

SAND HILL RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT
CITY COUNCIL ROOMS
FERTILE COMMUNITY CENTER
April 6, 1982

1. Roland Gullekson, chairman, called the meeting to order at 8:00 PM. Board members also present were: Vernon Larson, treasurer; Roger Hanson, Francis LaVoi, and Conrad Carlson, Exec. Secretary,
2. The next meeting is set for Tuesday May 4, 1982 at 8:00 PM.
3. Conrad Carlson read the minutes of the March 2, 1982 meeting. They were approved as read.
4. Vernon Larson, treasurer, gave his report. It was approved as read, subject to audit.

\$79,496.14	Administrative fund
90,356.58	Construction fund
3,061.51	Sand Hill Ditch fund
172,914.23	Total
5. Other people attending the meeting were: Donald Bakken, Stanley Christianson, Paul L. Bergeson, LeRoy Christianson, Senora Pederson, Art Krogstad, Carl Swenson, Philip Swenson, Gene Billing, Ray Carlson, Loyal Gast, Steve Vesledahl, Lyle Jacobson, Alden Vesledahl, Robert Muscha and Gale Fraser from Houston Engineering, Inc.
6. Ditch 17-2:

Roland gave a history of the ditch and maintenance. Carl Swenson and Philip Swenson had petitioned to have the ditch cleaned. After surveying by Houston Engineering, Inc. it was found that it was necessary to have the ditch cleaned for proper drainage. By law it is permissible to spend up to \$20,000.00 for maintenance. Robert Muscha gave an explanation of why work was let by the hour. (There is less Engineering cost and from experience with other small projects machine costs are usually less). Backhoe was hired at \$50.00 per hour, and the dragline was hired at \$35.00 per hour. Robert Muscha explained how costs were assessed to various owners. The Viewers report was on file at Dan Wilkens, Secretary, for observance of interested parties. Landowners were notified by letter. A hearing was held on September 19, 1980 to receive Viewers report and receive any comments of parties involved. The Landowners had 30 days to file objections.. No objections were received.

Some of the Landowners commented that they were not aware that work was going to be done.

Roland Gullekson and Conrad Carlson observed the ditch on April 5, 1982. The ditch was not open, but by hand level there appeared to be 3 ft to 4 ft fall from the NE corner of the lake to the middle of the south 40 of Carl Swenson.
7. Corps of Engineer on Beltrami Flood Control: Flood control could be part of Corps responsibility but they have received no word from Beltrami.
8. Beltrami received a permit from DNR to install two wells.

9. Dam # 1.
Roland gave a report as of April 5, 1982, having viewed the dam with approximately 16 inches of water going over the side walls. He also viewed the river at each bridge up to and including highway # 59. Roland reported that previous to April 5, 1982 water had washed over the road east of the bridge for 200 feet near Ernest Uhlir. Roland also talked to Carsten Zahl at Winger regarding getting the balance of signatures for the Highway # 59 project.
10. Highway # 59 project:
Roland Gullekson wrote a letter (on file in secretary file in Fertile) to the Minnesota Department of Transportation indicating our interest in the project is still active. Board gave approval for Roland to sign the letter. Steve Vesledahl indicated that Bruce Benbo has signed an easement option.
11. Reis Township:
Town hoard requested permit for a culvert for Roger Larson to gain access to land that Roger purchased. This culvert is on County Ditch f3 #73 west of Jim Page and on the east edge of Roger Larson land.
Board gave conditional approval for a culvert subject to correct size as determined by the County Engineer. Suggested 3 foot culvert 88x54 inch permit to replace bridge with culvert on Branch Ditch 46.
12. Wild Rice Watershed meeting on transferring two to three miles of Norman-Polk watershed to Sand Hill River Watershed. Dan Wilkens attended the meeting on March 10, 1982, but was not present! to report on April 6, 1982. Robert Huscha gave his impression of the meeting, and has worked on maps to include a corridor of two - three miles that could be changed to the Sand Hill River Watershed if it were approved at a hearing.
13. Letter from Corps of Engineer. Questioned about a lake that had been drained. Roland Gullekson assured them by telephone that they had the wrong lake and wrong people. Corps of Engineer closed the file.
14. Letter from Corps of Engineer regarding Drop Structure # 1 on Sand Hill River: Corps refused to accept any responsibility for sloughing of river bank west of structure.
15. Little Andrew Dam.
Motion by Roger, seconded by Francis that bond be set at \$2000 for the project. Motion carried. It is intended that this is not a precedent.
16. Report on airplane flight by Roger Hanson, Vernon Larson, and Gale Faser. Opinion--had to fly to high and to fast to observe beaver dams or other small problems. Discussed getting a Helicopter or small plane to better observe the River.

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17. Motion by Francis, seconded by Roger to authorize the Treasurer to pay current bills. Motion carried.
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| Crookston Aviation | View Sand Hill River | \$91.87 |
| Vemon Larson | Meeting & Mileage | 195.64 |
| Francis LaVoi | Meeting & Mileage | 46.40 |
| Roland Gullekson | Meeting & Mileage | 262.79 |
| Roger Hanson | Meeting & Mileage | 89.00 |
| Fertile Journal | Adm Ad Envelopes | 47.50 |
| Conrad Carlson | Envelope | 3.15 |
| Houston Eng. Inc | Administration | 5,801.00 |
| Houston Eng. Inc | Project #4 | 6,605.00 |
| Houston Eng Inc | Project #6 | 2,811.00 |
18. Maple Creek Diversion Project:
A letter to be sent to all petitioners that had signed the original petition. Invite to attend our May 4, 1982 meeting to determine if Sand Hill River Board should proceed with the project.
19. Discussion on Satalite photo of Fertile and surrounding area.
Moved by Roger, seconded by Vernon to purchase a photo for approximately \$70.00 from NASA. Houston Engineering Inc. will secure the Photo.
20. Motion to adjourn by Roger, seconded by Francis. Motion carried.
Time 11:30 PM



Daniel Wlikens
Secretary

Conrad Carlson
Exec. Secretary