

**Sand Hill River Watershed District
Minutes-April 12, 1994**

- 1. Attendance:** Roland Gullekson, President,(called the April 12, 1994 meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. District Managers present were Ray Baatz, Rogery Hanson, Francis LaVoi, and Dan Wilkens. Others in attendance were Dwayne Carver and David J-angved from Sletten Township; Wayne Goeken-SHRWD Executive Director and Jeff LeDoux--SHRWD Consulting Engineer. SHRWD Citizen Advisory Committee members in attendance included Don Bakken, John Balstad, Rory Hamre, Helmer Homme, David Johnstad, Ken Pederson, Phlllip Swenson, Steve Taylor, Jim Todahl, and Ervin Vigness.
- 2. Agenda Review:** The following items were added to the agenda: Sletten Township bridge replacement, Ditch 17-2 condition, and MN Assn of Watershed Districts proposed legislative changes.
- 3. Minutes:** Motion by LaVoi and seconded by Baatz to adopt the minutes of the March 9, 1994 SHRWD Board meeting as mailed with the following correction— on page 1, MAWD annual dues should be \$637.77 not \$737.77 as was printed. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Treasurers Report:

- a.) Wilkens handed out and reviewed the SHRWD financial reports covering the month of March, 1994. The past months checking account transactions, current fund balances and investment portfolio were reviewed. It was noted that the following funds transfer will occur as agreed at the previous months meeting to bring the respective accounts into balance: \$14,707.50 to Maple Creek-07; \$25,000 to River Clean-up-09; and \$25,000 to River Stabilization-09A. Motion by Hanson and second by LaVoi to accept the Treasurers Report as presented and authorize payment of the current months bills as presented below. Motion carried unanimously.

First State Bank of Fertile- -SS/Med Deposit	197.72
Lois Plante— custodial	18.47
Wayne Goe ken- secretarial	323.23
Dennis Habeck-tree cutting	1,665.00
Raymond Baatz-Meetings & Expenses	59.93
Roland Gullekson-Meetings & Expenses-Feb/Mar	385.91
Roland Gullekson-Meetings & Expenses-Mar/April	352.73
Roger Hanson- Meet ings & Expenses	533.66
Francis LaVoi- Meetings & Expenses	62.68
Dan Wilkens-Meetings & Expenses	391.18
Houston Engineering--General=2,899;Maple Creek Div.=288)	3,187.00
Christian Excavating- Project 9A River stabilization-4 load rock	640.00
MAWD- legislative breakfast	40.00
First State Insurance Agency-Commercial Property Ins.	557.00
Garden Valley Telephone Co-monthly bill	195.27
Otter Tail Power Co.	573.51
Tony Dorn-toner	59.00
Hartz— cleaning supplies/meeting expenses	34.15
Mac's Cafe	40.00
City of Fertile-utility bill	39.10

MONTHLY TOTAL \$9,355.54

5. Project Reports:

- a.) Hanson reported on further interest that has been expressed in the Beltrami Diversion Project. The project location, possible scope of the project and interest shown was briefly reviewed. Motion was made by Hanson and seconded by LaVoi to officially initiate the Beltrami Flood Diversion Project which encompasses parts of Sections 21, 22, and 23 of Reis Township. Motion carried unanimously. SHRWD Consulting Engineer LaDoux was directed to conduct a preliminary investigation and bring a report to the Board regarding project parameters such as hydraulics, topography, engineering options and financial feasibility. It was also noted that several land owners in the affected area should be contacted regarding surveying of their land and possible purchase options if necessary.
- b.) Hanson reported on a situation in Scandia Twp. where ditch cleaning is needed where Section 18 drains into the SH Ditch. It was noted that it now dumps into County Ditch 73. LaDoux was directed to look at the situation to see what may be needed.
- c.) It was also noted that landowners in the vicinity of Ditch 17-2 were calling regarding flooding. LaDoux was directed to inspect this area also and to generally review the SH Ditch in general for the annual ditch report.
- d.) Dwayne Carver and David Landsverk Sletten Township reported to the SHRWD Board that the township bridge that they've been holding off fixing due to the Winger Dam needs repair and its come up for work by the County Highway Dept.. The SHRWD Board agreed to go along with the bridge replacement It needs to be determined if this bridge is still on the priority list. If it is not, an appeal will be made to Polk County for emergency priority.
- e.) The Golf Course riprap stabilization project was reviewed. Work can begin June 1 according to the permit. As this is the first project of this type being done by the SHRWD, it was felt that dialogue should be continued with Strom Construction to arrange for them to do the project The Golf Course Assn. is waiting until the heavy equipment which will be used to put the riprap in place is done before putting in any of their irrigation system Motion by Baatz and seconded by LaVoi to have Wilkens proceed in lining up Strom Construction to do this job.

6. SHRWD Citizen Advisory Committee Report:

- a) The SHRWD Citizen Advisory Committee reported on the results of their discussion regarding recommendations for appointment to the SHRWD Board of Managers. They recommended Jimmy Krogstad to fill the position being vacated by Roland Gullekson and Harold Vig to fill the position being vacated by Francis LaVoi. These recommendations will be forwarded to the Polk County Board.
- b) Wilkens showed the CAC a sample of mapping and record updating for all ditches in the County that has been done in Norman County. There may be some financing possibilities for this project through the County Water Plan. Wilkens will develop a summary of the project scope and costs and review it with
- c) The County Board. In the future the SHRWD Advisory Committeewill generally meet for an hour in conjunction with the start of the SHRWD regular monthly meeting as needed.

7. **Beaver Program:** It was noted that the State had denied a request for compensation for beaver control. Don Bakken noted the statute related to beaver control and will get a copy for the SHRWD. The MN DNR requires a permit for beaver control in rivers. Bakken noted that the County pays for beavers controlled in County Ditches as needed. After discussion of program options Hanson made a motion that the SHRWD adopt a pilot one year program whereby a \$30 bounty will be paid for beavers with the SHRWD paying two-thirds of the bounty and the township paying one-third. The township will be responsible for paying the trapper or hunter and verifying that a claim is true. The township also must give prior approval to those who will be trapping or hunting the beavers and directing the trappers/hunters to areas of the river covered by this agreement. This agreement applies only to the unowned, naturally flowing portions of the Sand Hill River—not to include private ditches or county ditches. This policy will be in effect for an approximate one year trial period from the date the

notification letter is sent to the townships. Motion was seconded by LaVoi. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Other Business:

- a) LeDoux reported on a recent meeting he attended whereby the Wild Rice Watershed District in cooperation with Counties, Townships, and SWCDs will begin wetland banking projects to build up wetland credits for future projects.
- b) Gullekson noted a "Groundwater Protection Workshop that is being coordinated by the League of Women Voters via teleconference. It is the first part of May which doesn't allow much time to coordinate or promote it. Motion by Wilkens and second by Baatz to authorize Gullekson to further investigate the possibility of setting up a down link site to serve this area. Gullekson was also directed to see if Extension, UMC, SWCDs or others knew more about this workshop or were planning on hosting it.
- c) A handout of MAWD watershed act amendments was distributed and reviewed.
- d) Wilkens made a motion to accept the contract for hiring the firm of Dahl, Hatton, Muir, Reese, Ltd. to do the 1993 SHRWD audit. Baatz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Wilkens reviewed the audit returns for 1991 and 1992 and the cover letters with recommendations for improving the SHRWD financial accounting.

9. Adjournment: The next regular meeting of the SHRWD will be 8:00 am. May 10, 1994. As there was no further business to come before the Board, motion by Wilkens and second by LaVoi to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Roger Hanson, Secretary

Wayne R. Goeken, Exec. Secretary

Addition

Permits: One permit came before the Board for review and was approved as follows.

1994-2 Polk Co. Hwy. Dept. – Hubbard Twp. Sec. 19. Culvert replacement, grading and bituminous surfacing of CSAH 109 – Nielsville between CSAH 1 and 2nd St. for service and safety improvements. Also requested by the Polk County Board of Commissioners.