

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
SOUTHEAST CASS WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT
CASS COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
WEST FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA
AUGUST 6, 2010

The Southeast Cass Water Resource District met on August 6, 2010, at 9:00 a.m. at the Cass County Highway Department, West Fargo, North Dakota.

Present were Thomas L. Fischer, Chairman; Mark Thelen, Manager; Carol Harbeke Lewis, Secretary-Treasurer; Sean M. Fredricks, Attorney for the Board; Chad Engels, Engineer for the Board; Jacob Gust, Sheyenne-Maple Flood Control District #1 Superintendent; Don Moffet and Robert Rostad, Richland County Water Resource District; Mark Bittner, Fargo City Engineer; Michael Jentz, property owner in Richland County and Craig Hakanson, City of Horace. Manager Mark Brodshaug was absent.

Wild Rice River Retention

Chad Engels reviewed the potential retention site plan on the Wild Rice River in Richland County. A preliminary soils investigation determined there are no problems at the proposed site in Section 3 of Liberty Grove Township in Richland County.

Michael Jentz owns land at the proposed dam site. He has been contemplating an offer for a 99 year easement on the property from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Mr. Jentz said he was not aware what it would take to be released from the easement. Various options were reviewed with Mr. Jentz. It was pointed out that the Water Resource District would need to own the land where the dam is constructed, including the spillway area. Mr. Jentz said he was disappointed the site would take so much farmland, but did not want to stand in the way of the project being built.

Mr. Engels reviewed the project schedule. Further analysis of the site will be conducted when Houston Engineering, Inc. completes a model they are working on for the Corps of Engineers. Mr. Engels estimated it would take approximately one month to complete the study. Don Moffet, Robert Rostad and Mr. Jentz all indicated they were not aware of any opposition to the proposed site. They said there would be opposition if a site further to the east was selected, because it would cause the bridge at Richland County Highway 30 to flood, along with some farmsteads.

Mr. Jentz said he has to make a decision on the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service easement soon. After brief negotiation, Mr. Jentz indicated he would accept \$2,200 per acre for a permanent easement.

It was moved by Manager Thelen and seconded by Manager Fischer to purchase a permanent easement in the S 1/2 W 1/3 NW 1/4 of Section 3 in Liberty Grove Township in Richland County from Michael Jentz in the amount of \$2,200 per acre and that the Chairman be authorized to sign the Purchase Agreement for the same. Upon roll call vote, Managers Fischer and Thelen voted in favor. Manager Brodshaug was absent. The Chairman declared the motion passed.

Adjournment

It was moved by Manager Thelen, seconded by Manager Fischer and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting.

APPROVED:

Thomas L. Fischer
Chairman

ATTEST:

Carol Harbeke Lewis
Secretary-Treasurer