

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SARGENT COUNTY WATER RESOURCE BOARD HELD ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2005 AT 8:00 P.M. IN THE COMMISSIONERS ROOM, SARGENT COUNTY COURTHOUSE, FORMAN, ND**

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

Motion to adjourn August 18, 2005 meeting. (Jacobson/Ptacek, unanimous)

Dave Rush, Red River Riparian Commission, called the Board via conference call and discussed with the Board the bid package from Heitkamp Construction Co., Inc. Mr. Heitkamp and Dave Rush negotiated the bid amount and the total bid was agreed upon at \$106,068. This amount is about \$1,000 over the estimate and is acceptable. Approve the contract, Performance Bond and Certificate of Liability Insurance and authorize Heitkamp Construction Co., Inc. to proceed with the shore stabilization work at Silver Lake. (Jacobson/Engst, unanimous) Mr. Rush also indicated that the level of the lake was extremely high when he last checked it and the Board also said it is going over the dam quite rapidly. Mark talked to USFWS and they said they could accept some of the water but there is an abundance of water at this time and it would cause some problems. Dan said a board could be removed and within a few days this would drop the water in the lake and make working conditions more acceptable. Mr. Rush said that after the first of October, Mr. Heitkamp would take a look at the lake and decide if the level needs to be lowered. A contact person should be designated that will be in touch with the contractor. The Board suggested Quentin Hoistad, Chairman, Sargent County Park Board. If by some chance there is more rain and the lake does not drop and if the project can't proceed as planned, it might be ideal to wait for spring and Heitkamp Construction Co., Inc. is OK with this and he would honor the current contract prices. He is locked in to the 180 days as stated on the contract. If work is delayed, he has the boulders and will put them on the ice this winter and let them fall in on their own. The Board will get the contracts in the mail.

Approve August 18, 2005 minutes and financial statement. (Jacobson/Ptacek, unanimous)

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

53143 Mark Breker	Travel	314.25	
53144 Crandall Construction	Wild Rice Texas Crossing repairs	2762.40	
53145 Richard Engst	Travel	91.88	
53146 Dan Jacobson	Travel	100.50	
53147 Randy Ptacek	Travel	46.50	
53238 Roger White	Travel	64.50	
53300 Mark Breker	8 PD less	37.87	457.13
53301 Danny Jacobson	4 PD less	18.94	228.56
53302 Sherry Hosford	Sec salary less	20.40	246.27
53303 Richard Engst	5 PD less	22.95	277.05
53304 Randy Ptacek	3 PD less	13.77	166.23
53305 Roger White	2 PD less	9.18	110.82
DD Sargent County Bank	Withholding taxes		247.29

OLD BUSINESS: Mark reported on the culvert installed on the county line between Duerr and Kingston Township. Five written complaints have been filed and the Board received a letter from Joseph J. Cichy, Attorney on behalf of Dana Banish. The Board composed a letter to Mr. Cichy responding to the concerns and questions of this Board.

Mark, Roger and Richard accompanied FEMA and Sandy Hanson to several locations on the county drains. A letter was received on 9/13/05 informing the Board that due to the catastrophic events from Hurricane Katrina, current funding is not available for federal assistance on Category C-G for Disaster 1597 and all other open disasters. Obligations for funding are on hold until further notice.

The helicopter spraying was underway last week in the county. No report from Midwest Helicopter Spraying was available at the meeting.

Board members attended the Red River Basin Commission Bus tour on August 22. Areas toured included White Lake, SD, Silver Lake, ND, Milnor, Wyndmere, Mantador and Great Bend. Lunch was served at the Tewaukon National Wildlife Refuge Headquarters. The Board was disappointed that Richland County did not request a tour of the Park Lake area.

NEW BUSINESS: Mark reported on the meeting he attended on September 8 for Phase II of the Fargo-Moorhead and Upstream Study from the Corps of Engineers. The purpose of the meeting was to build the Phase 2 study team and begin scoping for Phase 2. They want to know which partners plan to continue with the study and approximately what level of support they can provide either with in-kind services or cash. They are hoping for financial assistance from the COE, State Water Commission, Cities of Fargo and Moorhead, Red River Joint Water Board, Richland County and Water Board and Wahpeton City.

Mark and Dan attended the Red River Joint Water Board meeting on September 14 and they talked about the Maple River Dam and other projects.

Roger Gibbon contacted Richard about some crop that he has to harvest and would like to clean out the road ditch between Section 8 & 9 in Hall Township. This is a county road and Richard will inform him that he should contact the county commission.

Jerod Christopherson, Lidgerwood contacted Richard that he shot 2 beavers in Sargent County in a legal drain south and east of Cayuga but is not sure that it was in a legal drain. Richard will ask for a map of the location where he shot the beaver.

The meeting adjourned at 10:40 p.m.

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MARK BREKER - CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

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SHERRY HOSFORD - SECRETARY