

MINUTES OF MEETING
SOUTHEAST CASS WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT
CASS COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
WEST FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA
MARCH 28, 2003

The Southeast Cass Water Resource District Board met on March 28, 2003, at 9:00 a.m. at the Cass County Highway Department, West Fargo, North Dakota.

Present were Mark Thelen, Manager; Mark Brodshaug, Manager; Carol Harbeke Lewis, Secretary-Treasurer; Steven E. McCullough, Attorney for the Board; Kent Ritterman, Engineer for the Board; Wallace Fuchs, Sheyenne-Maple Flood Control District #2 Superintendent; Larry DuBord, Moore Engineering, Inc.; Mike Staber, American Enterprises, Inc. and Perry Ronning, Mayor of Horace. Manager Thomas L. Fischer was absent.

Sheyenne River snagging and clearing

Larry DuBord reported that work has stopped on the Sheyenne River Snagging and Clearing Project due to the warm weather. He informed the Board that the entire Sheyenne River has been covered over the last three years.

Mike Staber said the burn tubs are sitting one mile south of Cass County Highway 16. He will move them as soon as conditions allow.

Investments

It was moved by Manager Brodshaug and seconded by Manager Thelen to accept the recommendation on investments presented by the Secretary-Treasurer. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Bills

It was moved by Manager Brodshaug and seconded by Manager Thelen to approve payment of Checks #5611 through #5616 and Check #2422, as presented. Upon roll call vote, the following Managers voted in favor: Thelen and Brodshaug. Manager Fischer was absent. Motion carried.

Sheyenne-Maple Flood Control Projects

Wallace Fuchs informed the Board that due to complaints from property owners, a cover was ordered for a 36 inch standing pipe at the Sheyenne River in Section 18 of Stanley Township. The Board directed Mr. Fuchs to check the cover occasionally. Mr. Fuchs will also ask the property owner to notify him or the Water Resource District if they notice the cover has been removed. Manager Brodshaug asked about the drainage that is handled by the culvert and suggested Mr. Fuchs discuss the matter with the property owners to be sure the cover does not block any drainage for the area.

Natural drain next to the Horace Lutheran Church

Perry Ronning informed the Board that the Horace Lutheran Church wants to fill in the natural drain next the church. Mayor Ronning asked if the Water Resource District could send a letter to the church on the matter.

Manager Brodshaug believes it is a city issue because it is in the City of Horace and less than 80 acres are involved. Filling in the drain could also prompt someone to file a drainage complaint with the Board. Manager Brodshaug said the church should survey the area and put together a plan. The Board directed Mr. McCullough to send a letter to the church outlining the above.

Drainage complaint from James C. Vicory against the City of Kindred, Kindred School District, Kindred Park Board and property owners on the south side of Slaughter House Road in the SW 1/4 of Section 28 in Normanna Township

The Board reviewed the drainage complaint from James C. Vicory against the City of Kindred, Kindred School District, Kindred Park Board and property owners on the south side of Slaughter House Road in the SW 1/4 of Section 28 in Normanna Township. The matter was referred to Jeff Volk. The Board directed the Secretary-Treasurer to check for drainage permits in the area and to send a letter to Mr Vicory requesting he provide, in writing, more specific information regarding his complaint.

Utility Permit for Minnkota Power Cooperative, Inc. to install a chain link fence across Water Resource District right-of-way in the SW 1/4 of Section 33 in Reed Township

It was moved by Manager Brodshaug, seconded by Manager Thelen and unanimously carried to approve the *Utility Permit* for Minnkota Power Cooperative, Inc. to install a chain link fence across Water Resource District right-of-way in the SW 1/4 of Section 33 in Reed Township, subject to review by Jeff Volk.

Solicitation of views from the Office of the State Engineer on an application for Qwest to install telephone cable in the NE 1/4 NE 1/4 of Section 7-139-48 (Barnes Township)

It was moved by Manager Brodshaug, seconded by Manager Thelen and unanimously carried to refer to Jeff Volk the *Solicitation of Views* from the Office of the State Engineer on an application for Qwest to install telephone cable by directionally boring under the Red River, approximately 80 feet north of the Main Avenue Bridge in the NE 1/4 NE 1/4 of Section 7-139-48 (Barnes Township).

2002 audit

It was moved by Manager Brodshaug, seconded by Manager Thelen and unanimously carried to approve a letter to the Office of the State Auditor to confirm representations made during the 2002 audit and to authorize Vice Chairman Thelen to sign the same in the absence of Chairman Thomas L. Fischer.

Manager Thelen relinquished the chair to move that the Secretary-Treasurer send a response to the Office of the State Auditor with regard to the 2002-2 Condition stating that the Southeast Cass Water Resource District intends to transfer all funds associated with the Sheyenne-Maple Flood Control Projects, currently deposited at US Bank / Private Financial Services, to existing accounts at Alerus Financial, subject to approval from the Corps of Engineers, in FY2003. Manager Brodshaug seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Holmen's Stormwater Improvement District 2001-4

Kent Ritterman discussed the possibility of installing a fence at the lift station for Holmen's Stormwater Improvement District 2001-4. Manager Thelen suggested he get input from the neighboring property owners. Manager Brodshaug said there may be issues with maintaining a fence, however, the City of Horace may take care of that. Mr. Ritterman will get cost estimates for the work.

Mr. Ritterman said there were some problems during the test run, but they are being resolved. He indicated that one pump could be run immediately if it had to.

Baldhill Dam

Manager Thelen said the public hearing on the operating plan for Baldhill Dam has been scheduled for April 22, 2003. Manager Brodshaug thought it may be important that someone from downstream of the dam be present to show support for the flood control portion of the project. Manager Thelen will contact the City of Fargo about the matter.

Minutes

It was moved by Manager Brodshaug, seconded by Manager Thelen and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2003, meeting.

Adjournment

There being no further business to be considered by the Board, it was moved by Manager Brodshaug, seconded by Manager Thelen and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting.

Carol Harbeke Lewis
Secretary-Treasurer

APPROVED:

Thomas L. Fischer
Chairman