

SAND HILL RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT

Minutes-July 6,1993 Regular Meeting

1. Attendance: Roland Gullekson, President, called the July 6, 1993 meeting to order at 8:00 am. District Managers present were Roger Hanson, Francis LaVoi and Dan Wilkens. Others in attendance were Wayne Goeken--SHRWD Executive Secretary, and Lawrence Woodbury-SHRWD Consulting Engineer.

2. Agenda Review: No changes in the agenda were noted.

3. Minutes: It was noted that all spellings of the name "Batz" should be corrected to "Baatz," Also, on page 1 it should note that Gullekson administered the oath of office to Baatz and Hanson. On page 2 it was clarified that Harold Olson will contact Marvin Olson and Greg Ranz to continue trapping for beaver. Motion by LaVoi and seconded by Wilkens to adopt the minutes of the June 8, 1993 SHRWD meeting as mailed with the above corrections being made. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Treasurer's Report: Wilkens handed out and reviewed the Treasurer's Report covering the month of June 1993. The past month's transactions, fund balances and investment portfolio were reviewed Wilkens noted that the SHRWD audit was not back yet. It was agreed to renew membership to The International Coalition for another year. Motion was made by LaVoi and seconded by Hanson to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented and authorize payment of the current month's bills as presented below. Motion carried unanimously.

Mac's Cafe-meals	20.00
Fertile Journal-Meeting Notice	2.77
Variety Plus-hangers	7.96
Fertile Bakery-rolls-meetings	7.00
Al & Laura's Hartz-supplies	56.47
Otter Tail Power Co.- Heat & Utilities	84.55
Garden Valley Telephone Co.	82.69
City of Fertile-Utility Bill	43.45
The International Coalition-membership	250.00
Dan Wilkens-refrigerator for office	150.00
Harold Olson 2 beaver dams removed-BearParkProject	270.00
Houston Engineering-Services(Maple Creek, River Stabilization, General)	5,725.00
RRWMB-share of tax levy	13,789.41
First State Bank of Fertile-IRS Deposit SS/Medicare	625.26
Lois Plante-Custodial-July	18.47
Wayne Goeken-Secretarial services	323.23
Roland Gullekson-Meetings & expenses	436.33
Roger Hanson-Meetings & expenses	518.05
Francis LaVoi-Meetings & expenses	62.68
Daniel Wilkens-Meetings & expenses	243.26
Monthly Total	<u>\$22,716.58</u>

5. Red River Valley Environmental Assessment: It was noted that an article by Cheryl Miller of the Audubon Society appeared in the Focus 10,000 magazine which included many misrepresentations of the activities of the Red River Water Management Board and watershed district activities in the Red River Valley. Ogaard had sent Ms. Miller a letter further explaining the operations of the RRWMB and

its associated watershed districts and inviting her and her colleagues to be involved in a tour of projects in the Valley and further discussions as the environmental assessment process proceeds.

Wilkins reported on further meetings that were occurring between the various agencies and groups involved in the EA process.

6. Project Reports:

a.) **Stream Maintenance:** Goeken reported that the final reports for the two previous stream maintenance grant projects undertaken by the SHRWD have been completed and submitted to Polk County Auditor Jerry Amiot so he can request payment from the MN DNR and close out the projects.

b.) **Sand Hill River Streambank Stabilization:** Wilkins and Jerry Bennett of Houston Engineering visited the sites where stabilization work is to be done to determine what the final project designs would be. Bennett then drafted the project designs and submitted them to the DNR as an addendum to the original project permit application. Bennett will also submit application to the MN PCA to request a permit to use concrete riprap at the project site.

c.) **Maple Creek:** Woodbury reported that he had visited with MN DNR Area Wildlife Officer Terry Wolfe regarding options for the Maple Creek project. Wolfe is interested in exploring wildlife benefits related to the project. The SHRWD Board is interested in exploring what flood control benefits could be derived from the project. Woodbury will further define project design options that could accomplish joint benefits.

d.) **West Mill:** Motion by Wilkins and second by LaVoi to authorize Houston Engineering to proceed with researching the West Mill project for site suitability as had been previously petitioned for by the City of Fertile and authorized by the SHRWD Board. Motion carried unanimously. This work will initially involve doing a cursory soils survey and if the soils prove suitable then proceed with site survey work.

e.) **Polk County Wetland Inventory:** Wilkins showed sample maps generated for Becker County produced by the Land Management Information Center (LMIC) which showed the county's wetlands inventory. This is being done for other counties also and will serve as a database which will be useful for identifying if wetlands exist in a given project area.

7. Other Activities and Business:

a.) Goeken reported on the various groups that will be involved in putting on the joint natural resources display at the Polk County Fair from July 7-11, 1993 and the displays that will be there. Wilkins noted that he could help at the display on Friday from 2-6 and Hanson noted he could help on Saturday from 2-4.

b.) Hanson reported on the Minnesota Assn. of Watershed District's Summer Tour which took place in the Twin Cities metro area. A variety of wetlands and settling ponds were featured with water quality being the dominant consideration for all the projects.

c.) Gullekson reported that he visited the Bear Park project area with Ray Baatz and found the structure to be plugged. Gullekson contacted Tim Olson and directed him to take his backhoe and remove it and then go to Ernie Uhlers so he could direct him to the beaver dam that Gerald Paulson and Uhler reported at the June 8, 1993 SHRWD Board meeting. As per the agreement at that meeting, if landowners know of beaver dams in the project area that are causing problems, they are to identify the specific location so a contractor can be sent directly to the spot to address the problem. Gullekson reported that Uhler took Tim Olson to the location where the beaver dam was believed to be, but there was none present. Olson then hiked downstream from Uhlers about a mile but found no beaver dams as had been reported by Paulson and Uhler.

d.) The trial period for testing the refrigerator provided by Wilkins had expired with the unit operating satisfactorily. Motion by Hanson and seconded by LaVoi to authorize payment to Wilkins

for the refrigerator in the amount of \$150 as was previously agreed. Motion carried unanimously with Wilkens abstaining from voting.

8. Permits:

Two permits that came before the Board for review were approved.

-1993-4 Vernon Floan. Onstad Twp. S 1/2 Sec. 26. Install crossing from township road to field to provide for field access.

-1993-5 Michael Skaug. Reis Twp. Sec. 12. Build a dike to keep water in existing water channel to correct developing water erosion problems.

9. Adjournment: The next regular meeting of the SHRWD will be August 2, 1993. As there was no further business to come before the Board, motion by Wilkens and seconded by Hanson to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Roger Hanson, Secretary

Wayne R. Goeken, Exec. Secretary