

SAND HILL RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT

March 7, 2006 Meeting Minutes

- 1. Attendance:** Chairman Roger Hanson called the March 7, 2006 meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. at the District Office. Other managers present were Bill Brekke, Stuart Christian, and Gordon Sonsteli. Others in attendance were Daniel Wilkens-Administrator, Lawrence Woodbury-Houston Engineering, and Joyce Downs - Landowner.
- 2. Approval of the Agenda:** A **Motion** was made by Manager Brekke to approve the agenda, **Seconded** by Manager Christian, **Carried**.
- 3. Minutes:** A **Motion** was made by Manager Brekke to approve the minutes of the SHRWD regular board meeting conducted on February 7, 2006, **Seconded** by Manager Christian, **Carried**.
- 4. Treasurer's Report:** Due to Swenby's illness, a treasurer's report was unavailable and will be presented next month.

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

5. Engineer's Report:

Union Lake Detention: Woodbury reported on the project team meeting held on February 14, 2006. Several landowners and LID board members attended the DNR presentation on "Lakescapes". A good discussion was held on ideas that might be included in the final plan. An on-site meeting this spring will be held to try to finalize the plan for the project.

Fish Passage: The EAW comment period has ended with only one comment from PCA. They notified us that a storm water permit will be required. Brekke made a motion to authorize Board Chair, Hanson, to sign the findings of fact, prepared by Woodbury, for the EAW. Seconded by manager Sonsteli, carried. Eon Chisholm, DNR financial officer, contacted Woodbury and was given an update on the financial timetable for the project. Woodbury stated that the EAW is complete, the permits are done, and we plan on construction this summer and fall/winter. Eon stated that all he needed to encumber the funds was a letter of intent. They also have \$200,000 available for planning the remainder of the project. Woodbury has sent a letter to Chisholm stating the letter of intent and the need for planning funds.

Overall Plan and Modeling update: Manager Christian made a motion to authorize Houston Engineering to proceed with the modeling portion of the project as soon as possible. Seconded by manager Brekke, carried.

Project # 20: Woodbury discussed the DNR directors report. Woodbury sent in the preliminary engineers report to the Commissioner of DNR and the Executive Director of BWSR as per statute. DNR stated that they would be unable to have a director's report ready by the March 9 meeting. This requirement under 103E is for the final hearing. There is no requirement for a preliminary hearing under 103E. Our board has always held extra meetings for public input. The director's report will be ready in plenty of time for the final hearing. Hanson had been approached by the city of Beltrami about possibly using this project in the case of a severe flood in the city of Beltrami. During a severe flood in the city of Beltrami, water would go north along the east side of highway # 9 and get into ditch # 73. It would be almost impossible to get water into project # 20. Hanson will discuss this with the city of Beltrami.

Beltrami Diversion: Landowners contacted Hanson and were wondering if the culverts at the outlet were too high

going under the township road. They also expressed concern about the last stretch of the ditch starting to erode. This will be looked at this season and appropriate action taken.

6. Dan's Monthly Report:

Project Team: The project team meeting is tentatively scheduled for March 14.

RRWMB: Met on February 21 in Fertile. Handouts in packet.

RBFDROWG Funding Committee: Met on February 1, 2006 at the Northland in Crookston.

RRBC: Met on March 2 in Grand Forks.

Project # 12: Allen Dragseth would like to install two crossings in section 16 of Vineland Twp. One ¼ mile east of NW Corner and one ½ mile south of NW corner. Board tabled until site visit in the spring with landowner.

PROJECT 17: Waiting for next construction season.

LID: Contacted Dave Hauff on process to turn over the pumping project to the watershed district. We need to get a copy of the minutes of the LID that approved turning the project over to the WD. Also need to gather information that defined the project. I spoke with the County Auditor and the LID Chairman and they will provide that information.

Garden Slough: Mick Aim gave me an update. He stated that the road project is currently scheduled for 2010. The county is planning on building up 7 miles of road through that area.

Beltrami Slough by Highway # 9: Board Report: Finalizing payment from MnDOT.

Ditch # 122: Gathering data for options. Pipe by Lisburgs and open ditch at outlet.

Polk County # 46: Preliminary Hearing is scheduled for March 9, 2006 at 10:00 am at the Methodist Church in Beltrami. Mike Skaug asked about putting dirt on the township road east of him. Board report

Ditch # 133: Awaiting petition.

Hwy # 75 north of Nielsville: Roger Hanson report.

Web Site: The minutes are being added as they are copied. Site looks very nice.

7. Other Business:

Polk County Fair Sponsorship: Dan Skanson was seeking sponsorship for the Toonies (a performance aimed at the child audience promoting recycling and other environmental issues) to perform at the Polk County Fair. The managers funded this program last year and it was felt that it was a very beneficial program for the youth of our district. **Motion** was made by manager Sonsteliie to contribute \$500 towards this program, **Seconded** by Manager Christian, **Carried**.

Legislative Breakfast: Hanson, Sonsteliie, Wilkens, and Vig will attend the Legislative Breakfast to be held on

March 23rd at the Kelley Inn, downtown St. Paul.

8. **Permits:** There were two permits brought before the board.
2006-02 - Polk County - Replace Bridge with 10x5 box culvert. NE corner of sec 32 Scandia Twp.
2006-03 - Polk County - Replace bridge with 10x6 box culvert NE corner of sec 4 Scandia Twp.

Hanson asked everyone in attendance if they had anything to bring forward. Nothing more to add.

9. **Adjournment:** The next regular meeting of the SHRWD will be at **8 a.m. on Tuesday, April 4, 2006.** As there was no further business to come before the board, a **Motion** was made by Manager Brekke to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 am, **Seconded** by Manager Christian, **Carried.**

Robert Brekke, Jr., Secretary

Daniel Wilkens, Administrator