

The Board of Managers of the Sand Hill River Watershed District met at their regular monthly meeting on August 5, 1980 at 8:00 P.M. at the Fertile City Hall. Members present - Gullekson, Wilkens, Larson, Hanson. Absent - LaVoi. Also present - Gayle Fraser of Houston Engineering; David Black, Ray Carlson, Werner Mahlum, Clayton Engelstad, Gordon Sonsteli, Steve Vesledahl of the Advisory Committee; and interested public.

Chairman Roland Gullekson called the meeting to order. The minutes of the July 1, 1980 meeting were approved as read. The treasurers report was given by Vernon Larson and approved as read.

The Verdell Olson project construction was being held up for the contractor to receive his bond.

Regarding the Bear Park Project - the viewers have to meet a few more times and then they are going to present the court their findings. Also for Bear Park, the highway funds have been frozen by the president which amounted to \$80,000 on this project. This is presently a hold up. Also, DNR is making an ecological study of the wildlife. Roland Gullekson read the letter from the Mahnomen County Auditor's office stating they wanted us to take responsibility for the roads and bridges in case of any damage caused. It was decided to try and meet with the Norman County engineer as a board and try to work out any problems involved rather than signing the paper at this time.

Ditch 2 and 17 was next on the agenda. Gayle Fraser of Houston Engineering reported that he had walked the outlet area and thought it was in very bad shape. It has 20 foot deep cuts, steep, full of trees and at the outlet and it would be very expensive and he thought it couldn't be done in a repair proceeding as there wouldn't be enough money allotted. We probably would have to send out viewers and reassess benefits on County Ditch 2 and 17 as a combined unit.

The Liberty-Onstad Project was next on the agenda. Gale Fraser said that the DNR is thinking about holding a public hearing on the DNR permit. Bob Meritt of the DNR wants to meet with some of the Board members at 8:00 A.M. on August 12. An informal meeting will be held at 1:00 P.M. at the Crookston law offices of Erickson, Erie the same day with opponents of the ditch.

DNR asked to be notified when we were building the Verdell Olson Project to see how its done and how it would work.

Paul Fischer's problem was discussed. He wanted a culvert installed in a quarter corner in the south of Section 22, Reis Township. The Board decided to inspect the problem before we make any decision. It was decided to meet at 7:30 A.M. at the Beltrami Mall on Thursday August 7th to go out and inspect his project at Paul Fischers.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

Lower Red River Watershed - Mahnomen County April 1	\$4.66
Lower Red River Watershed-Norman County May 6	131.49
Lower Red River Watershed - St of Mn Homestead	2184.08
Lover Red River - Polk County	10,933.12

Town and Country Cafe	62.87
Vernon Larson - Managers fee & mileage	119.90
Roland Gullekson " "	367.20
Dan Wilkens - " "	252.27
Roger Hanson - " "	184.50
Garden Valley Telephone	96.47
Merdell Skallet	1100.00
Fertile Journal	45.88
Chapman Publishing Co.	97.02
Staunning Bros	900.00
Steve Hamre	270.00
Pam Wilkens	84.40
Butch Olson	75.00
Merdell Skallet	100.00
Sherif of Mahnomen Co.	
Ray Carlson - Liberty Onstad viewing	75.00

A permit application from Clayton Engelstad to clean a ditch and add a new spur in the NE 1/4 of Section 14 Liberty Township was approved.

Emil Peterson should be notified that a permit is required for his ditching and that he needs permission from the downstream landowners along with the permit application.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Daniel Wilkens, Secretary

On August 7, 1980 Sand Hill Watershed Managers Roland Gullekson, Dan Wilkens and Roger Hanson met at the Beltrami Mall at 7:30 A.M. and went out to talk to Paul Fischer. He showed the Board his problem area and where he wanted to put in a culvert. The Board also inspected a culvert 1/4 mile east on Duane Tupper's which was covered with old cars and fencing and had no trap on the end. The Board felt that some of Paul Fischer's problems would be alleviated if a trap was installed at this site to prevent water backing in on Mr Tupper and then onto Mr Fischer. The Board then went and saw Mr Tupper and informed him he should remove the garbage so the Watershed Board could install a trap on the pipe.

Daniel Wilkens, Secretary

On August 12, 1980 Sand Hill Watershed Managers Dan Wilkens and Roland Gullekson and Gayle Fraser and Bob Muscha of Houston Engineering met at 8:00 A.M. at the Town and Country Restaurant in Fertile, Mn. They then conducted a tour for Bob Merrit, Terry Wolfe, and Gerald Paul of the DNR. The Liberty-Onstad project site was inspected and all questions were answered.

Daniel Wilkens, Secretary

On August 12, 1980 at 1:00 P.M. at the law offices of Erickson and Erie, the Watershed Board and engineers Gayle Fraser and Bob Muscha met with the DNR and opponents of the Liberty-Onstad ditch. Bob Muscha's suggestion of a control gate at the upper end of the ditch to hold the water when the area down stream was having problems seemed to satisfy all parties involved. The Board will act on that suggestion.

Daniel Wilkens, Secretary

