

The Board of Managers of the Sand Hill River Watershed District met at 8:00 P.M. at the Fertile City Hall on Tuesday, July 11, 1978. Members present - Gullekson, Hanson, Wilkens, and LaVoi. Absent - Larson. Also present - Steve Vesledahl, Harold Balstad and David Black of the Advisory Committee.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Gullekson. The secretary's report was read and approved. No treasurer report was given. Harold Balstad took over as moderator while the Board held election of officers. Roland Gullekson was elected Chairman, Daniel Wilkens was elected secretary and Vernon Larson was elected treasurer.

Bob Muscha gave a report on the status of Maple Creek. He has finally received letters from the DNR and the Army Corp as to their response to the project. Mr Muscha thought we should go ahead and inform the organizational committee to start circulating the petition. Bob Muscha thought we could proceed with the project quite favorably based on the DNR and Army Corp comments.

We had not yet held a meeting in Beltrami to discuss where we should spend our maintenance money on the ditch itself. The Board decided to hold a meeting on Thursday, July 13th at 9:30 A.M. in Beltrami. Board member Roger Hanson and Mayor Ted Anderson will make the necessary arrangements.

The Board then heard Bob Muscha's report on the Bear Park project status. Bob had talked with Mr Thorson about an easement but had not received one. Mr Muscha stated the project was extremely good and we should probably go ahead with it with the hopes the few remaining landowners would sign. The Board decided that next month a decision would be made to either drop the project or go ahead with it. David Black of Bear Park Township was instructed to let everyone know of this before our next meeting.

Harold Balstad said they were still working on the SCS project in his area.

Permits were next on the agenda. Hubbard Township was granted a permit to replace a 15" culvert with a 24" between Section 14 and 15. Sidney Aanenson was granted a permit to install a 12" culvert in his driveway to drain a problem by his barn. The Werner Mahlum permit was disapproved as presented. Mr Mahlum was instructed that in keeping with our Rules and Regulations, the south part of his proposal would need approval from the landowners involved, Mrs Nephew and Mr Berhow. This water would be going across their property before reaching Kittelson Creek and therefore their approval must be obtained. The north 1/2 of this proposal runs into Ditch 65 which at present has no outlet. The board discussed this at length and then instructed the engineer to see if there was a way to allow this water into ditch 65 without more damage being done downstream or whether this part of Mr Mahlum's application be disallowed until such time as Ditch 65 receives an adequate outlet. Also the lands east of Mr Mahlum's property would drain into this property with the installation of this proposal and these lands were not assessed into the system so provision would have to be made to keep these waters from entering the system.

Onstad Township presented a resolution passed at their Board meeting stating they would like the Board of Managers to not allow any ditching permits on Ditch 65 until the ditch has an adequate outlet. Ditch 65 at present is overflowing on lands in the township and also is flowing out of the boundaries of the Watershed into the Burnham Greek Watershed. The Board accepted the resolution and put it on file.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Daniel Wilkens, Secretary

The Board of Managers of the Sand Hill River Watershed District held a special meeting in Beltrami on the 13th of July, 1978 at 900 A.M. with area residents to find out where maintenance was needed on the Sand Hill Improved ditch. Tree spraying, filling in low spots, and keeping the banks in a vegetative cover were discussed. It was decided to have the county weed sprayer cover all the brush and trees he could keeping in mind the sunflowers in the area. Bids should be obtained on filling in all the low spots in the banks. The residents were in unanimous agreement that the spoil banks be left in a vegetative state from 1 mile east of Hwy #9 to the west end of the ditch to prevent severe erosion when the water overflows the dikes. Widening the dike by Glen Gulleckson was requested to allow emergency traffic in case sandbags were needed in the area in the future.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Daniel Wilkens, Secretary