

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE SARGENT COUNTY WATER RESOURCE BOARD HELD ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2006 AT 9:00 A.M. IN THE COMMISSIONERS ROOM, SARGENT COUNTY COURTHOUSE, FORMAN, ND

Managers present: Mark Breker, Dan Jacobson, Roger White and Richard Engst.
Absent Randy Ptacek.

The purpose of the special meeting is to discuss the FEMA projects that are pending and set maintenance levies for legal drains for 2007.

Chairman Breker proceeded to explain the Project Worksheets for several 2005 and 2006 projects. PW #4410/Disaster Relief #1645/Site 2, Marboe Township, Section 34-129-53 LTL is to replace the two existing corrugated metal pipe with one 12' wide by 5' high reinforced concrete box culvert installed at a skew. Price quotations were reviewed from Hancock Concrete and Cretex Concrete and also an engineers probable cost of the culvert replacement. The estimated cost is \$97,856. Mark met with the county commissioners and discussed cost share on this project and the road dept. plans to do the work as soon as approval is received from FEMA, which is allowing \$37,816 for the original project. Motion to purchase the culvert from Hancock Concrete for \$47,485.84 and proceed with submitting improved project request to FEMA. (Jacobson/Engst, unanimous)

The Board received information on Park Lake Outlet, which affects County # 14 and Drain No. 3. Interstate Eng. responded to Richland County Water Board with a recommendation to do enough cleaning of channels to allow Park Lake to drain down to the level at the bottom of the culvert north of the lake that was intended to allow the water to leave the lake in advance of a large spring or summer runoff. If an improvement to the Park Lake outlet is pursued, which is believed to benefit both upstream and downstream landowners if controlled properly, the landowners would have to agree to allow the cleanout on their land and/or a legal drain extension would be needed. Following a discussion on this matter, it is noted that some Sargent County residents do not want the lake lowered and have concerns about the proposed project. A call was placed to Damon DeVillers, Interstate Eng. regarding the study to discuss the opposition and the concern to lower the lake, which would dump water in the sloughs and not be able to flow to County # 14. The landowners would like the channel cleaned to Co. # 14. Damon also explained the ND laws on replacing culverts and the need to send in a request to the State. The North Dakota State Water Commission will return a recommendation whether they agree or disagree with the culvert request. There is a process for Richland and Sargent County Water Boards to follow upon a recommendation by the NDSWC.

Other PW's include: Clean a lateral on Drain No. 3 in Section 1-129-53 (Kingston Twp.) to restore to pre-disaster shape, form and function by excavating 4,267 cubic yards of sediment from the drain channel bottom. FEMA has prepared a cost estimate for this project of \$10,294.

Drain No. 12 includes three sites in Section 7 & 8-129-53 LTL (Marboe Twp.) to excavate sediment from the drain, channel bottom and place clay embankment material in the excavated area. FEMA has prepared a cost estimate for this project of \$47,156.

Drain No. 11 includes three sites in Section 9, 16 & 21-131-57 (Harlem Twp.) to restore to pre-disaster shape, form and function by excavating 3,711 cubic yards of sediment from the channel bottom and place clay embankment material in the excavated area. FEMA has prepared a cost estimate for this project of \$13,470.50. Sites 1, 2, 3 in Section 23 & 26-130-57(Sargent Twp.) and Site 4 in Section 23-130-58(Jackson Twp.) includes excavation of 4,387 CY sediment from the drain channel bottom and placing 6,270 CY clay embankment material in the excavated area. FEMA has prepared a cost estimate for this project of \$33,854.

Some 2005 PW's were reviewed and a correction noted on two sites in Jackson Township. Titus Excavating, Inc. is doing work on these sites.

Approve the following maintenance assessment amounts for each drain for 2006 taxes: Drain No. 2 - \$1.50; Drain No. 3 - \$1.00; Drain No. 4 - \$1.50; Drain No. 8 - \$.25; Drain No. 9 - \$1.50; Drain No. 11 - \$.50; Drain No. 12 - \$.50; SC Water Channel Imp. District No. 1 - no levy; Tewaukon Watershed - \$.50 (Engst/White, unanimous)

Sandy Hanson, County Emergency Manager, met and explained the process for proceeding with work on 2006 PW's. She said that the work could proceed without final approval unless the Board plans to do an improved project. She recommends that the Board wait on these improved projects until it has been approved and keep good records and document the work that is done. Discussed the project on Section 27-130-57 and uncertainty of the status of the improved project request. Sandy is checking with officials to see if something can be done to get this project underway.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 noon.

ATTEST:

SHERRY HOSFORD - SECRETARY