

July 23, 2009

A special meeting of the Nance County Board of Supervisors was held at the site of Sharon Czarnick's proposed gravel pit at the South Half, Southeast Quarter of S34-T17-R4W in Genoa, Nebraska on Thursday, July 23, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. Meeting notice was given by announcement at the public hearing on July 14, 2009 during the Board of Supervisors meeting, and by publication in the July 22, 2009 edition of *The Nance County Journal*.

The following members were present: Dennis Jarecke, Andrew Ditter, Curtis Peterson, Bob Voichoskie, and John Small. Absent was Jim Knopik.

This was an informal gathering arranged to provide Board members with a better understanding and overall picture of the drainage problem between the Shotkoski and Czarnick properties. Board members stood on the berm between Keenan Shotkoski's field to the far west, Sharon Czarnick's wetlands to the west, and Czarnick's gravel pit to the east. The Board listened as Shotkoski and Shane Czarnick pointed out the historical (east/west) vs. the current (north/south) direction of the slough between the properties, and the Board asked questions about the wetlands, topsoil, flooding, surrounding land, etc.

Much of the discussion had to do with the state of the drainage ditches along the west side of the Czarnick property. All were in agreement that if those ditches were cleared and cleaned, water flow would be dramatically improved.

Voichoskie observed that the Loup Power District, to the north of Czarnick and Shotkoski, is at the bottom end of the drainage flow, so they should probably do their clearing first. (Bob Konwinski had told us at the first BoS public hearing on this subject that Loup already had this project on its to-do list but just hadn't found time for it yet.) Someone suggested that if we emphasized to Loup that getting the ditch cleared would bring economic development to the county, they'd be likely to get moving on the job.

Konwinski said the Prairie Creek Township would clear out the roadside ditches and lay another culvert. Jarecke said the County would clear out the ditches it's responsible for, and Dan Stankoski was in agreement. Shane Czarnick said he'd clean out his ditches. Someone asked Keenan Shotkoski if these actions would address his concerns, and he said it all sounded just fine, but he reiterated that the berm was the source of the problem and that before it was there, water flowed north/south and didn't back-up in Shotkoski pastureland. Voichoskie said the matter of the berm was NRD's call.

Roland Johnson, the owner of Johnson Gravel, said that if and when the Army Corps tells him to, he'll pump out and move the sand, thereby removing the low berm between the gravel pit and the Czarnick wetlands. That action would restore the slough to the east/west flow Shotkoski says used to exist, but the general consensus was that even if the Army Corps didn't mandate the removal of the berm, all of the above-described ditch clearing would resolve or at least greatly improve the drainage problem anyway.

The special meeting was adjourned after about 40 minutes.

SUBMITTED BY:

Mary Los
Planning Commission Secretary

AFFIRMED BY:

Dennis Jarecke
Board of Supervisors Chairperson