

The Board of Managers of the Sand Hill River Watershed District met for their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday June 2, 1981 at 8:00 P.M. at the Fertile City Hall. Members present: Gullekson, Wilkens, Vernon Larson and LaVoi. Absent: Hanson. Also present: Steve Vesledahl, J.R. Dale and Jim Todahl of the Advisory Committee; Liberty Town Board: Scott Taylor, Doug Nolte, Alden Jallo, Bob Berhow and Walter Ranz.

Chairman Gullekson called the meeting to order. Secretary Dan Wilkens read the minutes of the May 5, 1981 meeting and they were approved with minor changes. The Treasurer's report was read and approved.

The Board discussed the tour they had taken a few hours earlier. Ditch 2-17 was discussed and it was decided to have the engineers and Butch Olson get the project underway.

In regard to the Steve Ranz project:

Francis LaVoi made the motion that even though we realize that it is a very desirable thing to repair the erosion on the river, there are no funds available for it and there is no assessment for taxing base to raise funds for it, so we do not feel we can participate in these types of activities. Vernon Larson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

The Liberty-Onstad Ditch was the next site visited on our tour. Mr. Radnieke will continue with the project as soon as he is able, Muret Berhow contacted Chairman Gullekson about some trees by his house that were damaged by the contractor. It was decided that Muret and the contractor should negotiate the price of the damaged trees.

The Lower Red beaver dam project was discussed.

Roland reported that he had talked to Mr. Zahl at Winger and was told that they have 19 landowners committed out of 26. There is only two landowners, one in Iowa and one in Grand Forks, that they haven't contacted. Roland said that everything seemed to be going tremendously well there and they have a lot of hope. Houston Engineering showed the Board the aerial photos of the Winger site.

Roland reported that he received a call from Leon Oistad. The check from the District to Morris Pederson and wife should be rewritten out to just Norris Pederson because it wasn't part of the divorce settlement.

J.R. Dale made a permit application for regating a ditch area on the NE 1/4 NW 1/4 Section 35 Liberty Township to fill in an old wet area and clean an area where the culvert would drain.

Liberty Township Board came to complain that they were assessed \$1000 benefits on the Liberty-Onstad ditch. They didn't want to pay it. Bob Muscha of Houston Engineering explained the legal procedure. The Township Board didn't believe they had received notice of the assessment. Roland led a discussion and it was explained that the assessment was not for the ditch, but for the road improvements by widening and shaping the road and removing trees.

Steve Vesledahl gave the necessary missing information on his permit application. Work to be done is in the S 1/2 of the SW 1/4 of Section 22. The existing ditch will be deepened. Permit was approved.

Motion was made, seconded and unanimously carried to approve the following claims and ordered them paid:

Francis LaVoi	\$132.55
Roland Gullekson	275.36
Vernon Larson	54.78
Dan Wilkens	147.60
Bob Smerud	57.31
Garden Valley Telephone	77.03
Pam Wilkens	29.52
Para Wilkens	96.24
Mark Hurd Aerial Surveys	1175.00
Houston Engineering Project # 5	1610.25
Houston Engineering Administration	6503.25
Mn Assoc of Watersheds Dues	275.00
Jim Todahl Viewer Project # 5	169.00

James Todahl made a permit application for the NW 1/4 of Sec 14, Liberty Township to straighten a waterway and install a drop pipe. Permit application was approved.

JR. Dale made a permit application for the NW 1/4 of SE 1/4 of Section 35, Liberty Township to stop erosion by installing a drainage structure with the ASGS participation. Permit was approved.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Daniel Wilkens, Secretary