

SAND HILL RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT
January 2, 2001 Meeting Minutes

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1. **Attendance:** Chairman Hanson called the January 2, 2001 meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. at the District Office. Other managers present were Bill Brekke, Stuart Christian, and Gordon Sonstelie. Others in attendance were Daniel Wilkens-Administrator, Naomi Jagol-Administrative Assistant, and Jim Larsen-Houston Engineering.
2. **Agenda Review:** No additional items were added to the agenda.
3. **Minutes:** Motion by Manager Sonstelie to approve the minutes of the SHRWD regular board meeting held on December 5, 2000 as mailed, Seconded by Manager Brekke, Carried.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** Wilkens distributed the Treasurer's report. Motion by Manager Brekke to approve the Treasurer's report as presented, Seconded by Manager Sonstelie, Carried.

Wilkens reviewed the bills to be approved. Motion by Manager Christian to approve and pay bills, Seconded by Manager Sonstelie, Carried. For further reference, copies of the bills approved are attached hereto in the Treasurer's Report.

5. Project Reports:

- a. Randy Hamre Ring Dike: Larsen stated that the project is complete except for the dormant seeding which would be done by the contractor next spring. He also reported that he has prepared the necessary paperwork and sent it to the RRWMB and the DNR for reimbursement.
- b. Project Team Report (Surveying): Larsen explained that the surveying crew tried to complete the surveying the board requested but was unable to do so due to the ice build up and river current. He stated that the task would be completed following the spring runoff event.
- c. Randy Hamre/Hydraulic Study: Larsen explained that the report is nearing completion. He is currently analyzing USGS flow data.
- d. Polk County #41 rebuild: Manager Hanson inquired as to the status of the meeting with an attorney requested by the steering committee. Wilkens explained that no meeting has been scheduled to date by Polk County. The board discussed funding a meeting with Kurt Deter-attorney, the steering committee, Polk County Commissioners, the Board of Managers, and the Polk County Highway Department. Motion by Manager Sonstelie to fund Kurt Deter's attendance at this meeting provided that Polk County concurs. Seconded by Manager Brekke, Carried. Wilkens was instructed to schedule this meeting sometime in February or early March.

6. Upcoming Meetings and Other Business:

- a. Project Team: Wilkens reported that the project team has not met for several months awaiting the survey information. Flood storage on Maple Creek, Garden Slough, Ogaard Impoundment as well as Union Lake/Sarah issues are potential areas that need to be evaluated and addressed. The next meeting of the project team is scheduled for the second week in February.

- b. Staff Evaluations: Wilkens explained that staff evaluations were conducted on December 12, 2000 at 7:00 p.m. with the board proposing an offer at that time. The staff requested clarification on the proposal. Following the discussion, the board determined that no decision would be made until Harold Vig returns from vacation in March to address this issue.
- c. Red River Reconnaissance Study: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) is scheduling meetings regarding the reconnaissance study to be conducted in the Red River Valley. The USACE received \$200,000 from Congress to conduct a study which when completed would determine future funding eligibility for federal initiatives in the basin.
- d. Rinke Noonan Drainage Workshop: Manager Hanson requested authorization to attend the workshop which is scheduled for February 1, 2001 in St. Cloud, MN. The conference will address drainage, wetlands, and recent rule changes. Manager Hanson encouraged other board members to attend the workshop if possible.
- e. Sloughing at Beltrami: Manager Hanson inquired whether MnDOT could cooperate with the District on this project. The bridge is approximately 12 years old with sloughing occurring next to the bridge. Larsen stated that the District should seek a joint solution in this area. Manager Hanson added that the north bank is high enough which should force the ice south as intended. Wilkens stated that he had inquired of the Beltrami City Council whether they would be interested in constructing a ring dike, however, they declined at this time. Manager Sonsteli inquired about the costs of a ring dike. Larsen responded that sufficient information is not available at this time to prepare a cost estimate. Larsen noted that currently a dike partially covers the eastern side of town but it is not known if this would provide sufficient flood protection.

7. Permits:

- a. No permits came before the Board this month for review.

8. Adjournment: The next regular meeting of the SHRWD will be 8:00 a.m. Tuesday, February 6, 2001. As there was no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Robert Brekke, Jr., Secretary

Naomi L. Jagol, Administrative Assistant