

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SARGENT COUNTY WATER RESOURCE BOARD HELD ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2001 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, Richard Engst, Mark Breker, Randy Ptacek and John Totenhagen. Absent none.

Mr. & Mrs. Doug Ruby met with the Board to discuss the right-of-way on Sargent County Water Channel Imp. District No. 1 (aka Drain No. 7) through Milnor City. The county commissioners sold Lots 6-11 and 13-25 in Block 24, City of Milnor in 1937 to Wayne McBride. The Ruby's acquired this land in 1982. The Water Board asked the Ruby's if they would be willing to sell this land back to the Board to obtain their drain and right-of-way. Mr. Ruby would not like to see the cleaning take place on the eastside. A culvert in the approach by the railroad Y is too small and should be enlarged to permit the water to flow its natural watercourse. He would like to work with the Board and asked that a proposal be made so they can consider it. He also wants to know who levels the spoil bank and cleans up the dirt and debris. The Ruby's prefer an easement of so many feet from the edge of the ditch to the west. The Board will contact Mr. Breitling to discuss the options that the Board can consider.

Keith Saunders met with the Board to request that beyond Drain No. 3 (Shortfoot Creek) needs additional cleaning. Section 17, 18 and 29 in Kingston Township is land that he would like to clean. It would improve the flow out of the legal drain. He would like to see the landowners clean these areas. He is working with NRCS to get permission to clean Section 18. The Board has no objection to the work. Keith asked about the work on Drain No. 3 and if the work is completed. Mark said it needs to be leveled and will work with the landowners.

John Hayen, Rex Ferguson, Elwood Anderson and Ed Juran, Sargent Township and Sandra Hanson, EM, provided the Project Worksheet for the site located between Section 4/9 in Sargent Township. The estimate includes installing a 72-inch culvert and repairing the roadway for a total of \$9739. This crossing is for Drain No. 11 and the Water Board will pay all costs incurred with this site. Sargent Township submitted the site because it is a township road. Dan told the contractor to put gravel on the road top and the township will have to decide if it is adequate cover.

Approve August 16, 2001 minutes and financial statement. (Totenhagen/Engst, unanimous)

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

41950 Mark Breker	Travel	149.42
41951 Richard Engst	Travel	26.04
41952 Dan Jacobson	Travel	126.48
41953 Johnston Fargo Culvert	72" pipe between Section 4/9- Sargent Twp (Dr. # 11)	3874.08
41954 Randy Ptacek	Travel	50.84
41955 Sargent County	Weber/Willey Twp culverts	384.00
41956 John Totenhagen	Travel	29.76
41957 Milnor City	½ tree removal SC Water Channel	175.00
16285 Mark Breker	20 PD less 205.09	994.91
16286 Danny Jacobson	7 PD less 32.90	397.10
16287 John Totenhagen	3 PD less 13.77	166.23
16288 Sherry Hosford	Sec. Salary less 20.40	246.27
16289 Richard Engst	3 PD less 13.77	166.23
16290 Randy Ptacek	4 PD less 18.36	221.64
DD Sargent County Bank	Matching social security	481.38
DD State Tax Commissioner	State tax	13.91

Dan met with the Red River Joint Board last week to request funding for the Silver Lake Stabilization project. The Board approved 50% non-federal, non-state costs for the Water Board share up to \$15,000. Dan talked to Randy Gjestvang about the bidding process for the project and he will contact David Rush about the procedure. The State Water Commission is reviewing the request for funding and estimates the potential cost-share would be \$19,650.

Information from the Head of the Mountain Nature Preserve was received from North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department. Gov. Hoeven approved the amendment and they are in the process of typing up the changes. NDPR will have it signed and notarized and sent to the County Recorder. Signs indicating hunting is allowed have been made and are ready to be placed on the reserve. They will send out a press release. The preserve will be open for deer bow and muzzleloader seasons for walk-in access only.

Board members attended a meeting with Richland County regarding Drain No. 3. The Board asked them to clean their portion of our Drain No. 3 and their Drain No. 11 and they agreed to do it. The drain is located in Section 6 in Duerr Township.

Mark talked to Lois Brakke and explained that her portion of natural drain is her responsibility to clean. She inquired about making it a legal drain because of all the water from SD that flows through her land.

The SC Soil Conservation District paid the registrations for both Bonnie Josewski and Christine Bopp to attend the 2001 WET workshops. Both boards agreed to pay for one registration. The Water Board will get a refund from Christine Bopp.

Moore Engineering inspected the invert elevations of a pipe between Section 27 & 28 under Highway 14 approximately ¼ mile south of a church in the southeast corner of Section 21 in Hall Township. There is an existing nine-foot pipe with an opening of approximately 63.6 square feet. In order to increase the opening under the highway, an additional 7-foot round pipe is recommended. The Water Board will refer the letter to the county road superintendent to decide what option will work for the area. Approve forwarding this letter to the county commission and Sparky Engquist to lower the existing pipe 2.5 feet and add another culvert. (Engst/Ptacek, unanimous)

Dan reported that Titus is working on Drain No. 11 and is waiting in some areas for the beans to be harvested. He will return to finish the work after harvest.

Discussed Paul Mathews land and the Board agreed that the dirt should be hauled off immediately upon cleaning and there are also beans on this field.

The Milnor City Council asked the Water Board to pay a portion of the cost when dirt was removed by the sewage treatment plant. They removed some large cottonwood trees and disposed of them at a cost of \$350. This is located on the right-of-way for SC Water Channel Improvement District No. 1. Approve ½ cost of the tree removal. (Engst/Ptacek, unanimous)

Mark met with a FEMA representative on Drain No. 3 for repairs. The Project Worksheet total cost was \$7,988. The work includes bank restoration to reshape the side slopes and sediment excavation. Reshaped banks should be seeded with mulch to prevent erosion and to provide additional stability to the slopes. Sediment should be graded into the dikes. Scour holes should be filled and riprap placed with geofabric to secure the repair. The leveling on the drain encountered some problems with the contractor not staying on the right-of-way. The spoil was too wet and Mark talked to Crandall Construction and they are working on remedying the problem. There was a rock crossing when the drain was cleaned in 1995 and it has washed out. Mark had another one installed but Donald Willprecht was not satisfied with the crossing. Mark asked if a culvert could be installed in the crossing. He is concerned about it blowing out. The Board felt that Mark should work with Mr. Willprecht to see what will work at the crossing.

Mark worked at Frenier Dam and had it cleaned out. A cap got removed and Mark will review the plans for Frenier Dam to see what area had the cap.

The land by Milt McLaen's was cleaned and Mark feels it all looks good.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 p.m.

DANNY JACOBSON - CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

SHERRY HOSFORD - SECRETARY