

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SARGENT COUNTY WATER RESOURCE BOARD HELD ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2004 AT 8:00 P.M. IN THE COMMISSIONERS ROOM, SARGENT COUNTY COURTHOUSE, FORMAN, ND

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

Approve August 19, 2004 minutes and financial statement. (Jacobson/White, unanimous)

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

50193 Mark Breker	Travel	25.84
50194 Richard Engst	Travel	68.00
50195 Dan Jacobson	Travel	73.10
50196 SC Weed Board	Spraying # 9 & 11 & Bergh-McLaen and Frenier Dam	1475.94
50197 Roger White	Travel	11.56
50303 Mark Breker	4 PD less 18.36	221.64
50304 Danny Jacobson	2 PD less 9.64 plus meal	116.36
50305 Sherry Hosford	Sec salary less 20.40	246.27
50306 Richard Engst	2 PD less 9.64 plus meal	116.36
50307 Roger White	2 OD less 9.18	110.82
DD Sargent County Bank	Withholding taxes	134.44

Lance Yohe, Red River Basin Commission, met with the Sargent County commissioners and they referred him back to the Water Board. The amount RRBC is requesting is \$1920 per year from Sargent County. They would like this Board to join and be a part of the RRBC. Lance reported that Dan Jacobson would be nominated as an alternate this fall to the Basin Commission. There are two Board members from the Red River Joint Board and two alternates. The Wild Rice River is being studied and ideas presented on what can be done on water retention. He is suggesting a meeting with Marshall and Brown counties in South Dakota and Sargent, Richland and Ransom counties in North Dakota. He will meet with the SD counties and see if they are willing to discuss the problems and then set up a winter meeting.

Bill Gaukler met with the Board to discuss how to get the water from Richland County into SC Drain No. 3. The sloughs are full and no place for spring runoff. Park Lake in Richland County is full and a 30" culvert was installed and the water flows into Drain No. 3. He is asking for a bigger culvert or a TX crossing at the county line to move some of the water. Currently there is an 18" and 24" at the county line on Section 1-129-53 and he is requesting a 36" squash pipe to replace these culverts. The Board will wait for information from Interstate Engineering.

Dennis Howey, Gwinner City, asked permission to build a fence along the north edge of Gwinner near the maintenance yard and elevator property. This fence would be a chain link 8-foot fence to provide as much security as possible and also make it safer for children who are living in the area. His map shows a 60-foot drainage easement. The Board is not aware of any easement in this area because this is not a legal drain. The natural drain is included in the SC Water Channel Imp. # 1 District assessment area and the city has been doing the maintenance. The Board has no problem with the fence on the west side as long as there is access to clean the ditch from the east side. Mr. Howey is also asking permission to extend an existing 36-inch storm drain to the west an additional 310 feet to include two manholes with collectors. The extension will be 36" concrete pipe ending in 48" pipe with outfall properly rip rapped into the drain channel. NDDOT has been contacted and they have approved with the understanding that Gwinner City will assume all costs involved in this project and the ongoing maintenance necessary to keep the storm drain functional. The project is along Highway 13 west and crosses over 2nd St. NW. This project will help solve storm drain backup problems during heavy rains. It will also help with the health issue by eliminating the standing stagnant water.

Dan talked to Scott Stofferahn with Senator Conrad's Office on Drain No. 11 and he asked that the information on the appeal be sent to him and he will do some investigating.

The letters on the Silver Lake Stabilization Project have been prepared and Dan presented to the Red River Joint WRB on September 15. They agreed to contribute 50% of the 40% local share or \$11,669. The ND State Water Commission indicated a sovereign lands permit might be necessary. The ND Game and Fish Dept. informed Dave Rush they would not have any funds to cost share this project.

The SC Weed Board sprayed several areas along Frenier Dam, Bergh-McLaen waterway, Drain No. 9 and 11 for a total of \$1475.94.

Dan and Richard attended the Red River Joint Water Board meeting on September 15 and the groundbreaking for the Maple River Dam.

Mark reported on the outlet cleaning for Frenier Dam. He received paper work from Jack Lalor at the Tewaukon Refuge. David Breker with NRCS surveyed the channel in the SW1/4-32-130-54 LTL and provided maps showing the survey results. The

easement is in place allowing the Water Board the right to clean this outlet. The original channel had a 12-foot bottom width, had 6:1 side slopes and had 0.002 grade slope. NRCS would put stakes in for the depth before the contractor begins the work.

Richard checked out the culverts by Erickson/Quam and did some measuring of the water level. There is still sedimentation that must be removed and the SC highway department agreed to do the work. Richard will keep checking this area.

Richard reported that he had the Sundale Hutterian's backslope the area by Milnor No. 7 Drain near the school. The work took about 3 hours and there is more to do to the highway - approximately 7 hours. This is on the Doug Ruby land and the dirt would have to be hauled away and permission received from Mr. Ruby. The city will take the dirt to fill in some areas in town and they have one dump truck. Some resident's also would like some dirt and they will pay for the hauling. Approve completing this project. Richard will talk to Doug Ruby and coordinate the project.

The Farm Service Agency is updating maps and they sent out for the land owned by the Water Board. After reviewing the maps, some discrepancies were found and Mark will talk to Roger Nelson and Jeff Breker.

The meeting adjourned at 11:55 p.m.

MARK BREKER - CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

SHERRY HOSFORD - SECRETARY