

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SARGENT COUNTY WATER RESOURCE BOARD HELD ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 17, 2000 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, Mark Breker, Richard Engst and John Totenhagen. Absent Randy Ptacek.

Sandra Siekaniec, Manager, Tewaukon Refuge, met with the Board to explain an application for the proposed Tewaukon NWR (Mann Lake) Project, located in the SW1/4, SE1/4, 35-130-55. The existing dike has eroded and acts as a deterrent of water coming into Mann Lake. The project consists of replacing an old, rusted water control structure and reconstruction of an earthen embankment across the existing control structure, under the direction of Ducks Unlimited. The application allows a 45-day response period. Sandra asked the Board to possibly respond before that time period to allow the project to proceed more quickly. After review of the project, the Board does not have any changes, conditions or modifications of said project. (Engst/Breker, unanimous)

Mark Breker noticed some water that was backing up north of Frenier Dam and Jack Lalor measured the area. After assessing the area there is only 1-1/2 inches of buildup so F&W doesn't see a need to clean this area. Mark said when the water flows under the county road there is sediment in the road ditch. F&W problem is that if they try to increase the flow it will damage their structures, have an increase in sedimentation and a decrease in water quality. She suggests that she is more than willing to work with the county and township to work on any road problems and Mark said they would see what they could work out.

Sandra explained several other areas that have been reported to the Fish & Wildlife Service. She expressed concern in some areas and indicated that they are working with the landowners to try to make things workable. The areas included land north of Silver Lake SW1/4-33-130-55 and another wetland south of Forman in 23-130-56. Another area of concern is north of Buffalo Lake. Sandra also discussed the landfill situation north of Gwinner. They have full intentions of keeping their wetland easement on that property. The total is one acre and F&W have asked them to make three wetlands to equal one acre. The landfill has not responded to this request.

Kelly Cooper and Gary Fliehs met with the Board about land in section 35-129-57. They are wondering if Drain No. 9 is in this area. Can they get into the drain and what is the process? Landowners can petition into a drain. Richard Ruch arrived at the meeting. If they would petition in to the drain, the Board would contact NRCS for their input. The Board agreed to talk to NRCS prior to receiving a petition to see if it would be a feasible project.

Gary Kratcha, Leonard Kratcha, Elvoy Askerooth, Jim Kleingarn, Louis Gaukler and Steve Wyum met with the Board regarding the beaver dam in NW1/4-36-131-54. Dan viewed the area today and found other beaver dams downstream. Elvoy plans to clean his land when conditions allow. The Kratcha's are concerned about excess water and their land flooding. The quarter line could use some repairs and this may eliminate some of the problem. Steve Wyum asked about possibly contacting FEMA to assist in finishing the project that was started two years ago. Jim Kleingarn reported that the Shuman Township clerk has been trying to contact Sandy Hanson, EMS for assistance from FEMA. The Board is planning to contact a contractor to remove the obstruction and clean on the section line at the culvert up to and through the beaver dam. It was agreed to remove the beaver dams and clean on the north/south section line at the end of the culvert.

Glenn Dorr, representing Milnor City, discussed future water problems in the city. Milnor was flooded in 1969, 1976, 1982 & 1997. The three culvert areas restrict the flow of the water and should be increased in size and another area needs the road raised to keep the water in Storm Lake. The city is interested in contacting FEMA for public assistance. The Board suggested that the city contact Sandy Hanson, EMS and file an application for FEMA consideration.

Approve July 13, 2000 minutes and July, 2000 financial statement. (Totenhagen/Engst, unanimous)

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

39714 Mark Breker	Travel	14.40
39715 Richard Engst	Travel	68.40
39716 Irene's Flowers	Memorial	30.00
39717 Danny Jacobson	Travel	56.70
39718 Moore Eng.	Bridge project - Hall Twp	2470.06
39719 Ohnstad, Twichell	Attorney fees	133.50
39720 Riley Brothers Const. Inc.	Bridge project - Hall Twp	5703.58
39721 John Totenhagen	Travel	28.50
15324 Mark Breker	2 PD less 9.18	110.82
15325 Danny Jacobson	7 PD less 32.13	387.87
15326 John Totenhagen	3 PD less 13.77	166.23
15327 Sherry Hosford	Sec. Salary less 20.40	246.27
15328 Richard Engst	3 PD less 13.77	166.23
DD Sargent Co. Bank	Social Security	178.50

Dan reported that Mezarous Slough is dry. Titus Excavating is doing the work from the north end of the sough and through Harlem Township. Everything looks good and Dan told the contractor to level as they go along the drain.

The Annual Dam inspection was June 28, 2000. The channels are in good condition and there are some areas of leafy spurge along portions of Channel # 9. The WTB discussed hiring someone to spray these areas and check into the possibility of hiring a helicopter. There are a few willow trees and also a beaver problem that has been taken care of and has not been a problem since. The Bergh-McLaen waterway has a small hole along the shoulder of the county road. The road supervisor has been contacted to fix this area. Brummond-Lubke Dam needs some repair on the fencing. This is an annual problem and the Board discussed using high tensile electric fencing materials to try and solve the problem by withstanding the snowload to a better degree. It was suggested that the Board would buy the materials and ask the landowner to do the work. Frenier Dam was plugged about two weeks ago and Mark unplugged the outlet pipe and was now working properly. The dams are structurally sound and look very good. Vegetation is in excellent condition. All drains are functioning properly and are free from debris.

Approve purchase of two signs for Frenier dam from Newman Signs, Jamestown at \$275 each plus shipping. (Engst/Breker, unanimous)

Discussed the 2000 Disaster Declaration by the county commissioners. Some areas in SC Water Channel # 1 eroding and sloughing and need repair. A letter will be submitted to Sandra Hanson, SC EMS requesting the SC Water Board be added to the list of disaster recipients.

The contractor installing the Ransom-Sargent Rural Water System cut the tile drain south of Cogswell by the Kenneth Lamb residence and Dan inspected and took pictures. Sherry contacted Joel Heitkamp, Ransom-Sargent Water Users for more information and a current map with the water hookups. The map was faxed and is not legible. Sherry was instructed to contact the engineer and get a better map, the name of the contractor and find out how deep the waterline is installed.

Received a letter from Fish and Wildlife Service regarding Roger Nelson's drainage work in the SW1/4-22-130-54. The work will add water to a larger County project designed to improve water conditions along SC # 3. Several landowners in the area are concerned. Roger should keep in touch with NRCS and the Water Board.

All legal work is completed on the Tri-County Drain and the money has been borrowed. Comstock Construction started the work on 8-16-00 and will continue with the culvert work and backsloping.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 midnight.

DAN JACOBSON - CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

SHERRY HOSFORD - SECRETARY