

LANDOWNER INFORMATIONAL MEETING ON PLANNED IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE SARGENT COUNTY DRAIN NO. 11 WAS HELD AT THE COGSWELL COMMUNITY CENTER IN COGSWELL, ND ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2016 BEGINNING AT 7:00 P.M.

Sargent County Water Board Managers present: Lucas Siemieniewski, Todd Stein, and Roger Zetocha. Absent: Richard Engst and Korey Martinson. Secretary Sherry Hosford, Chris Gross, Pat Downs and Josh Hassell, Moore Engineering Inc. were also present as well as approximately 40 members of the public.

Luke Siemieniewski, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. and turned the meeting over to Chris Gross, Project Manager.

Chris Gross explained the purpose of the meeting was to learn about the project and possible land impacts. He provided introductions of board members, staff, and state, federal and county agency representatives and then proceeded to provide a project overview.

The project will consist of 13 +/- miles of channel improvements and culvert replacements which will provide adequate channel gradient, lay back the side slopes (increase hydraulic capacity), culvert crossing improvements and improve flow and function.

Funding for the project will include 35-45% cost share reimbursement from the ND State Water Commission on eligible items, County of Sargent for culvert crossings on roadways and the drain assessment district (no vote is necessary but the maintenance levy will be the maximum of \$4/acre/year by ND law).

Chris provided a project timeline and status with a final completion slated for 2017/2018.

Right of way needs indicate about 29 directly impacted parcels (19 distinct landowners) and approximately 10 adjacent parcels. The directly impacted parcels includes land purchased/needed to physically construct the project and the adjacent parcels would be land potentially impacted by the operation of the project with no physical work done on these properties.

Chris provided packets to all impacted landowners who were present which included: 1) Landowner contact information; 2) Existing Right-of-Way; 3) 3rd party release – NRCS; 4) 3rd party release – FSA; 5) CRP Early Termination – FSA; and 6) Purchase Agreement. Chris asked that those present complete the landowner contact information and hand it in tonight or mail it to Moore Engineering, Inc. as soon as possible.

Questions from those in attendance were answered by the engineers and board members.

The meeting closed at 8:07 p.m.

LUCAS SIEMIENIEWSKI – CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

SHERRY HOSFORD – SECRETARY-TREASURER