

**SAND HILL RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT**  
**Minutes-July 11, 1995 Meeting Minutes**

1. **Attendance:** Roger Hanson called the July 11, 1995 meeting to order at 7:00 a.m. at the District Office. Managers present were Jimmy Krogstad, Harold Vig, and Dan Wilkens. Don Bakken, Roger Beiswenger, Ray Gullekson, Kurt Larson, Harold Olson, Arnold Person, Reuben Rydeen, Lawrence Woodbury, SHRWD Engineer and Wayne Goeken, SHRWD Executive Secretary were also in attendance.
2. **Agenda Review:** No changes to the agenda were noted.
3. **Minutes:** Motion by Krogstad to approve the minutes of the June 6, 1995 SHRWD regular Board meeting as mailed. Motion seconded by Vig and carried unanimously.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** Wilkens reviewed the Treasurer's report and bills for payment. This included renewal of membership to The International Coalition and provision of \$50 towards the Polk County Fair Natural Resources Display as part of the SHRWD education efforts. Motion by Vig and second by Krogstad to approve the Treasurer's report as presented and bills for payment. Motion carried unanimously.

Payment Made to Memo	Amount
First State Bank of Fertile-Soc Sec/Medic.	\$ 283.08
Wayne Goeken—secretarial services & expenses	530.55
Roger Hanson-meetings & expenses	410.14
Harold Vig~meetings & expenses	206.02
Dan Wilkens—meetings & expenses	701.32
Betty Berhow—mileage for delivering MAWD materials to Ada	16.80
Fertile Journal—meeting notices	6.10
Harold Olson—beaver dam removal	160.00
Roland Gullekson—reimburse for paying past SHRWD utilities	49.80
City of Fertile— utilities	45.27
East Polk SWCD— Polk Co. Fair Booth space cost share	50.00
Al & Laura's Food Store— refreshments for Summer MAWD Tour	92.42
Fertile Bakery— meeting expenses & refreshments for Summer MAWD Tour	144.80
Polk County— Beaver Program Cost Share & copies for ditch mapping	60.70
Coast to Coast— office supplies	10.40
Garden Valley Telephone Company— phone bill	228.82
Otter Tail Power Co.~heat & lights	113.27
The International Coalition— annual membership	250.00
Mac's Cafe— meeting expenses	103.76
Red River WMB— tax levy reimbursement	8,628.42
MONTHLY TOTAL	\$12,091.67

5. **Project Reports:**
  - a.) Sand Hills Golf Course riprap project. The areas along the river to be riprapped were done by Ray Christian and Tim Olson with commendations from the MN DNR on a job well done. The SH Golf Course Board wants to extend the riprap from the west end of their completed project site by the Hwy 32 bridge to the walk bridge. They estimate the cost at under \$5,000. This area should be done now so they don't have to go back in later. Motion by Wilkens and second by Krogstad to complete this project. Motion carried

unanimously. This is beyond the area allowed by the original permit, but an additional permit is not needed for the type of work proposed as the work will be along the shore and not in the water.

- b.) Climax Golf Course. Problems with erosion of an area with a steep hill along the river at the Climax Golf Course was discussed. Wilkens will meet with interested parties from the Climax area, the MN DNR, and others as needed to review options of building a bypass along with riprap to solve this problem.
- c.) Reis Twp. road. Problems with the road along the Sand Hill Channel in Reis Twp. were discussed. The banks of the Sand Hill River in this area are continuing to slough into the river. The original Corps of Engineers channelization project didn't include enough drop structures to adequately handle the hydrology of the river in this area. The SH River in this area continues to cut a deeper channel during low flow periods with the steeper banks then sloughing in. 10-30 years from now this could be a wide, meandering channel. The Corps of Engineers will not come back in to correct a situation like this even though the cause of the problem is due to improper original design on their part. At this time, problems with the road and work necessary to keep it in safe and usable condition are the responsibility of the township.
- d.) Project #12 (98/148): Woodbury handed out a sample of an information packet that was sent to each landowner in the project area. It included the hearing notice, a property owner's report which was a personal letter to each property owner with information specific to their situation including parcel numbers, project benefits and costs and a map of the project area. It was noted that based on the viewer's assessment the benefit area will be reduced from the original assessment area as the viewers didn't feel that property owners at the west end were getting drainage benefits from the project (in the past they were considered to be getting protection benefits).

The viewers for the project—Roger Beiswenger, Arnold Person, and Reuben Rydeen—gave their report and discussed the project with the Board. At the upcoming public hearing related to this project, the viewers will explain to the landowners how they went about determining benefits and assessments for the project. The Board thanked the viewers for their work on the project. The viewers commended Lawrence Woodbury for all his excellent information and support as they worked on the project.

The hearing date for the project is set for Thursday July 13th at 9 a.m. at the ARC auditorium on the University of Minnesota-Crookston campus. At the conclusion of the hearing the SHRWD Board can act on whether to proceed with the project or not. From the time that decision is made, landowners have a 30 day appeals period. If the project does proceed, it would be possible to still get excavation work done this year, but seeding would probably not get done. It was noted that the SHRWD's attorney should be in attendance at the hearing as this is a legal proceeding. Woodbury will make handouts of the viewer's assessments for all landowners and the engineer's report for the hearing.

Discussion followed regarding costs related to improvement of township roads and structures affected by this project. It was noted that a meeting with affected township officials should be set up to discuss the situation. It was the feeling of the Board that if improvements are needed in township roads and structures to accommodate the hydraulic needs of the project that these costs should be part of the overall project cost and not borne solely by the affected townships. If an improvement in the township road or structure was needed anyway and was done, then a cost-sharing could be worked out. On-going maintenance after the project was in place would be the responsibility of the townships.

## **7. Other Business**

- a.) Minnesota Assn of Watershed Districts Summer Tour: By all accounts the tour went very well. Hanson read a letter from MAWD Administrator Ray Bohn commending the District's Board and staff for doing a fine job. Many positive comments were received with many participants from other parts of Minnesota gaining a better perspective and appreciation for the water management issues being addressed in the Red River Valley. The Board thanked Woodbury for doing an excellent job as tour guide on behalf of the SHRWD.

- b.) Harold Olson reported that two dams were blown in the Bear Park area in the past month. He was directed to blow a beaver dam south of McIntosh which is interfering with the ongoing Sand Hill River Watch program.
- c.) A situation was noted whereby a landowner had put a culvert in for field access without getting a permit. The culvert ended up holding water back as the culvert wasn't sized big enough to adequately drain the contributing sub-watershed area. The Board directed that a letter be sent to the landowner directing him to remove the culvert immediately and go through the regular permit process which will allow for comment and sizing of the job to meet everyone's needs.

**8.) Permits.** Motion by Vig and seconded by Wilkens to approve the following 8 permits that came before the Board for review. Motion carried unanimously.

- 1995-15 Woodside Twp. Woodside Twp, Sec 35. Install new 30'x15" culvert for access to lake lot to avoid possible backup of water.
- 1995-16 Woodside Twp. Woodside Twp, Sees. 31 & 32. Install new 30'x15" culvert to replace inadequate pipe now in place which is causing water to back up and erode the road.
- 1995-17 Liberty Twp. Liberty Twp, Sec 24. Construct new ditch to keep building site dry by addressing poor drainage in area from underground water.
- 1995-18 Ray Gullekson. Russia Twp, Sec 35. Clean existing ditch due to siltation. 1995-19 Ray Gullekson. Russia Twp, Sec 36. Clean existing ditch due to siltation and construct new field ditch to connect existing ditches.
- 1995-20 Ray Gullekson. Reis Twp, Sec 1. Clean existing ditches due to siltation and construct new field ditches to improve drainage.
- 1995-21 Brian Gullekson. Liberty Twp, Sec 6. Clean existing ditch due to siltation.
- 1995-22 Ray Gullekson. Liberty Twp, Sec 7. Clean existing ditch to control runoff and construct new ditch to control flooding and excessive erosion.

9.) **Next Meeting and Adjournment.** The next regular meeting date was set for Tuesday, August 1, with the meeting to begin at 7 a.m. Motion by Krogstad and second by Vig to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

  
Jimmie Krogstad, Secretary

  
Wayne R. Goeken, Exec. Secretary