

## SAND HILL RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT

January 7, 2003 Meeting Minutes

1. **Attendance:** Chairman Hanson called the January 7, 2003 meeting to order at 8 a.m. at the District Office. Other managers present were Robert Brekke, Stuart Christian, Gordon Sonstelie, and Harold Vig. Others in attendance were Daniel Wilkens-Administrator, April Swenby-Administrative Assistant, Randy Hamre - Landowner, and Jim Larsen-Houston Engineering.
2. **Approval of the Agenda:** Motion was made by Manager Vig to approve the agenda, Seconded by Manager Christian, Carried.
3. **Minutes:** Motion was made by Manager Christian to approve the minutes of the SHRWD regular board meeting conducted on December 3, 2002 as mailed, Seconded by Manager Vig, Carried.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** Wilkens distributed the Treasurer's report. A Motion was made by Manager Brekke to approve the Treasurer's report as presented, Seconded by Manager Sonstelie, Carried.

Motion was made by Manager Brekke to approve and pay bills, Seconded by Manager Vig, Carried. For further reference, copies of the bills approved are attached hereto in the Treasurer's Report.

### 5. **Jim Larsen's Report:**

**Union Lake Detention:** The preliminary work has been completed for the Union Lake Detention area. Complications may arise with the topography of the area. Larsen stated that the potential holding area is not sufficient to contain the large storms that cause the major erosion problems. Around 400 acres drain through this area. A small holding area, which would act as a silt basin, could be built along with a hardened channel down to the lake to prevent erosion. Larsen distributed pictures of the area to the managers. Larsen's stated that a goal for the project was to store water and meter it into the lake rather than having water flow unrestricted into the lake when a heavy rain occurs. Larsen thought maybe this project would be better described as an erosion control project. The managers questioned whether or not there are funds available for an "erosion control project". Larsen thought there might be funds available and suggested discussing funding with the project team. The managers agreed that discussing this with the project team would be the next step.

**Ronald Baatz Ring Dike:** Larsen distributed surveying results to the managers based on water elevations. The water surface elevation was at 863.55. The ring dike specifications demand 2 feet above water surface elevation bring it up to 865.55. Larsen said a 4-1 slope has been figured for the ring dike. While looking at the surveying, it was shown that the propane tank would need to be relocated, most of the trees in the yard removed, and a shed moved. The dike on the river side presents another problem due to the additional weight of the dike. Larsen located the dike close to the home to keep the weight as far away from the bank as possible. Slope failure due to the dike weight concerns Larsen. Brekke will show the Baatz's the preliminary layout and see if they want to pursue the ring dike option.

## 6. Dan's Monthly Report

**Project Team:** No meeting was held in December. The Project Team will meet on January 14, 2003 at 10:30 AM.

**RRWMB:** The RRWMB met in Detroit Lakes on December 17<sup>th</sup>. Meeting highlights were given to the managers.

**RRBC:** The RRBC will meet in Winnipeg, Manitoba on January 15<sup>th</sup> through January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2003 for the annual conference.

**PC #41:** The Sand Hill River Watershed has received a letter from our attorney stating that the petition meets all legal requirements. As soon as the bond of \$70,000 is received, our engineer can proceed with the preliminary engineers report.

**Sylvia Hovland Ring Dike:** The district has applied for cost reimbursement from the State and the Red River Watershed Management Board.

**Earl Pederson, Dahl Brothers, and James Dahl Tiling Permit:** Received a letter from Norman County to the Dahl Brothers requesting that Lateral A be filled back to grade. The letter from Mick Alm was given to the managers.

## 7. Other Business:

**Bradley Lake:** Chairman Hanson stated he had been contacted about the possibility of adding more water storage to Bradley Lake. The managers suggested asking the project team to see if this is feasible.

**8. Permits:** No permits were brought before the board.

**9. Adjournment:** The next regular meeting of the SHRWD will be at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, **February 11, 2003**. This meeting is one week later than normal and is due to scheduling conflicts. As there was no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned 9:37 a.m.

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Robert Brekke, Jr., Secretary

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April Swenby, Administrative Assistant