

SAND HILL RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT

August 1, 2006 Meeting Minutes

- 1. Attendance:** Chairman Roger Hanson called the August 1, 2006 meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. at the District Office. Other managers present were Bill Brekke, Stuart Christian, Harold Vig and Gordon Sonstelie. Others in attendance were Daniel Wilkens-Administrator, April Swenby-Administrative Assistant, Lawrence Woodbury-Houston Engineering, Tim Peterson - FEMA, and Joyce Downs - Landowner.
- 2. Approval of the Agenda:** A **Motion** was made by Manager Christian to approve the agenda, **Seconded** by Vig Sonstelie, **Carried**.
- 3. Minutes:** A **Motion** was made by Manager Vig to approve the minutes of the SHRWD regular board meeting conducted on July 4, 2006, **Seconded** by Manager Christian, **Carried**.
- 4. Treasurer's Report:** A **Motion** was made by Manager Brekke to approve the treasurer's report for July, **Seconded** by Manager Sonstelie, **Carried**.

A **Motion** was made by Manager Brekke 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. Engineer's Report:

Fish Passage: The needed permit has been located at Chad Konickson's office in Thief River Falls. Konickson was asked to submit the permit as soon as possible. Because this permit was not submitted earlier by the DNR as the watershed thought, bids will not be able to be let next Tuesday as originally planned. Woodbury suggested opening bids on September 5th.

Union Lake Erosion Control: The landowner has concerns as to who's responsibility it will be to maintain the project.

Project # 17: Woodbury reported positive developments and indicated that the county has begun to fix the road slide. Woodbury is planning to schedule a meeting with the county engineer to discuss the progress and current status of the project with the Watershed Managers and Houston Engineering.

Houston Engineering will be in contact with the railroad to discuss the east bank of the project.

Wilkens displayed current photos of the project.

Ditch #46: A **Motion** was made by Manager Vig to increase the bond for Project # 20 by \$20,000, **Seconded** by Manager Christian, **Carried**.

6. Dan's Monthly Report:

Boundary in Russia and Onstad Twp: The Watershed will invite the landowners to a meeting to develop a plan of action to correct the boundary problem. Elliot Solheim completed the ditch going north to Burnham Creek on July 7, 2006. Wilkens has contacted Loren Sanderson about sizing the culvert going across the twp road and the culvert going into Burnham Creek.

Project Team: The project team meeting is scheduled to meet on August 8.

RRWMB: The RRWMB met in Ada on July 18.

RBFDROWG Funding Committee: The RBFDROWG Funding Committee will meet on August 2 at the Shooting Star Casino.

RRBC: The RRBC board meeting and tour is scheduled for August 2 and 3 at Mahnomen's Shooting Star Casino.

LID: Funding for the erosion project, ownership of the erosion project, and transfer of the pumping project to the watershed district need to be addressed. This issues will be discussed at the next project team meeting.

IRRB: The IRRB met in Winnipeg on July 10-13. The RRBC chair represents the US side of the basin on this board. Members would like them to assist in an action agenda on many issues. CFMP, Pembina River Dike issue, developing goals for each watershed, DEM, etc.

Overall Plan: The kick off meeting was held on July 6, 2006. Woodbury, Brian Dwight, Mark Aanenson, and Wilkens will meet to discuss the overall plan on August 8, 2006. At this time planning zones maps will be reviewed and given to the project team.

7. Other Business:

Dean Johnson: The Managers agreed on the official position of the Watershed regarding is issue of concern.

Mowing: The Liberty/Onstad ditch is in need of mowing. The managers would like to get a price from Erickson Mowing from Clearwater.

Budget: The budget hearing was set of September 5, 2006 at 8 a.m.

Permit Database: A **Motion** was made by Manager Brekke to hire Miriam Thompson to input permits into our database at the rate of \$10 per hour, **Seconded** by Manager Vig, **Carried**.

Tim Peterson – FEMA: Peterson brought forth a permit requesting permission to replace a culvert pipe.

8. Permits: Three permits were brought before the board. A **Motion** was made by Manager Christian approving the following permits, **Seconded** by Manager Vig, **Carried**:

Permit # 2006-14 – Hubbard Twp. – Section 18 of Hubbard Twp. – Install culvert

Permit # 2006-15 – Walter Johnson – Section 21/22 of Hammond Twp – Install culvert

Permit # 2006-16 – Carus Roed – Section 1 of Garfield Twp. – Install new culvert and construct new ditch

Permit # 2006-17 – US Fish and Wildlife – Section 16/17 of Heier Twp – Restore Wetlands (fill ditch)

Permit #2006-18 – Randy Spokely – Section 8 of Hubbard Twp. – Clean existing ditch

Permit # 2006-19 – Randy Spokely – Section 30 of Scandia Twp – Clean existing ditch

Permit # 2006-20 – Chad Oberg – Section 26 of Scandia Twp – Clean existing ditch

Permit # 2006-21 – Brekke Bros – Section 19 of Hubbard Twp. – Clean existing ditch

Permit # 2006-22 – Brekke Bros. – Section 19/18 of Hubbard Twp. – Clean existing ditch and install new culvert

9. **Adjournment:** The next regular meeting of the SHRWD will be at **8 a.m. on Tuesday, September 5, 2006**. As there was no further business to come before the board, a **Motion** was made by Manager Vig to adjourn the meeting at 10:15 am, **Seconded** by Manager Christian, **Carried**.

Robert Brekke, Jr., Secretary

April Swenby, Administrative Assistant