

SANDHILL RIVERWATERSHED DISTRICT
CITY COUNCIL ROOMS
FERTILE COMMUNITY CENTER
April 5, 1983

1. Roger Hanson, Vice Chairman, called the meeting to order at 8:00 PM. Board members also present were: Daniel Wilkens, Secretary; Vernon Larson, Treasurer; Francis LaVoi and Conrad Carlson, Exec Secretary. Absent: Roland Gullekson.
2. The next regular meeting was set for May 3, 1983 at 8:00 PM.
3. Other people present were: Henry Gredvig, Polk Co. Assessor; Marvin Reltmeier, Earl A. Radi and Donald Bakken, Polk Co. Commissioners; Gale Fraser, Houston Engineering; Carsten Zahl, Rodney Sonstelie, Gordon Sonstelie, Richard Larson, Clinton Balstad, Tony Espeseth, Jim Todahl, Dan Thul, Bemidji and Terry Wolfe, Crookston.
4. The minutes of the February 28, 1983 meeting were approved as read.
5. The Treasurer report was accepted as read.
6. Highway # 59 Dam Project Proposal:
Dan Thul reported on Dean Ash's comments pertaining to fisheries. Question of depth of lake for good fishing, suggested draw off bottom water (low oxygen), aeration (permanent or temporary), brush and timber removed before flooding. No opposition to lake.
Dam Safety. Dan Thul reported this would be a high hazard class #1 dam, because of Soo Line Railroad and Highway # 59 going over top of dam. It would have to be shown that the Dam would have economic worth, and show economic hardship if Dam is not built. There is a question of liability with high hazard dam. To reduce liability would need road signs or road blocks when water going over road in periods of flood. A fund should be set up for operating and maintenance. Also arrangement should be made with affected Townships regarding abandoning and/or installing new Township roads. Gale Fraser, Houston Engineering, felt the dam had adequate storage capacity for 100 year storm.
Terry Wolfe made some comments regarding wild life, but saw no problem. Henry Gredvig, Polk Co. Assessor, described (a) Shore line ordinance and Polk county zoning, (b) type of lakes by State regulations, (c) Township zoning--can be stricter and more restrictive than county or State. However, Townships can not sub-divide. (d) taxes would remain the same on a plotted lot until permanent improvement is added to lot. (e) would need DNR approval to improve lakeshore. Can not improve more than 50 feet and/or 50% of frontage. Copies of Polk zoning and requirements for lake property are on file in the Sandhill files.
Daniel Wilkens, Secretary, Sandhill River Watershed Board and on the Lower Red River Watershed Board attended a Lower Red River Watershed meeting on March 1, 1983. The Lower Red River Watershed has no money available at present, but very interested in the project because the water from the Sandhill River hits the Red River at the peak of floods. Don Ogaard, Chairman, is investigating possibility securing some State or Federal funds.

7. Agreement for road & bridge Project #1.
Houston Engineering is going to check the contract and either send to Daniel Wilkens, or bring back to next meeting.
8. Final Fund request for Project #1.
Tabled till May meeting. Needed more information to complete.
9. Update on Maple Creek.
Tabled until Marvin Reitmeier has a chance to see Stanley Olson.
10. Water gauges
No reading taken. Vernon Larson reported ice pulled the tape off depth gauges.
11. Ditching permits issued:
Vig Bros, Inc. Drain 5 arce pot hole by 6 inch tile in Heier Twp, Section 1, NE 1/4.
12. Motion by Daniel Wilkens to authorize time and mileage for Board Chairman for any meeting and/or all aspects of attempting to initiate Highway # 59 Dam project. Motion seconded by Francis LaVoi. Motion passed unanimously.
13. Motion by Vernon Larson to pay current vouchers. Seconded by Francis LaVoi. Motion passed unanimously.

Garden Valley Telephone Adm	\$10,67
Fertile Journal Adm	8.88
Conrad Carlson Secretarial	160.00
Vernon Larson, Meeting & mileage	73.78
Roger Hanson, Meeting & mileage	57.60
Francis LaVoi, Meeting & mileage	61.40
Houston Engineering, Inc Adm	2,824.40
Houston Engineering, Inc. Project # 4.	2,724.35
Total	\$5,921.08

14. Motion by Daniel Wilkens to adjourn at 10:30 Pm. Motion seconded Vernon Larson. Passed unanimously.

Daniel Wilkens
Secretary

Conrad Carlson
Exec. Secretary