

SAND HILL RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT

Minutes-- August 11, 1992 Regular Meeting

1. Attendance: Roland Gullekson, President, called the August 11, 1992 meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. District Managers present were Roger Hanson, Orley Jevning and Francis LaVoi. Lawrence Woodbury--SHRWD Consulting Engineer and Wayne Goeken—SHRWD Executive Secretary were also in attendance.

2. Minutes: Motion by Jevning and seconded by LaVoi to adopt the minutes of the July 7, 1992 Sand Hill River Watershed District Board meeting as mailed.. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's Report was dispensed with for August. Discussion and approval of a bill submitted by Dr. Gary Clambey for wetlands assessment in the Winger area and the annual membership to TIC. Motion by LaVoi and seconded by Jevning to pay current vouchers as follows. Motion carried unanimously.

Pierson's Hartz-sodas	18.76
Mac's Cafe-SHRWD meals	20.61
Fertile Bakery-rolls-meetings	15.00
Fertile Journal-office supplies	3.49
Olson & Sons Exeavating-river clean-up/snagging	220.00
Garden Valley Phone Company-phone service	94.85
Otter Tail Power Company-electric service	74.03
Tony Dom, Inc.—copy meter	33.86
The International Coalition-annual membership	250.00
Gary Clambey-Winger Dam Wetland assessment	706.10
Lois Plante-custodial	18.47
Wayne Goeken-Secretarial expenses	323.22
Roland Gullekson-Meetings & expenses	757.34
Roger Hanson-Meetings & expenses	171.52
Orley Jevning-Meetings & expenses	59.92
Francis LaVoi-Meetings & expenses	59.97
Monthly Total	<u>\$2,827.14</u>

4. Winger Dam: Gullekson noted that a meeting was held with Willis Mattison of the MPCA Detroit Lakes office on August 3 at the SHRWD office following a meeting regarding the Sand Hill River Golf Course. Mattison indicated that MPCA wanted to check other alternatives for flood control. They were also asking for the HEC 1 analysis which is several volumes of background information used in determining peak flows and hydrologic interactions in the Red River Basin. It appears this is a continuing pattern of the regulatory agencies to stall the project by passing it back and forth between their so-called "experts" and asking for more information, much of which they have no-one qualified to understand anyway. None of the agencies appear to have grounds to deny specific permits, yet they are dragging their feet and basically taking no action in hopes that one of the "other" agencies will kill the project or that local support will dwindle and the project will just go away.

Woodbury reviewed responses to the MPCA concerns related to the Section 401 Water Quality Certification. A previous letter sent to the Corps of Engineers addressing concerns related to the Section 404 permit application contained much of the information that was being requested and as such was referenced and not duplicated. Some specific items that were noted included that Watershed District's do not use the Corps procedures for assessing flood control benefits, but rather use standard methodology as adopted and accepted in the Red River Water Management Board's Project Evaluation Manual.

The SHRWD Board also agreed to go ahead with the 1.7 cfs minimum flow which will minimally impact the reservoir level. It is important to educate the agencies about the difference between gated flood storage and cfs reduction for flood control and how the Winger Dam project impacts the peak flooding conditions along the Red River main stem according to analysis accepted in the McCombs-Knutson Report. The reservoir will alter the timing of the flow by distributing water more evenly throughout the year. The SHRWD will need to update their proposed operating plan to reflect the current situation and proceed with the understanding that additional adjustments are still possible after further discussion with the various regulatory agencies.

Gullekson noted that he will be going to St. Paul for a MAWD meeting on August 13 and requested that Woodbury accompany him and they will meet with the MPCA to review the project. Prior to this meeting, Goeken will obtain rainfall data from the East Polk SWCD office for the Winger area and provide to Woodbury so he can run computer simulations of what the reservoir levels and discharge amounts would be under various scenarios. Rainfall, evaporation, runoff, transpiration and other factors are all factors in determining the expected reservoir levels. Gullekson also noted that he gave a tour of the project area to Mattison of the PCA and Dick Parent of the East Polk SWCD office on August 7.

5. Other Activities and Business:

- *Gullekson reported on a meeting with Mark Robbins, the area supervisor for the Minnesota Conservation Corp. Robbins indicated that his crew is primarily working in the Red Lake Watershed District to clean up trash sites along rivers and streams, but would like to keep his crews busy in this area and thus would be interested in coming down to work on trash removal and tree snagging along the Sand Hill River. His crew subsequently has been clearing some of the trees removed and piled from last year's river clean-up and will continue to work along the river including the area through the golf course. Tim Olson was hired for part of one day to help load trees into the crew's dump trucks. Robbins will likely work through the winter in the area to identify trash sites for clean-up next year.
- *Streambank stabilization projects along the Sand Hill River just west of the TH 32 bridge, where the City of Fertile's storm sewers enter the river and just below the Strem bridge were discussed with a site tour following the Board meeting. Woodbury will develop preliminary design and cost estimates for correcting the existing situations and placing rock rip rap in these areas.
- *On motion by LaVoi and second by Jevning, it was moved to develop the budget for the SHRWD and set the budget hearing for next month. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Permits: One permit came before the Board and was approved.

-1992-4 Ronald Pederson. N. half of Sec. 12 Scandia Twp. Polk County. Install culvert in road ditch on south side as there is no crossing into the field for the full mile.

7. Adjournment: The next regular meeting of the Board is set for September 8, 1992. As there was no further business to come before the Board, motion by LaVoi and seconded by Jevning to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Daniel Wilkens, Secretary

Wayne R. Goeken, Exec. Secretary