

SAND HILL RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT

March 5, 1996 Meeting Minutes

1. Attendance: Roger Hanson called the March 5, 1996 meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. at the District Office. Managers present were Ray Baatz, Dan Wilkens, and Jimmie Krogstad. Wayne Goeken, Naomi Jagol-SHRWD Administrative Assistant, and Lawrence Woodbury-SHRWD Engineer were also in attendance. The SHRWD Advisory Committee also met and those in attendance were Jim Todahl, Steve Taylor, Rich Johnson, and Rory Hamre.
2. Agenda Review: No changes to the agenda were noted.
3. Minutes: Motion by Baatz to approve the minutes of the February 1, 1996 SHRWD regular Board meeting as mailed. Motion seconded by Krogstad and carried unanimously.
4. Treasurer's Report: Wilkens handed out and reviewed the Treasurer's report. Krogstad inquired on the accuracy of the Project #12 fund. Wilkens responded that the fund balance is up to date. Wilkens said that Wayne Goeken is preparing a history of Project #12 to submit to the bonding company. They requested more information before they will approve increasing the bond limit. Wilkens stated the need to follow up on levies from Norman and Mahnomon counties in regards to ditch 17-2. Bills that had been submitted for payment were reviewed. Motion by Baatz and second by Krogstad to approve the Treasurer's report and pay the bills as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

PAYMENT MADE TO MEMO	AMOUNT
Naomi Jagol— secretarial services & expenses	\$308.31
Wayne Goeken—secretarial services & expenses	644.66
Raymond Baatz—meetings & expenses	65.79
Roger Hanson—meetings & expenses	655.67
Jimmie Krogstad— meetings & expenses	56.79
Dan Wilkens— meetings & expenses	306.55
West Publishing Corporation- 1996 MN Statutes book	7.46
U.S. Postal Service— stamps	160.00
Tony Dorn, Inc.— Service Agreement	85.68
Otter Tail Power Co.— January, February, and March billing	1,100.03
McIntosh Times— Classified	16.15
Mac's~3/05/96	38.15
Intuit— Check order	83.02
Hovde Enterprises— Snow removal, December & January	75.00
Dennis Habeck— River clean-up on Sand Hill by Climax	960.00
Houston Engineering, Inc.— Professional Services	5,080.83
Garden Valley Telephone Co.— Phone bill for January, February, &	379.09
First State Bank of Fertile— Soc. Sec. /Med. deposit	228.00
Coast to Coast—Supplies	20.28
Anderson & Bailly— Services rendered for Project #12, 98-148	131.50
Al & Laura's— Supplies	16.29
MONTHLY TOTAL	\$10,419.25

5. Project Reports:

- i.) Sand Hill Ditch-Army Corps of Engineers: Woodbury reported on the status of this project. He stated that the Corps recognizes the error in the design of this project in that the slopes are too steep but they feel that the benefits of this project are local in nature. However, the Corps recognizes the SHRWD's problem in being responsible for maintenance and therefore will absolve the District of all responsibility and, in effect, let the project go back to nature. The legal ramifications of this action would be that if the Corps prevails, they will also absolve themselves of any responsibility for the Sand Hill Ditch. A meeting with the Corps will be scheduled to coincide with the regular monthly meeting on April 2, 1996. Congressman Peterson's representative, Maynard Pick, Don Ogaard of the RRWMB, and the Red Lake WD will be invited to attend.
- b.) Project #11-Beltrami Flood Control & Diversion: Woodbury indicated that all reports have been sent out and that once the director's report has been reviewed and completed the permit can be finalized. The project will be designed according to the District's specs which include widening the bottom width and adding a few inlet culverts and a filter strip. This project is on schedule for summer construction.
- c.) Ogaard Wildlife Impoundment: Woodbury noted that the technical specs are done and that the NRCS would do the staking and inspection. The District will have to let bids and a flood easement may be needed also. Wilkens indicated that there would be a good chance of funding from the Red River Watershed Management Board. Woodbury stated that initially this project was to be used as wetland mitigation for the Winger Dam project until the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service backed out on funding. A motion was made by Wilkens and seconded by Baatz to present the Step 1 proposal to the RRWMB. The SCS design report and letter requesting funding consideration will be attached to the proposal.
- d.) Project #12. Woodbury was notified that a court date has been scheduled for March 19th. He also received correspondence from Greg Boetcher, who's a member of the Viewer's Association, that he will advise the petitioners. The need for a meeting with the viewers prior to the court date was discussed.

6. The SHRWD Advisory Committee met at 9:00 a.m. in separate session to discuss any issues or special concerns in the District. They joined the Board meeting after brief discussion and were updated on current projects and accomplishments of the Board for the past six months by Krogstad. They reconvened and were updated on the River Watch program by Wayne Goeken. Jim Todahl, SHAC Chair, reported back to the Board on the discussion of the committee. He noted that previous bus tours that the District has provided were very positive and suggested a future one to include touring the origination and course of the Sand Hill River. He also commended the current Board of Managers as being a very dedicated and supportive group that's aware of what's happening in the District. Rich Johnson, SHAC member and teacher in the Fosston school system, noted his satisfaction with the River Watch program and indicated that students were very enthused about this program. He stated that the intent of this project is educational, and that Wayne Goeken is doing a tremendous job of keeping the students motivated and interested in measuring the quality of water. Steve Taylor discussed the need for diversification in project mix of the District and that this could be instrumental in promoting good public relations in the community.

7. Report on Meetings and Activities During the Past Month:

- a.) Red River Basin Water Management Meeting-Grand Forks, ND Civic Auditorium on Feb. 15th. Hanson indicated that the meeting was a success and that the quantity, quality, and usage of water was discussed and also the importance of involving the private sector in future water management decisions. Wayne Goeken attended this meeting.
- b.) Rinke-Noonan Wetlands Conference-St Cloud, MR Hanson was in attendance. He reported that it was discussed that the Corps stand is changing from helping to hindering since their hands are tied by laws.

8. Upcoming Meetings and Other Business:

- a.) Everyone was encouraged to attend the RRWMB Conference in Thief River Falls on March 21st & 22nd.
- b.) Step 1 proposals: Woodbury noted that these will be generated for the Beltrami Flood Control & Diversion Project and also the Ogaard Wildlife Impoundment Project. It was decided that two-thirds of the costs for both projects should be requested from the Red River Watershed Management Board,
- c.) Wilkens noted that he discussed with the Red River Watershed Management Board the possibility of Naomi doing some administrative duties for their Board also. He stated that the Board agreed to pay 1.3 times Naomi's hourly rate to the SHRWD in order to compensate for overhead. Expenses will be additional,
- d.) It was suggested that the SHRWD Advisory Committee meet again to gather comments and concerns that they may have regarding issues and operations of the SHRWD since so few were in attendance at this meeting. This has been tentatively scheduled for April 1st at 7:30 p.m.

9. Permits: No permits came before the Board for review.

10. Adjournment: The next regular meeting of the SHRWD will be 8:00 a.m. Tuesday, April 2, 1996. As there was no further business to come before the Board, motion by Baatz and second by Wilkens to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Jimmie Krogstad, Secretary

Naomi L. Jagol, Administrative Assistant