

SAND HILL RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT

July 10, 2007

- 1. Attendance:** Chairman Roger Hanson called the July 10, 2007 meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. at the District Office. Harold Vig, manager, was present. With only two members present a quorum was not met. All action items will be approved at the next regular meeting. Others in attendance were Daniel Wilkens-Administrator, April Swenby-Administrative Assistant, Mark Meister of CR*CS, Rodney Spokely, Francis Spokely, Douglas Chandler, Landowners and Lawrence Woodbury-Houston Engineering.
- 2. Minutes:** The minutes for the June 5, 2007 meeting were distributed and will be approved at the August meeting.
- 3. Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer's Report was reviewed and will be approved at the August meeting. The bills were reviewed.

4. Engineer's Report

Project # 20/Polk County # 46: Woodbury commented on the progress of the ditch project and was pleased with Zavoral and Sons progress.

5. Dan's Monthly Report:

RRWMB: The RRWMB met in Warren on June 19. Meeting highlights were distributed to the managers present. The next meeting is July 19th in Ada.

RRBC: There is no meeting scheduled for July. Next meeting is September 6, 2007

PROJECT 17: Terry Nelson called July 9 and stated that he and Glen have met with Brad Kern and correspondence will be faxed to the district.

Fish Passage: Spoil areas by the west mill need seeding and rocks need to be lowered at the Beltrami approaches.

Union Lake Erosion Control Project: Dave Hauff has drafted easements. Wilkens will research the land purchase agreement and try to finalize the easements as soon as possible. Bid opening is currently planned for the September meeting.

Ditch # 65 Partial Abandonment: Wilkens attended the hearing on the request by The Nature Conservancy to construct a water holding site on the ditch system. The commissioners approved the request. The Nature Conservancy has applied for a permit from the district and has furnished the plans.

PC # 44/Section 35 Onstad: Wilkens is gathering cost estimates and will schedule a meeting with landowners.

Boundary: Wilkens is gathering estimates from several contractors on costs to clean the ditch after the power poles are moved.

Project # 20/Polk County # 46: The contractor has completed the mile up to Highway # 51. He is currently completing the upper most mile on the east end. He has also completed the second mile from the east end. Work is going very well with the dry conditions. The contractor stated that the culverts for the railroad and highway

will be delivered this week and they intend to do the railroad and highway at the same time. One landowner has not sent us their SS# or Tax ID# so the last check has not been disbursed.

Mowing: There have been no bids received for mowing. This will be addressed at the August meeting.

Spraying: One bid has been received for spraying. The board agreed to accept the hourly bid of Jon Christenson in the amount of \$97.50 per hour. Wilkens will contact the bidder and show him the areas needing spraying on the ditch systems.

Polk County Fair Participation: Swenby has completed a display for the fair. We also have a map of the district laminated on plastic board that will be on display for the fair as well as available for district meetings.

Overall Plan: The meeting for regions 1 and 2 was held on June 20th at Beltrami at 7:00 PM.

River watch: The River watch team would like to monitor e-coli in the Sand Hill River and has requested \$250 for the sampling expenses. The managers in attendance agreed to pay for the e-coli sampling.

6. **Permits:** The permits will be approved at the August meeting.

2007-09 The Nature Conservancy, Construct a wetland restoration on Polk County Ditch # 65 in section 3 and 10 of Godfrey Township

2007-10 USFWS Construct many small wetland restorations.

7. **Other Business:**

Rodney Spokely, Francis Spokely, and Douglas Chandler presented a problem in section 19 of Hubbard Township. Water is moving very slowly to the west from Highway # 75 during rainfall events. They felt that the elevation of the outlet to the irrigation pond was too high. The board stated that if that was the case it would not drain down as it currently does. Another cause may be sediment buildup in the area west of Highway # 75. To find out what is really the cause a survey of the area was agreed upon as necessary. Wilkens and Hanson will contact the board member in the area and proceed with a survey to find out what may be the cause.

Mark Meister of CR*CS gave the board an update on their activities. The RRWMB hired them to develop a PR plan for the board and member districts. Mark will be doing research and holding meetings throughout the Minnesota side of the basin to formulate a public relations strategy that will enhance both the individual districts and the RRWMB.

8. **Closing:** The next regular meeting of the SHRWD will be at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, August 7, 2007.

April Swenby, Administrative Assistant