

SANDHILL RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT

July 12, 1949

Meeting of the directors of the Sand Hill River Drainage and Conservancy District held at Beltrami, Minnesota on the twelfth day of July, 1949.

Directors present N.J. Mjelde, Charlie Sheridan, Henry Nolte, Ole G. Olson, and Martin Braaten.

President Ole G. Olson called the meeting to order and called for the reading of the minutes of the last meeting. The minutes were read by the secretary, N.J. Mjelde, and there being no omissions or corrections the president approved the minutes as read.

The secretary informed the directors that on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1949, a petition was filed with him signed by 26 free-holders of said district requested that the directors take action to contract with the Federal Government for certain improvements of the Sand Hill River. After due consideration of the petition Charlie Sheridan offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Flood Control Act approved 30 June, 1948, Public Law No. 858, 80<sup>th</sup> Congress, Second Session, authorized and approved a comprehensive plan for flood control and other purposes in the Red River of the North Drainage Basin, North Dakota, South Dakota and Minnesota, as set forth in the report of the Chief of Engineers dated 24 May, 1948, a part of which plan consists of a project for the clearing, straightening, enlarging and improvement of the channel of the Sand Hill River in Polk, Norman and Mahnomen Counties, Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, the said project, as approved, is subject to the express conditions that responsible local interests will:

- (a) Provide without cost to the United States all lands, easements, rights-of-way and spoil disposal areas necessary for the construction and subsequent maintenance of the project, when and as required.

- (b) Hold and save the United States free from damages due to the construction and subsequent maintenance of these works.
- (c) Maintain the channel after completion in accordance with the regulations prescribed by the Secretary of the Army; and
- (d) Make at their own expense all necessary changes to utilities, highways and bridges, including approaches; and

WHEREAS, the Sand Hill River Drainage and Conservancy District was duly organized and formed as a body corporate by Order of the District Court of the 14<sup>th</sup> Judicial District of Minnesota, dated May 18<sup>th</sup>, 1949; and

WHEREAS, The Sand Hill River Drainage and Conservancy District comprises the water shed of the Sand Hill River and its tributaries within the boundaries of the Counties of Polk, Norman and Mahnomen, Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Directors of the Sand Hill River Drainage and Conservancy District is empowered by law to contract with the United States Government, or any agency thereof, for cooperation or assistance in constructing, maintaining and operating the works of the District, or for the control of the waters thereof; and

WHEREAS, Rolland Hamre and others have, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 111, Minnesota Laws of 1941, and Acts amendatory thereof, the laws governing the operation of the Sand Hill River Drainage and Conservancy District, petitioned said District to undertake, in cooperation with the United States of America, the improvement, rectification and enlargement of a portion of the channel of the Sand Hill River in accordance with the survey and report thereon of the chief of Engineers, Department of the Army, dated 24 May , 1948; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Directors of the Sand Hill River Drainage and Conservancy District, after due consideration of the aforesaid petition and the report of the United States Army Engineers, has

determined that the said project will benefit public health, relieve floods, and improve the general welfare of the inhabitants of said drainage district; and

WHEREAS, in order that the required elements of local cooperation will be fully met and complied with by local interests, the Sand Hill River Drainage and Conservancy District desires to assure the Secretary of the Army that it will fully comply with the provisions and requirements of local cooperation herein set forth, and to that end hereby adopts the following Resolution:

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Sand Hill River Drainage and Conservancy District does hereby undertake, agree and assure the Secretary of the Army that it will:

- (a) Provide without cost to the United States all lands, easement, rights-of-way and spoil disposal areas necessary for the construction and subsequent maintenance of the project, when and as required.
- (b) Hold and save the United States free from damages due to the construction and subsequent maintenance of these works.
- (c) Maintain the channel after completion in accordance with the regulations prescribed by the Secretary of the Army; and
- (d) Make at their own expense all necessary changes to utilities, highways and bridges, including approaches; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Sand Hill River Drainage and Conservancy District be, and he is hereby, instructed and authorized to furnish certified copies of this Resolution to the District Engineer, Corps of Engineers, U.S. Army, at St. Paul Minnesota, for submission to the Secretary of the Army as the assurances of this body that the required elements of local cooperation will be fully met and complied with; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President and Secretary of the District be, and they are hereby, authorized and empowered to enter into any and all necessary contracts or agreements with

the United States of America or the District Engineer, Corps of Engineers, U.S. Army, St. Paul, Minnesota, as shall be required for the compliance by this body and with said conditions of local cooperation.

The motion for adoption of said Resolution was duly seconded by Martin Braaten and was present and carried by a unanimous vote of the members present, where upon the President of the Board declared said Resolution adopted.

There being no further business motion was made by Henry Nolte to adjourn, motion seconded by Martin Braaten. Motion carried and the president declared the meeting adjourned.

N.J. Mjelde, Secretary