

The Board of Managers of the Sand Hill River Watershed District met October 3, 1978 at 8:00 P.M. at the Fertile City Hall. Members present-Roland Gullekson, Daniel Wilkens, Vernon Larson, Roger Hanson and Francis LaVoi. Also present - Bob Muscha and Gale Fraser of Houston Engineering; Marvin Reitmeier, Polk County Commissioner; Werner Mahlum, Norman County Commissioner; Walter Nolte of the Advisory Committee; and interested public.

Chairman Roland Gullekson called the meeting to order. The secretaries report was read and approved. The treasurers report was approved as read.

Stanley Olson had called Chairman Gullekson and told him that we had to have a unanimous resolution to proceed with the Bear Park project and since Francis LaVoi was absent at the public hearing we did not meet that requirement. So at this time, Vernon Larson made a motion, Francis LaVoi seconded and motion carried unanimously to proceed with the Bear Park project.

Bob Muscha made his report on the work at Beltrami, He thought the work done at Beltrami was very good so far but he had no idea of the time required. He also noted that the operator had parked the machine and gone on another job. This being the case, the Board decided that if we could find somebody else we would go ahead to get the work done before freeze up.

Roland talked about Paul Fishers conversation with him. He had a low spot southeast of his house that he had done some filling in and would like a little more filled in on the dike. The Board felt that if it was possible we would try to get this done this fall.

Bob Muscha then discussed the flowing well problem brought up at the last meeting. The owner wanted a pipe put in so he could water his cattle and rock hauled in to fill his crossing. Bob Muscha wanted to talk to Dick Cullen from the SCS office in Thief River Falls and try to find out some of the problems we don't know about. Bob will check with the SCS to try to solve the problem and then get back to the Board.

Stanley Ronningen had applied to the SCS for cost sharing on a project on the river in Section 23 and 24 Hubbard Township. The culverts were put in at an angle and the SCS asked if they could be put in straight. Motion was made, seconded and carried that the Soil Conservation Service can go ahead on these two culverts.

The Board instructed the treasurer to look around and see if he can find higher interest rate for our money in savings.

Then Marvin Reitmeier gave a report on the Maple Creek project. Marvin has the petition for the project but hasn't had time to go out with it.

Roger Hanson made a motion to amend our Rules and Regulations to conform to those of Wild Rice Watershed. Francis LaVoi seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. The secretary was instructed to publish the notices as required in the area papers and have copies made up.

Next on the agenda was farming the spoil banks. The Army Corp of Engineers has no rules governing it. The Board of Managers, based on the feelings of the people at the meeting in Beltrami, decided to place the following restriction on farming the spoil banks of the Improved Channel of the Sand Hill Rivers

"Motion was made, seconded and duly carried that the spoil banks starting one mile east of Highway #9 at Beltrami proceeding west to the westerly reaches of the Improved Project of 1954 in Hubbard Township, should not be farmed in such a manner as to leave the banks in an unprotected state. The spoil banks can be hayed but a protective and vegetative cover should be maintained in this area. Cultivation should cease at the point where the level farmland comes in contact with the first of the spoil bank."

Motion was made, seconded and duly carried to add this to our Rules and Regulations, Terry Wolfe, local Wildlife Manager, was next on the agenda. Mr Wolfe was wondering if we could consider other alternatives on Melvin Slough. Possibly the proposed 200 acre project the Soil Conservation Service had touched on years back. He was also wondering what the Boards intention was on land below Maple Lake that they have adjoining Werner Mahlums. He was wondering if we wanted this land for impoundment and if not they would probably want to make potholes and upland game areas instead. The Board told him that they were interested in all possible impoundment areas in the District. Werner Mahlum asked Terry Wolfe if he could foresee any problems in removing the man made dam on Ditch 65. Werner Mahlum was instructed to get the Polk County Board approval since they are the governing body, to allow him to clean it out. Terry Wolfe saw no problem with it.

Motion was made, seconded and carried to sign the Joint Powers Agreement with the Wild Rice Watershed District in regards to the Norman Polk Watershed Project.

Permits were next on the agenda. Motion was made, seconded and duly carried to approve the permit of Francis LaVoi, Jeffrey Nesvig, Steve Ranz and Roger Hanson.

Otto Messelt asked who was going to set the assessments on the Bear Park Project. Roland Gullekson mentioned that appraisers appointed at that time would do so.

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

		Meetings and Mileage -
Houston Engineering	\$ 1818.08	Dan Wilkens \$ 157.15
Norman County Index-Project #1	25.20	Francis LaVoi 123.00
Mahnomen Pioneer-Project #1	12.25	Roger Hanson 154.25
Marvin Reitmeier-Mileage	7.00	Vernon Larson 101.00
David Black - Mileage	10.50	Roland Gullekson 205.40
Bob SmerudzOffice Equipment	1040.05	
Garden Valley Telephone	18.74	
Fertile Journal	34.40	
Thirteen Towns	20.08	
Fertile-Beltrami School-copying	7.45	
Pam Wilkens - typing	69.60	

Daniel Wilkens, Secretary