

On Monday, April 3, 1978, the Board of Managers of the Sand Hill River Watershed District met in Beltrami to conduct a tour of the District. Members present - Gullekson, Wilkens, LaVoi, Larson, and Olson. Absent - None.

The Board proceeded in one car to the western edge of the Watershed District and each manager in turn showed the Board problems they knew of in their particular area. As we proceeded to the eastern edge of the District we zig zaged back and forth across the District checking out the Sand Hill River itself, where some of the tributaries enter the river, and where some of the problems have cropped up in the past.

The boundary problem in Russia Township along the road on the north side of Section 23 was looked at and the following motion was made, seconded and passed: "The Board of Managers feel that the road should be maintained as the boundary, with the addition of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ - of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 14 added to our District and also the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 15 be added to our District as this area is in a horseshoe effect with the water running into the Sand Hill River and no possible means of draining it to the north into the Red Lake Watershed District. Also the culverts would have to be removed from the boundary if it is to be maintained as the boundary and proper means of alleviating the water in Section 23 found. Traveling eastward on this road the boundary should also be expanded going easterly an extra $\frac{1}{4}$ mile to County Ditch 79 and proceed along its southeast boundary up to the township road on the east side of Section 19 and then proceeding south where it intersects with the present boundary. This area is presently flowing into the Sand Hill River and can not flow north into the Red Lake Watershed District."

The Board also visited the lake that Dennis Lindberg is draining in the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 8, Bear Park Township. The Board after-looking at this project feels that this lake should not be drained at this time and that draining this lake is not in keeping with our Overall Plan. The secretary was instructed to notify the Army Corp of Engineers and the Department of Natural Resources as to the problem and see what action can be taken to preserve this area.

The proposed project on Maple Creek was also visited. The Board members had been notified that water was spilling out of Kittleson Creek and flowing over to Maple Creek and the Board proceeded to check this problem out. The water was not running out as it had been the previous day, when the Board arrived there, but it was possible to see in the field where it had spilled out just as it had left the high embankments and went out on the flat. Apparently snow in the stream itself forces the water out in this particular location.

The tour concluded back in Beltrami that evening.

Daniel Wilkens, Secretary

The Board of Managers of the Sand Hill River Watershed District met April 4, 1978 at the Top Notch Restaurant in Fertile, Mn. Board members present - Gullekson, Wilkens, Olson, Larson, and LaVoi. Absent - None. Also present - Robert Muscha and Gale Fraser of Houston Engineering; J.R. Dale, Marvin Reitmeier, Ray Carlson, Jon Lenz, Harold Balstad, Steve Vesledahl, Gordon Sonstelie, David Black, and Clayton Engelstad of the Advisory Committee; and interested public.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Roland Gullekson. The secretarys report was approved as read. The treasurers report was approved as read.

Roland Gullekson gave a report on the managers tour held on Monday. The details are in the previous minutes. We traveled approximately 200 miles and looked at alot of different problem areas. We looked for improvements that need to be done to the river, we looked at the boundary problems in Russia Township, the proposed Maple Creek project, the Bear Park project, and several other areas.

Harold Balstad presented a water problem. Special project 23 was brought as far as the Fosston Winger road, in his area. The Soil Conservation Service at that time thought that this would be adequate. This area is suffering severe erosion at the present time. It is now estimated that it will take \$13-\$14,000 to repair. Harold Balstad asked if there were any funds that the Watershed District could contribute to help this problem. They estimated they were getting \$10,000 from the Soil Conservation Service. Bob Muscha said there were no funds that we could expend for this type of work at this time as there is no assessment area to acquire the money from. Bob said that he would contact the Soil Conservation Service at McIntosh to talk to them about other possible areas of funding to see if all possibilities have been looked into.

Irrigation permits were discussed. Ray Christian had sent the Board a letter asking if he was required to renew his permit every year. The secretary was instructed to notify Ray that according to our Rules and Regulations he would be required to get a permit every ten years. We have not made up our irrigation permits as yet but as soon as we have them we will send Ray one. Henry Gredvig had sent a note along with Loren Stortroen asking how he should handle building permits in the Sand Hill District. The secretary was instructed to notify Henry Gredvig, County Zoning Administrator, that we would not issue any building permits and that if he has any questions about any particular building permit as far as to how it would effect the Rules and Regulations of our District in regards to flood plain he should send them to the Board and we will personally inspect them and send him our recommendations.

Roland then read the changes to the Watershed Act passed by this 1978 Legislative Session. In brief, the first ammendment allowed the Board to have position schedule bonds for the Board members rather than individual bonds. Another provision established a survey and data acquisition fund. Another was creating fees for application for permits and field inspections, they authorized the Watershed Districts to require permit applicants to post a bond and that any violation of any Watershed District Rules and Regulations shall be classified as a misdemeanor with prosecution and restoration or other action included.

To comply with the Workmen's Compensation Laws, the following motion was made, seconded and duly carried: That no manager receive no more than \$3000

in any one year. This allows Board members to be exempt from Workman's Compensation at this time.

Loren Stortroen, representing the Farmers Union Camp on Lake Sarah, had a permit for a sewer improvement. It was felt by the Board that this permit would be fine if it met the requirements of the County Zoning Ordinance.

Harold Balstad suggested that we have a blackboard to be able to describe things better.

Roland discussed a meeting he attended at Grand Forks on conducting a study of the Red River of the North flood plain. Roland then read through quite a long discussion of the Water Quality Meeting he attended in the Twin Cities.

Marvin Reitmeier of the Maple Creek Improvement Committee, asked Bob Muscha what the next step should be in regard to the Maple Creek project. Bob suggested that the petition would be the next thing. He said he would check with DNR and the Army Corp of Engineers first to see if they were willing to go along with such a project before the petition was circulated.

Bob Muscha of Houston Engineering then presented their bill for the engineering work they had done for the District. This is the first bill they have presented so it takes in all their time from the beginning of the District until the present time. Francis LaVoi made a motion, Vernon Larson seconded, motion carried, that we accept Houston Engineering's bill as presented.

The following claims were presented and allowed paid:

Fertile Journal	\$ 144.27
Thirteen Towns	6.09
Garden Valley Telephone	41.91
Daniel Wilkens	185.18
Pam Wilkens	107.65
Fertile School (Copying)	3.53
Vernon Larson	261.30
Steven Vesledahl	2.25
J.R. Dale	2.10
Marvin Reitmeier	7.00
Clayton Engelstad	1.80
David Black	7.50
Francis LaVoi	88.00
Houston Engineering	4284.84
Lower Red River Watershed (Delinquent taxes)	11.36
Roland Gullekson	353.70
Ray Carlson	4.50
Harold Olson	147.75
Top Notch Café	5.00

Motion was made to adjourn.

Daniel Wilkens, Secretary