

# SAND HILL RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT

## Minutes-October 6, 1992 Regular Meeting

**1. Attendance:** Roland Gullekson, President, called the September 8, 1992 meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. District Managers present were Roger Hanson, Orley Jevning, Francis LaVoi and Dan Wilkens. Mark Robbins of the Minnesota Conservation Corp, Lawrence Woodbury-SHRWD Consulting Engineer and Wayne Goeken—SHRWD Executive Secretary were also in attendance.

**2. Minutest-** it was noted that in the middle of page 2 of the September 8, 1992 SHRWD meeting minutes, it should have stated that Jevning reported that Skallet had checked with the ASCS office, not the SWCD as noted in the minutes. Motion by LaVoi and seconded by Jevning to adopt the minutes of the September 8, 1992 Sand Hill River Watershed District Board meeting with this correction being made. Motion carried unanimously.

**3. Treasurer's Report:** Motion by Wilkens and seconded by LaVoi to pay current vouchers as follows. Motion carried unanimously.

Fertile Bakery-rolls-meetings	13.00
City of Fertile-Utility Bill	43.45
Al & Laura's Hartz-coffee and soda	19.66
Mac's Cafe-meals	18.40
Mahnomen Pioneer-budget hearing notice	50.40
Norman County Index-budget hearing notice	54.78
Otter Tail Power Company-electric 8/4-9/3 3	1.75
Garden Valley Telephone-monthly charges	26.99
U.S. Postal Service-box rent and stamps	101.50
MN Dept. of Ag-EPPL 7 county computer maps	1 65.00
Twin City Testing-Winger Dam water analysis	1,232.00
Houston Engineering-Sand Hill River Stabilization	328.00
Houston Engineering-Fertile West Mill Project	27 1,00
Houston Engineering-General	3,419.00
Houston Engineering- Winger Dam	9,068.00
Lois Plante-custodial	18.47
Wayne Goeken-Secretarial expenses	323.22
Roland Gullekson-Meetings & expenses	364.27
Roger Hanson-Meetings & expenses	1 14.35
Orley Jevning-Meetings & expenses	59.92
Francis LaVoi-Meetings & expenses	1 1 9.95
Daniel Wilkens-Meetings & expenses	<u>145.94</u>
<b>Monthly Total</b>	<b><u>\$15,989.05</u></b>

**4. Winger Dpm-** A report was provided by those that attended the meeting in Fargo on September 15 with the Army Corp, the RRWMB and a variety of other state and local agencies and groups representing both Minnesota and North Dakota. The Corp essentially dictated that a programatic Environmental Impact Statement would need to be done to cover the Red River Valley and all water projects in the Valley would be put on hold until this was done. Furthermore, the EIS would need to be paid for by the local entities in the Valley. Opposition to this type of generic EIS was expressed by state and local officials from Minnesota and North Dakota. The Corp staff in attendance noted they would relay the information back to the Colonel in St. Paul. However, in subsequent contact with the Colonel, he had been led to believe by his staff that all those attending the meeting were in support of the programatic EIS.

Subsequent to this meeting, Gullekson visited with DNR regarding the option of amending the existing permit application dropping the reservoir and instead pursue the dry dam option. The DNR encouraged this direction. The SHRWD Board requested Woodbury to cancel the permit application to the Corp and send a letter to the MN DNR requesting an amendment to the existing permit to reflect the proposed dry dam plan.

**5. Other Activities and Business:**

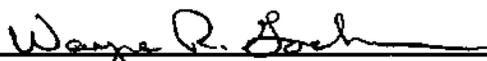
- \*Woodbury reported on streambank stabilization options and costs. The storm sewer outlet area was reported as being especially in need of repair. The Board directed Woodbury to make permit application to the DNR Hydrologist for all sites being discussed and request it be emergency status so as to be able to work on the storm sewer area immediately. This would include a problem area along the river adjoining property of Ray Christian in Section 28 of Liberty Twp(NE corner of NW quarter).
- \*Motion was made by LaVoi and seconded by Jevning to accept the petition for improvement from the Village of Fertile related to the designated West Mill Recreation Area west of Fertile. Motion carried unanimously. The project is designated as SHRWD Project #10. Woodbury was directed to gather necessary information to determine what type of dam configuration would be needed and to determine preliminary cost estimates. These will be reviewed with the Fertile City Council before proceeding to successive phases of the project.
- \*Gullekson, Wilkens and LaVoi reported on a site visit they took of the area in Russia Twp between the Lens and Ray Gullekson property that Marvin Olson had brought to the attention of Board member Wilkens. The Board members concurred that this is a naturally low lying area and is not negatively impacted by Sandhill ditching.
- \*It was noted that Jon Roeschlin is preparing the Region 1 Report for the annual MAWD meeting this year and requested that information regarding the SHRWD activities over the past year be provided to him by November 2. The Board discussed the MAWD resolutions that will be brought up for approval at the MAWD annual meeting.
- \*Wilkens noted problems that still remain in the uniform accounting and reporting of tax levies for budget setting by the watersheds in the Red River Valley.

**6. Minnesota Conservation Corp:** Mark Robbins of the MN Conservation Corp reviewed the MCC program with the SHRWD Board. The MCC will still be active doing garbage dump-site clean-ups as part of the state river clean-up program. However, the MCC is now seeking to enter into contractual agreement with groups such as watersheds to do additional river work, primarily tree snagging and removal in and along waterways. Options were discussed with the Board and an information packet provided. The Board will consider where such activities could be done along the Sandhill River and see if there would be priority spots to engage the services of the MCC. A decision will be made at the next month Board meeting.

**7. Adjournment:** As the next regular meeting date falls on election day, the next regular meeting will be held one week later, on November 10, 1992 at the Watershed office. 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