

Apr 3, 1978 Monthly Meeting.

The meeting was opened by Chairman Langness.

The sec report was read and approved.

Frank Murray that his bill to Walter Westerson for off \$300.00 for title clearance. There was some discussion as to whether Mr Westerson should be billed for half or all of this amount. The Dist was to pay half.

The board had received survey forms from the State Water Planning Board and Mr Murray helped to fill them out.

Kermit Byrde stated that R 1 should be completed by late summer and the two S structures would be started then.

The board had met on Mar 13 at the County Courthouse to close the appeals and land acquisitions with Robertson, McNamee and Otterness at the cost figure of \$135,940.00 which was the Commissioner's figure.

Mr Otterness now wanted to know why the board had bought land from him. He was told to "to build a dam".

The board had also met with Leon Tuz and the County Engineers on Mar 22 to see if we could get any County or State bridge funds for the Leon and Bell Creek Tuz bridges which must be raised due to dam construction below them. The County Engineers did not believe the bridges would qualify so the construction costs would be up to the Dist.

The next meeting would be held on May 1 at 8:00 P.M.

Bills Paid.

Frank Murray	PERA 55.81 + 56.08 =	621.90
Tele Bill		66.53
Booker G. Abstract.		191.25

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Dave Langsdorf Sec.

May 1 1978 monthly meeting.

The meeting was opened by Chm. Vangness  
the sec report was read, corrected, and approved.

Mr. Vangness reported there was to be a state  
resource conservation meeting on May 8 and  
another one on May 17<sup>th</sup> in Rochester

a motion by Fargsdorf and seconded by Terwilliger  
to pay the state association dues of 175.<sup>00</sup>  
was passed.

Kermit Bjorkie gave the board some figures on  
land treatment above the structure sites.  
He said there had been a 3 to 8% increase  
in all areas.

Harold Buck representing Belle Creek traps requested  
permit clearance to do some road work in  
sec 32 + 18. a motion by Terwilliger and sec.  
by Vangness to grant the permit was passed.

There was some discussion on bridges. No further  
action was taken.

There being no further business the meeting was  
adjourned

yours truly  
Dave Fargsdorf Sec

June 5, 1978 monthly meeting

The meeting was opened by Chairman Vangness.  
Sec Report was read and approved.

a discussion on insurance followed with the board deciding to hold off a while since liability ins had been taken out.

Ed Otterness asked about his bridge organ and was told that the road and bridge would be raised.

John Miller asked to see the affidavit of mailing which Mr Murray supplied to him.

There being no further business the meeting was adj.

Bills Paid

Sleepy Eye tele Co.	54.29.
Frank Murray	65.19
per	14.25
Fica	49.24
total	168.68.

June 5, 1978  
D. W. Vangness Sec.

July 3, 1978 Monthly Meeting.

The meeting was brought to order by Chas. Vangness.

The Secretary's report was read and approved.

Old Business.

a brief discussion on insurance was tabled until a later date.

New Business.

Frank Murray stated that John De Bute of the SCS had called him asking if he would notify the board that the SCS was considering acceleration of the three remaining damsites and two stabilization structures. Mr Murray stated there was no reason why the project could not be completed in two years instead of the five years originally planned.

a motion was passed unanimously to ask for an accelerated program.

a question of whether the list of small damsites as drawn up by the SCS could be made public was answered, yes. Vernon Vangness read the list of possible sites.

Vernon Vangness asked the two County Commissioners who were there if the board was planning to request federal disaster aid to help the areas in the County hit by up to 9 inches of rain on July 1. The Commissioners stated that they were planning to do so immediately.

Erling Wiberg talked about the application procedure for disaster loans and Walter Betcher talked about the SCS crop disaster payments. Olaf Tofen also spoke on this subject.

John Miller asked if the dist would be straightening the channel below the Hobson property. Kenneth Bjorke said that would be the responsibility of the trap rather than the dist.

John Miller was asked if the bridge above the Robertson dam site had been washed out in the recent flood and he said that it was. The board members felt they should try to work with the trip to get the bridge and road brought up to the S.C.S. specifications.

In a discussion about land use laws Mr. Vongness stated that if we don't make our own controls work locally authority will come from Higher up in the state and federal government.

vic Schultz asked about the Iowa land use law and Kermit Byrdie spoke briefly on that, along with Erling Wirbly.

Don Hoerlie asked why he hadn't received a farm plan and Dale Bluger stated that the help situation in the county S.C.S. office caused them to be behind in some areas but he would see that a farm plan would be sent to him.

Don Banks spoke about the equal cost sharing now available through state and S.C.S. and the S.C.S.

Donnell Robertson asked how land use laws would be enforced to which Frank Murray and Vernon Vongness noted different possibilities such as reduced taxes for cooperators and assessments on those who do not cooperate and on misdemeanors charges.

John Miller asked when the remaining assessments would be brought into the loan statement. The board stated that it would be done eventually.

a phone bill of 9.67 was paid.

there being no further business the meeting was adj.

about 60 people attended this meeting due to the savage flooding in the dist on July 11 which had caused two deaths and tremendous personal, property and Real estate loss. Lunch was served.

agreed truly  
Dane Fargstad Sec.

July 20, 1978 Special slide presentation.

on July 9<sup>th</sup> Vernon Longness and Kenneth Axelson of Okemungo flew over the district taking pictures of the flood damage. on July 20<sup>th</sup> a special presentation of both ground and aerial slides were shown at Belle Creek Gardens. about 75 people were there to view the disastrous effects of the flood and the benefits of dams both large and small and also the effects of good conservation farming practices. Lunch was served and thanks should be given to Vernon and Linda Longness and Kenneth Axelson for their fine job.

Dave Fargdof Sec.

Sept 5, 1978 monthly meeting.

The meeting was brought to order by Chm Longness.

The sec report was read and approved.

John Miller was asked what Leon traps expected of the district as far as putting in the Robertson bridge. He felt mainly an agreement by the two boards and an understanding of the work to be done.

Mr Murray said that he would check to see if some state funds could be obtained for the bridge.

The board moved to levy the maximum levy for 1979 to help cover the costs of bridge and roadwork to be done.

There were discussions on SCS specifications, insurance liability, and land rights on the Otterness project.

Bills Paid:

Belle Creek store	\$ 30.00
Telephone Bill	67.12
Ken Axelson	71.88
Petcher ins.	241.00
Business agency inc.	30.00.

Since the meeting was getting out of hand the board adjourned without setting up the budget for 1979.

Yours truly  
Dave Fingsdorf Sec.

Sept 13 Dam inspection.

The three board members met for about an hour and a half to set up the budget for 1979 and went with SCS for dam inspections for R4 + R1.

1979 budget.

Bonds.	\$ 60.00
Convention.	350.00
Telephone	500.00
Rent.	75.00
Postage	100.00
Board fees.	3000.00
Legal fees	2000.00
insurance	1000.00
Road Bridge + fencing	10,000.00
appraisers.	300.00
Misc.	500.00
<u>total.</u>	<u>17,485.00</u>

Sept 25, 1978 Special meeting

The board of managers called me over 91 ermtk for the Leon town board, the County Engineer, the SCS engineer, Mr Arlo Peterson an appraiser and Mr Murray together at the Goodhue County Courthouse for the purpose of discussion and planning for the Robertson Bridge which had been washed out in the July 1 flood. Kind of bridge alternatives, time of construction, bid letting, and Leon Twp's assessment which has as yet made no payments. a letter was authorized to be sent to the board outlining the situation. Also County auditor.

The meeting was adjourned with  
no attendance by Leon Twp  
Yours truly  
Dave Fingsdorf

Oct 30 1978 Special meeting.  
Utility Company hearing.

Re assessment notices were mailed to.

Chicago + N.W. Railroad.  
Williams Bros Pipeline.  
Northern Nat. Gas Co.  
Northern States Power Company

all board members were present

SE's Engineer Ted Thoreson

attorney Frank Murray

appraisers. Orlo Peterson Richard Ruble, Harold Meyers.

Donald Beary + Jim Rubenstein of Williams Bros Pipeline

~~Jim Rubenstein~~ + John Olson of North. Nat. Gas Co.

John Goetz of Chicago + N.W. Railroad

Harold Anderson of N.S.P.

Mr. Wagners called the hearing to order and allowed those present to be introduced. He stated the reason for the hearing was the possibility that these companies may not have received their first notice in 1975, due to the death of one board member.

Ted Thoreson described the area and reasons for origin of the dirt.

Mr. Rubenstein asked the appraisers how the assessment figures were arrived at. Orlo Peterson responded. ~~John Olson~~ <sup>Donald Beary</sup> stated that their company could not see any benefits to their company, since they have had no damage even during heavy rains.

Ted Thoreson described the heavy rains of 1978 and stated his main concern was for the sides + banks of streams eroding where the pipeline crosses.

John Olson also asked how their assessment was reached and Orlo Peterson told him how the annual maintenance due to flooding was multiplied over a fifty year period.

John Goetz wanted the breakdown of assessments. Mr. Peterson gave him the figures per track and per rod of roadbed.



Mr Murray in talking with Mr. Baetz cited the Supreme judicial 13 ruling concerning railroads.

questions were answered, discussions were completed and the meeting was adjourned.

yours truly  
Dave Fargendorf Sec.

November 1, 1978 Commissioners hearing with Leon Tupp.

The county commissioners requested that Leon Tupp and the Belle Creek watershed dist board get together to iron out the problems of the Polentown bridge situation. Two commissioners were present. Four town board members from Leon Tupp, and the three watershed dist managers.

Opening statements were made by Wally Jacobson, Frank Murray. After some discussion, the meeting was moved upstairs to a jury room where more, more questions and problems were discussed.

The appraisers report and the loan statement were shown to the town board and the figures were discussed. The problem of inflation on the bridge was noted as the cost to build it now was more than double the figure on the loan statement.

Three alternatives were given to the town board.

- 1 Pay the amount on the loan statement and have the dist build the bridge.
- 2 Sign a waiver to allow the road to be flooded during heavy rains and accept a check from the dist for \$26,850.00
- 3 vacate the road

Mr Murray was asked to write up a waiver and get a copy to the Tupp as soon as possible so they could discuss it at their next meeting.

yours truly  
Dave Fargendorf Sec.

Nov 6, 1978. Monthly meeting.

The meeting was opened by Chm. Vangness.

The sec report was read and approved.

A motion was made by Mr. Terwilliger to move \$2500<sup>00</sup> from the savings acct to the checking acct. The motion was seconded by Mr. Vangness and passed.

The board moved to pay the hall rent of \$75<sup>00</sup> to Belle Creek trap.

Mr. Vangness nominated Mr. Terwilliger and Mr. Fargusdof as delegates to the state watershed convention in Alexandria on Dec 1+2. Mr. Vangness elected to be the alternate.

The fencing on the completed R1 structure was to be started immediately.

#### Bills Paid.

Harold Meyers	
mileage + fees.	\$ 155.08
Phone bill.	55.98
Belle Creek trap hall.	75.00

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

yours truly  
Dave Fargusdof Sec