

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SARGENT COUNTY WATER RESOURCE BOARD HELD ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2003 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, Roger White, Randy Ptacek and Richard Engst. Absent none.

Approve August 21, 2003 minutes and financial statement. (Engst/Breker, unanimous)

Sparky Engquist, SC Road Foreman, met with the Board to discuss culvert placement in the county road ditch 4 miles south of Rutland (NE1/4-13-129-55). The county is asking for increase in culvert size from 30" to 48" in the middle of the section and 2 18" to a 48" in the north end to eliminate flooding. Approved. In another location in the road ditch on the north side of Section 34-129-55, Sparky asked permission to remove 2 48" culverts and install a 72" culvert. Approved. Sparky also informed the Board that he is widening the shoulder and slopes along County No. 4 south of Cogswell and would like to use some of the spoil along Drain No. 11 for the fill. Randy will accompany Sparky to look at the area to show him what spoil bank can be removed. Sparky is ordering the pipe for Bridge No. 132-04 (between Section 20/21 in Hall Township) and plans to remove and replace this fall.

Discussed work on Drain No. 2 and the 2003 levy. Amend levy for 2003 from \$1.00 to \$1.50 (Engst/Ptacek, unanimous)

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

47326 Mark Breker	Travel	18.60
47327 Crandall Const.	Frenier Dam-\$4330.80/Dr. # 2-\$695.04	
47328 Richard Engst	Travel	15.50
47329 Dan Jacobson	Travel	12.09
47330 Randy Ptacek	Travel	6.20
47331 Sundale Hutterian Ass'n	Dr. No. 2	19340.00
47332 Roger White	Travel	10.54
47400 Mark Breker	3 PD less 13.77	166.23
47401 Danny Jacobson	2 PD less 9.18	110.82
47402 Sherry Hosford	Sec salary less 20.40	246.27
47403 Richard Engst	1 PD less 4.59	55.41
47404 Randy Ptacek	1 PD less 4.59	55.41
47405 Roger White	1 PD less 4.59	55.41
DD Sargent County Bank	Withholding taxes	114.24

Dave Titus called Dan and informed him that FEMA in Denver called him regarding the work he had done on Drain No. 11. There hasn't been any contact with this Board from FEMA.

The ND Regulatory Office sent a letter informing the Board that the application for a Section 404 permit for the proposed dredging of an estimated 30,000 cubic yard of sediment from approximately 7 miles of a tributary to the Wild Rice (SCWC # 1 Extension) has been withdrawn and the file closed. The file was closed due to additional information not being received from this Board. Richard said that it is close to being dry enough to clean and hauled out but with the recent rain shower it will be wet for awhile. He will continue working on getting the work started.

Richard talked to Doug Ruby about the easement for Drain No. 7 through Milnor City. He said the stakes look OK but would like a benchmark for future reference. Richard will see about installing cement markers.

The Board is waiting for information on the Tewaukon Watershed assessment. Duane Breitling will prepare the necessary resolutions upon receipt of the information from Jeff Volk. The Board instructed the secretary to contact Jeff prior to the next meeting.

Discussed repairs to the Texas crossing located on the section line between Section 36-130-55 LTL and Section 31-130-54 LTL. There is no water flowing there now but Roger White will talk to some contractors about making the necessary repairs.

Mark reported on Frenier Dam and that he and Ron Herr inspected it on September 12<sup>th</sup>. There is a cover on the valve and the lid was removed and bent. Mr. Herr suggested that someone come in and put an extension on it and place the cover back on. Mark thought a culvert band could be installed and the cover bolted on top. On the side of the tower where the cement fits up by the trash rack, the cement is separated and a hole on the westside of the tower. Ron suggested that it be filled with rock and look at it next year during annual inspection. Mark will talk to Billy Backer and ask him to do the repairs.

Robert Orn filed a request for drainage on highway right of way on the NE1/4-28-132-57. He would like to clean the road ditch and add a dike along the field to handle extra water. Approve and submit to state for approval. (Breker/Engst, unanimous)

Roger White filed a request for drainage on highway right of way on the SE1/4-20-132-57. He would like to clean out ND Hwy 13 road ditch and remove an approach or install a 18" or 24" culvert in the approach. Approve and submit to the state for approval. (Ptacek/Engst, unanimous)

Harris L. Anderson talked to Dan about the ditch cleaning west of his farm along Co. No. 7. The county commissioners are also looking at the area of concern.

The ND State Water Commission provided information that cost share policies have been revised for culvert costs from 40% to 35% and the requirement to obtain prior approval for cost-share before the start of design and construction.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

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DAN JACOBSON - CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

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SHERRY HOSFORD - SECRETARY