on Highway 32 until 2014 but could possibly do some upgrades in 2012. Forman City would like to use Option # 3 for the 36" and 42" RCP Outlet and have committed to \$400,000 of funding towards this project. Discussed prepaid assessments for the city and this would have to be a written agreement between the city and the Water Board. Motion to proceed with Option # 3 and apply to the ND State Water Commission and authorize Chad Engels, Moore Engineering to proceed with the request for funding; project contingent upon funding from the State Water Commission and the City of Forman. (McFarland/Engst. Roll Call: Aye: McFarland, Breker, Engst, Bosse. Nay: None. Absent: White. Motion carried)

The City of Forman presented a Request for Drainage on Highway Right of Way for an additional 36" culvert under Highway 32 one-fourth mile north of Forman between Section 36-131-56 and Section 31-131-55. The Water Board acknowledged receipt of this request and forwarded the application to the ND Department of Transportation.

Meeting adjourned.

JAMES BOSSE – CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

SHERRY HOSFORD - SECRETARY