

SAND HILL RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT

May 3, 2005 Meeting Minutes

1. **Attendance:** Chairman Hanson called the May 3, 2005 meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. at the District Office. Other managers present were Stuart Christian, Gordon Sonstelie, & Harold Vig. Others in attendance were Daniel Wilkens-Administrator, Eric Jones-Houston Engineering, Tom Groshens, DNR Fisheries, Chester and Betty Morvig, Ray Nelson, Greg Ranz, and Joyce Downs.
2. **Approval of the Agenda:** A **Motion** was made by Manager Christian to approve the agenda, **Seconded** by Manager Vig, **Carried**.
3. **Minutes:** **Motion** was made by Manager Christian to approve the minutes of the SHRWD regular board meeting conducted on April 5, 2005, **Seconded** by Manager Vig, **Carried**.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** Wilkens distributed the treasurer's report for the month of March. A **Motion** was made by Manager Vig to accept the treasurer's report as presented, **Seconded** by Manager Sonstelie, **Carried**.

Motion was made by Manager Christian 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.

Chester and Betty Morvig: Their driveway is having severe erosion problems due to the high water in the lake in section 24 of Garfield Twp. Their son in law, Ray Nelson also attended the meeting. They were requesting the watershed district to assist them in seeing if something could be done to lower the lake level so their driveway would not be in jeopardy. Wilkens had toured the area in detail several years ago with the Polk County Highway Department when they were looking at ways to protect Polk County # 1. At that time it was decided that the only way to keep Polk County # 1 from over topping was to raise the road. Lowering the lake raised too many issues. It was decided that after the meeting Eric Jones and Wilkens would tour the area again with the Morvig's to look for options.

Beaver Report: Greg Ranz updated the board on his activities. He has trapped the Bear Park Project for 5 weeks and trapped 15 beaver. On Project # 17-2 he trapped 4 beaver by Lyle Jacobson. 19 Beaver total.

Tom Groshens Report: Tom is with the DNR Fisheries department and wanted to inform the board of the work he will be doing in the district this summer. He will be doing a stream assessment which will evaluate the physical aspects, such as erosion, stability, and habitat as well as the biological aspects to ascertain the general health of the stream. This information will need to be developed for our second generation water plan which will start sometime next year.

5. Engineer's Report:

Beltrami Slough: Jones stated the project is ready to go. The next step will be a pre-construction meeting with the contractor.

Project # 17. Jones gave a report on the items being addressed. The last ½ mile has required more work where the highway starts to turn north. Right of Way staking, the culvert under highway # 9 going to Maple Creek, and general questions about the project have transpired this past month.

6. Dan's Monthly Report:

Project Team: The project team will meet on May 10

RRWMB: Will meet on May 17 in Fertile

RBFDWGW: Met on March 30 in Crookston.

RRBC: Will meet May 5, 2005 in Morris MB.

LID: Court is scheduled for June 7. They are considering starting the pumps. Currently the inlet pipe is plugged with sand.

Fish Passage: According to Luther Aadlund we now have \$300,000 available until 2009 for this project.

Road East of Bergesons Nursery: Mick Alm, Norman County Engineer, will attend the project team meeting and give a report. They need to change it to a State Aid Road and do initial surveying to begin planning.

Ditch # 122: Gathering data for options. Pipe by Lisburgs and open ditch at outlet. Will present information at a future meeting.

Section 15, Hubbard Twp.: Have file ready to present to County Attorney. Appt in progress.

Polk County # 46: With outlet approved they can start proceedings. They have the necessary signatures on the petition. They must present a bond before the district can move forward.

7. Other Business:

Computer Hardware: Wilkens presented a proposal to purchase a desktop computer. Two bids were obtained. The board would like another bid from the firm in Winger before making a decision.

Summer Tour: Hanson and Vig plan on attending the MAWD summer tour. Swenby will make the arrangements

8. Permits: The following permits were approved:

2005-05 Owen Larson Farms Inc. Install 8 surface water inlet pipes Section 22 Vineland Twp.

2005-06 Polk County Highway Dept. Install culverts on Polk County # 41 project. Vineland, Hammond, and Russia Twp.

2005-07 Garden Twp. Replace a 48" culvert in section 17 of Garden Twp

2005-08 Garden Twp, Replace an 18" culvert in section 17 of Garden Twp.

2005-09 Dwain Tollefson Lower a 24" culvert into ditch # 46 in section 5 of Scandia Twp.

9. Adjournment: The next regular meeting of the SHRWD will be at **8 a.m. on Tuesday, June 7, 2005.** As there was no further business to come before the board, a **Motion** was made by Manager Christian to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 a.m., Seconded by Manager Vig, **Carried.**

Robert Brekke, Jr., Secretary

April Swenby, Administrative Assistant