

The Sand Hill River Watershed District Board of Managers met July 5th 1977 for their regular monthly meeting at the Fertile Village Hall. Members present - Qullekson, Olson, LaVoi, Larson and Wilkens. Also present - Gale Fraser and Lawrence Woodbury of Houston Engineering; Ronald Rasmusson, Norman County Engineer; Werner Mahlum, Norman County Commissioner; Harold Balstad, Marvin Heitmieier, J.R. Dale, and Walter Nolte, members of the advisory committee; and interested public.

Harold Olson called the meeting to order. The secretary's report was given and approved as read. The treasurer's report was given and approved as read.

The first order of business was the election of officers. Roland Gullekson was nominated for chairman. Motion was made, seconded, and duly carried that nominations cease and that the secretary cast a unanimous ballot for Roland Gullekson as chairman. Daniel Wilkens was nominated for secretary. Motion was made, seconded, and duly carried that nominations cease and that the secretary cast a unanimous ballot for Daniel Wilkens as secretary. Vernon Larson was nominated for treasurer. Motion was made, seconded, and duly carried that nominations cease and that the secretary cast a unanimous ballot for Vernon Larson as treasurer.

Daniel Wilkens gave a report as to what transpired since our last meeting. A citizens complaint was handled by calling the Department of Natural Resources on June 28, 1977 and asking them to check if Ray Christian had used up his allotment of water.

Garden Valley Telephone Co. submitted an application to cross the river at many points in the process of installing underground telephone lines in the Beltrami area. Motion was made, seconded and duly carried to approve their application.

Gaffenys in Crookston gave us a bid of \$448.50 on a Norelco dictating machine for the secretary to use. Motion was made seconded, and duly carried to accept the bid of \$448.50 on the Norelco dictating machine.

Motion was made, seconded and duly carried that the secretary set up a meeting for Thursday morning, July 7, 1977 at 9:00 A.M. at the Beltrami Mall to go over the proposed power line route with the land owners and MinnKota Power and answer any questions.

Motion was made and duly carried that we pay mileage to the advisory committee.

Lawrence and Henry Ricard presented a water problem in their area. The advisory committee was asked to come up after the meeting to talk over the Ricard problem.

For some time now the board has known of the bridge replacement project in the Bear Park area and upon request of Mr Werner Mahlum, Norman County Commissioner, at a previous meeting, it was decided that this meeting would be appropriate to call everyone concerned in and get the project laid out in more detail. At this meeting, Werner Mahlum presented the projects. Mr Mahlum suggested that this project would be ideal for a water retention site rather than a bridge and with that in mind he had called the landowners involved prior to this meeting so they could be present and express their ideas. Lawrence Woodbury had been asked prior to this meeting to go over the topographical maps available and present a rough estimate of the project. Mr Woodbury estimated it would cost \$100,000 to put in a dam which would hold from 2,000 to 6,000 acre feet of water. Ronald Rasmusson, Norman County engineer, said that it would take approximately \$77,000 to replace the old

bridge with a new bridge of which federal funds would pay 100% less 5% for engineering. The township would have to remove the old bridge and rebuild the road. Mr Rasmusson thought that this would be a very ideal site to look into the possibility of a flood control structure of some type rather than spend all this money on a bridge which would have no flood retention value. With the information presented the landowners and the advisory committee advised the watershed board to have their engineer gather more detailed information and have it ready to present at our next monthly meeting in August.

Motion was made, seconded and duly carried to order the following claims paid:

Fertile School - duplicating	\$ 2.00
Ye Ole Print Shoppe - Claim Sheets	35.72

There being no further business, motion was made to adjourn.

After adjournment we met with the advisory committee. They advised the board have their engineer look into this Ricard problem a little further and present more information at the next meeting.

Daniel Wilkens, Secretary

The Sandhill River Watershed Board of Managers held a special meeting July 7, 1977 at the Beltrami Mall from 9:00 A.M. to 11:00. The meeting was set up by the Watershed Board with the landowners involved along the ditch right of way with the proposed power line MinnKota Power is planning.

Members present - Dan Wilkens, and Harold Olson. Also present-Bob Hodgson and Matt Edman from MinnKota Power Coop, Agnes Aanden, Elmo Swenson, Jerome Hamre, Soffus Sandem, Glen Gullekson, Roger Hanson, Gary Gullekson and Leland Hanson.

The Sand Hill Watershed District presented the easements and other information they had and then MinnKota Power presented what they had. Then the public had a question and answer period. After all questions were satisfactorily answered, the meeting was adjourned.

Daniel Wilkens, Secretary