

MEETING MINUTES
SARGENT COUNTY WATER RESOURCE BOARD AGENDA
Special Meeting – Wednesday, May 10th, 2023
Milnor Senior Citizens Building - Milnor, North Dakota
2:00 P.M.

Managers present: Chairman Luke Siemieniewski, Vice-Chairman Michael Wyum, Todd Stein, and Bruce Speich.

Others present: Nathan Trosen and Kelly Olson of Moore Engineering, the Board's engineering consultant; Charles M. Carvell of Pearce Durick, the Board's attorney; and Wendy Willprecht, the Board's Secretary/Treasurer.

A large number of members of the public were also present at the meeting, with about 31 present in person at the hall.

The special meeting was called to order by Water Board Chairman Luke Siemieniewski at 2:00 p.m.

Drain 7 Reassessment Public Hearing:

Moore Engineering Inc. presented on the Drain 7 Reassessment. The presentation covered a number of topics, including the drain's history, reasons for the reassessment, review of the reassessment process, identification of lands benefited by the drain, discussion of the criteria used to evaluate the scope of the benefit, and the determination to apportion and assess or reassess to those benefitted lands the expenses managing Drain No. 7.

After the presentation the Board received comments from interested parties on the reassessment. Comments covered a range of topics including drainage issues upstream of Drain 7 in Ransom County, extending the Drain upstream, how to improve drainage throughout the entire watershed, how the maintenance funds will be used, proximity percentage, easements, low-lying areas holding runoff, and drain tile.

The public was informed at the meeting that if anyone wanted to comment on the reassessment after the meeting closed they could do so by contacting Moore Engineering.

No action was taken or decisions made by the Board at the meeting.

Meeting adjourned by Chairman Luke Siemieniewski at 3:47 p.m.

LUKE SIEMIENIEWSKI, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

WENDY WILLPRECHT SECRETARY-TREASURER