

SAND HILL RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT

Minutes-August 2,1994 Regular Meeting

1. **Attendance:** Roger Hanson, called the August 2, 1994 meeting to order at 7:00 a.m. District Managers present were Ray Baatz, Jimmie Krogstad, and Harold Vig. Wayne Goeken—SHRWD Executive Secretary was also in attendance.
2. **Agenda Review:** No changes to the agenda were noted.
3. **Minutes:** Motion by Vig and second by Krogstad to adopt the minutes of the July 12, 1994 Sand Hill River Watershed District Board meeting as mailed. Motion carried unanimously.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** As Treasurer Wilkens was absent, the August Treasurer's Report will be provided along with the September Treasurer's Report at the September SHRWD Board meeting. Motion by Hanson and seconded by Baatz to authorize payment of the current month's bills as presented below. . Motion carried unanimously.

State Bank of Fargo-CD purchase	\$ 95,000.00
Climax Credit Union-CD purchase	95,000.00
Danyelle Gregor-labor-ditch recording/mapping	120.52
Wayne Goeken-secretarial & expenses	466.62
Lois Plante-custodial	16.17
Raymond Baatz-meetings & expenses	59.93
Roger Hanson-meetings & expenses	103.64
Jimmie Krogstad-meetings & expenses	51.68
Daniel Wilkens-meetings & expenses	211.38
Harold Vig-meetings & expenses	59.93
Gerald Amiot/Polk Co. Auditor-beaver control cost share	213.00
Tony Dora-copy meter & copier supplies	217.36
Pierson's Hartz Store-supplies	39.90
Fertile Bakery-rolls-meeting	4.50
The International Coalition-1994 membership dues	250.00
H. Slager Construction-ditch cleaning	490.00
David Searles-surge protector for computer	66.00
First State Bank of Fertile-Soc. Sec./Med. Deposit	156.00
Red River Water Management Board-tax levy	18,276.14
Lois Plante-custodial	18.47
Danyelle Gregor-ditching recording/mapping	<u>157.92</u>
Monthly Total	\$210,979.16

5. **Upcoming Meetings and Other Business**

a.) Information that had been received by the Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts was reviewed. Hanson explained the structure and purpose of the Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts (MAWD) as a statewide organization that keeps watershed districts informed about legislation and/or regulatory changes that may impact watershed districts. It was noted that the SHRWD pays about \$600 annual dues to MAWD.

b.) A request was reviewed from The International Coalition for the SHRWD to renew their annual membership with TIC. It was noted that TIC coordinates land and water stewardship initiatives in the Red River Valley. They were heavily involved in developing the county comprehensive local water

plans throughout northwest Minnesota and have coordinated the GIS mapping in the Red River Valley. They continue to play a role in fostering communication throughout the RR Valley (Manitoba, Minnesota and North Dakota) related to land and water stewardship issues. Motion by Krogstad and seconded by Baatz to renew membership in TIC for another year at the 1993 rate of \$250. Motion carried unanimously.

c.) Joe Gartner, Program Director for the Agassiz Environmental Learning Center visited with the Board and reviewed progress and status of the Agassiz ELC. Gartner reported that since the first of the year through the end of the school year in May a total of 948 students and 122 adults participated in programs provided by the Agassiz ELC with 815 of these students and 88 of the adults being provided on-site programs at the Fertile Sand Hills. The majority of the students were in fourth and fifth grade-Schools visiting the site during this period were from Crookston, East Grand Forks, Fertile, Grand Forks, Inkster(ND), Mahanomen, Mentor, Thief River Falls and Thompson(ND).

Gartner reported that the Father's Day storm caused extensive tree damage in the Sand Hills, especially along the Sand Hill River. Due to the extent of the damage loggers were brought in to clear some areas. Trails need to be cleared and reworked in preparation for school groups this fall. Plans for development of a native plants trail and arboretum has also been changed due to the storm with work proceeding on this project in a different location. Gartner noted that the Agassiz ELC is seeking to develop programs related to agriculture and handed out a list of ag related program options. The Board agreed that students must become more aware of the role of modern agriculture in providing food for the world's growing population. Small scale on-site ag demonstration programs as well as off-site tours to nearby farms are being considered.

Display options to cover natural resource stewardship issues (watersheds, agriculture, environmental education, etc.) were discussed including the need to have displays interactive and attention getting while still getting a message across. Places to reach people were also noted including county fairs, the Winter Shows and County conservation days.

d.) Goeken noted that Wilkens has been working with Danyelle Gregor to update ditching records and produce color coded maps. Gregor will continue working on this throughout the rest of the summer.

e.) Hanson noted that the draft EIS scoping document has been completed which identifies what will be studied as part of the actual EIS for the Red River Valley.

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

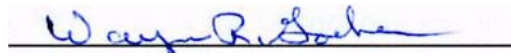
1994-13 Woodside Twp NW 1/4 Sec 36. Russia Twp. Clean out existing ditch which has grown up with brush and small trees resulting in water going over the township road. The work will be done with a dozer and/or backhoe. The SHRWD Board reviewed and filed the irrigation permit application that has been approved by the MN DNR for the Sand Hill River Golf Course to draw water from the Sand Hill River for irrigation of the golf course. No action was required.

7. Adjournment: The next regular meeting of the SHRWD will be on September 6, 1994 at the Sand Hill River Watershed District Office in Fertile. It was noted that perhaps some future meetings of the District could be held at other locations in the District in conjunction with field tours of some of the projects and problem areas in the District. It was agreed to begin the meeting at 7 a.m. due to the harvest season. As there was no further business to come before the Board,

motion by Baatz and Seconded by Krogstad to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

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Jimmie Krogstad, Secretary

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Wayne R. Goeken", written over a horizontal line. The signature is more fluid and cursive than the one to its left.

Wayne R. Goeken, Exec. Secretary