

SAND HILL RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT

Minutes-July 7,1992 Regular Meeting

- 1. Agenda Review:** Additions to the agenda were noted as Election of Officers and discussion of the Ogaard Project
- 2. Attendance:** Roland Gullekson, President, called the July 7,1992 meeting to order at 7:58 a.m. District Managers present were Roger Hanson, Ortey Jevning, Francis LaVoi and Daniel Wilkens. Harold Olson-beaver dam removal, Walter Notte-Sand Hill River Golf Course, Lawrence Woodbury-SHRWD Consulting Engineer and Wayne Goeken--SHRWD Executive Secretary were also in attendance.
- 3. Minutes:** Goeken noted that payment of \$65.23 to the Fertile Journal was made at the June 2 meeting, but was not included in the minutes. Motion by LaVoi and seconded by Jevning to adopt the minutes of the June 2,1992 meeting with this payment being included.. Motion carried unanimously.
- 4. Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer's Report was dispensed with for July. Motion by Wilkens and seconded by LaVoi to pay current vouchers. Motion carried unanimously.

Pierson's Hartz-past due accounts for cleaning supplies	75.04
Mac's Cafe-SHRWD meals	28.54
Fertile Bakery-rolls-July Board meeting	7.00
MASCOM, Inc.-8 pages FAX	16.00
City of Fertile-Utility Bill	39.67
Garden Valley Phone Company-phone service	31.31
Otter Tail Power Company-electric service	37.18
Houston Engineering-Special Meetings, misc.	2,441.00
Houston Engineering-Winger Dam	2,062.00
Harold Olson-Beaver dam removal-blasting-upstream of Bear Park	314.25
Lois Plante-custodial	18.47
Wayne Goeken-Secretarial expenses	323.22
Wayne Goeken-consulting on news article re: Winger Dam	277.05
Roland Gullekson-Meetings & expenses	875.34
Roger Hanson-Meetings & expenses	205.90
Oriey Jevning-Meetings & expenses	59.92
Francis LaVoi-Meetings & expenses	59.97
Daniel Wilkens-Meetings & expenses-office supplies	183.54
Monthly Total	<u>\$7,055.40</u>

- 5. Election of Officer:** Motion by LaVoi and second by Hanson that Officers remain the same as last year. Motion carried unanimously. Officers will remain as follows:

President Roland Gullekson
Secretary Daniel Wilkens
Treasurer Roger Hanson

Gullekson appointed LaVoi as Vice President. Meeting rate for Board Members is \$50.00. The rate for work between meetings is \$25.00 per hour with a daily limit of \$50.00. Mileage will be reimbursed at 27.5 cents per mile for meetings and any other necessary mileage. Expenses will be reimbursed at cost. Lowell Bottrell was designated as the SHRWD attorney. First State Bank of Fertile was designated as the official checking depositor and investments are to be made at any bank or financial institution that has necessary insurance for protection of deposits. This is done at the discretion of the Treasurer. Houston Engineering will be retained as the SHRWD Engineering firm. The Fertile Journal was designated as the official newspaper. Wayne Goeken was retained as Executive Secretary at \$350 per month plus any necessary mileage and expense.

6. **Winger Dam:** Woodbury handed out and reviewed proposed responses to the 10 points raised in the Army Corp of Engineer's letter dated May 21, 1992. The Board provided input on various sections. It was noted that total flood storage needed in the Red River Valley according to the McComb-Knutson report, what flood storage has been secured thus far and what role the Winger Dam plays should be emphasized. The Board approved of these responses which will be reviewed with Don Ogaard and the Red River Water Management Board. If no major changes are recommended by these entities, a cover letter will be drafted and the responses sent to the Corp.

Gullekson reported on a meeting held with Dr. Gary Clambey and Dr. Jerry VanAmburg in Fargo regarding evaluation of wetlands in the Winger Dam project area. The project scope was reviewed and it was agreed to hire Clambey at \$20/hr plus mileage. Clambey will make his site visit to do the assessment within the next month.

Gullekson will be meeting with MPCA representatives later in the week to discuss six points raised in an April 6, 1992 letter from the MPCA. These items and the SHRWD response to them were reviewed. Some of the issues have been addressed in other documents and these will be pointed out. Issues related to wetlands mitigation and operational plan of the reservoir are being addressed with other agencies who have authority in these matters. Measures to control sediment from runoff and nutrient loading and means of informing the public of the potential water quality of the impoundment will be explained again to the MPCA.

A summary of the Winger Dam project was prepared as a news release and submitted to the "Focus 10,000" magazine which is distributed to lake associations and related groups in Minnesota.

7. **Ogaard project:** Wilkens read a letter received from Don Ogaard regarding Ogaard's proposal for land acquisition for installation of a water control structure in Section 31, Winger Twp of Polk County. The Board discussed the option presented by Ogaard and directed Wilkens to contact Ogaard to further negotiate purchase of the property.
8. **Permits:** One permit came before the Board and was approved.
-1992-5 DeBoer Enterprises Inc. Section 1 of Scandia Twp. Polk County. Put in three culverts and crossings because there is only one crossing currently servicing a half section of property.

9. Other Business:

- a.) Jevning noted that cost share funding is available up to \$3,500 from the SCS but won't find out until August. This is for culvert and channel repair in SW corner of Section 18 of Scandia Township
- b.) Wilkens noted that the Red River WMB is exploring options to work on stream bank stabilization projects using flood control funds. The SHRWD is identifying possible demonstration sites for such work.
- c.) Harold Olson reviewed the blowing of the beaver dams that he did near Gunderson's and Uhler's and presented the Board with his bill for this work. Gullekson noted that there is likely more beaver dams between Gunderson's and Bear Park that will likely need to be removed.
- d.) Walter Nolte provided the Board an overview of activity and maps showing the course layout related to the development of the Sandhill River Golf Course that is proceeding just southwest of Fertile. Options for tree snagging in the river and trail work were discussed. It was noted that the Minnesota Conservation Corp has indicated they can assist with this. Goeken will draft a letter requesting assistance from the MCC in this endeavor.
- e.) Agassiz Environmental Learning Center: Wayne Goeken reviewed the latest plans for constructing a multi-purpose building along the Sandhill River Trail that will include restrooms and serve as a warming house and staging area for group outings into the Sandhills. Woodbury will check on the availability of any architectural services through NDSU to assist with the project.

10. Adjournment: The next regular meeting of the Board is set for August 4, 1992. As there was no further business to come, before the Board, motion by LaVoi and seconded by Wilkens to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.



Daniel Wilkens, Secretary

Wayne R. Goeken, Exec. Secretary