

# SAND HILL RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT

## Minutes-December 1,1992 Regular Meeting

1. **Attendance:** Roland Gullekson, President, called the December 1, 1992 meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. District Managers present were Roger Hanson, Orley Jevning, Francis LaVoi and Dan Wilkens. Wayne Goeken—SHRWD Executive Secretary and Conrad Carlson were also in attendance.

2. **Minutes:** Motion by Jevning and seconded by LaVoi to adopt the minutes of the November 10,1992 Sand Hill River Watershed District Board meeting as mailed with one correction to be made on page 2--Permit 1992-7 should refer to County Rd 44~not "444" as appears in the minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

3. **Treasurer's Report:** Hanson reported on the fund balances in the various accounts and led a discussion of investment options for CDs owned by the SHRWD that are coming due. Motion by Wilkens and seconded by LaVoi to accept the treasurer's report and pay current vouchers as follows. Motion carried unanimously.

Fertile Journal-Meeting notices	6.34
Fertile Bakery-rolls-meetings	7.00
Mac's Cafe-meals	54.22
U.S. Postal Service-2 rolls stamps	58.00
Otter Tail Power Company-monthly electric charge .-	143.21
Garden Valley Telephone-monthly charges	95.52
Red River WaterManagementBoard-Streamgauging	1,520.00
Wayne Goeken-Secretarial expenses	323.22
Roland Gullekson-Meetings & expenses	611.09
Roger Hanson-Meetings & expenses	300.58
Orley Jevning-Meetings & expenses	59.92
Francis LaVoi-Meetings & expenses	59.97
Daniel Wilkens-Meetings & expenses	<u>230.38</u>

**Monthly Total**      **\$3469.45**

Goeken was directed to contact the Polk and Norman County Auditor's offices to make sure the funds levied for ditch maintenance of Ditch 17-2 are split between the two counties based on benefits received.

4. **Winger Dam:** No new information had been received from the MN DNR regarding the application that had been submitted by the SHRWD for a dry dam at the Winger site. Woodbury is working on a revised engineering report which may be ready by the January meeting related to the dry dam design.

The primary discussion related to Winger Dam was the Corps of Engineers proposal for a programatic or "generic" Environmental Impact Statement done for the Red River Valley. If the Corps in fact determines that such an EIS must be done before any projects proceed in the Red River Valley, then it must be decided how to proceed with developing such a study. In order for a study and resulting document to be useful and accepted by all parties involved in water and natural resource management in the Valley, the various parties need to be involved in the project and approve of the methods and results as the project progresses. The scope of the project must also be clearly defined and should likely cover all aspects of water management for the future of the Valley including water quality, flooding, and water supply needs for agriculture, manufacturing, human consumption, recreation, wildlife and other needs. A major concern is that some agencies will go along throughout the process, but then will not

abide by the results when specific projects come up for review and action in the future. This issue will be brought up for discussion at the next meeting of the Red River Watershed Management Board.

**5. Other Activities and Business;**

- \*Gulleksdn noted mat he had visited with Mark Robbins of the Minnesota Conservation Corp and his crew-is now down to 4 people total. They will contract with the SHRWD to do tree snagging along the Sand Hill River beginning in the Climax area. The work will likely begin after the first of the year.
- \*Gullekson, LaVoi and Wilkens were guests on the Fosston radio morning talk program on November 25. They provided an update and discussion of the Winger Dam project.
- \*Wilkinsm visited with Greg Anderson of the West Polk SWCD office regarding preliminary project surveying needed for a culvert replacement project near the Keith Skallet farm. The project will be cost-shared.
- \*Provision of funding assistance to Sletton Township for moving of their town hall was discussed. The minutes of past meetings were searched for a previous agreement regarding this matter. Nothing was found, but the topic was tabled until further review of past minutes is done.

**6. Permits:** One permit that came before the Board for review was approved.

- \*1992-10 -Minnesota Department of Transportation, Sections 10, 11, 13, and 14 of Rosebud Twp. Polk County. Replace culverts on T.H. 2 and various entrances and crossovers, on the east bound lane which is to be reconstructed.

Daniel Wilkens, Secretary

Wayne R. Goeken, Exec. Secretary