

SAND HILL RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT

October 7, 2008 Meeting Minutes

- 1. Attendance:** Chairman Harold Vig called the October 7, 2008 meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. at the District Office. Other managers present were Bill Brekke, Stuart Christian, Roger Hanson and Gordon Sonstelie. Others in attendance were Daniel Wilkens-Administrator, April Swenby – Administrative Assistant, Joyce Downs – local landowner, Allen Brost – Union Lake landowner, Larry Altringer – Union Lake Landowner, and Lawrence Woodbury-Houston Engineering.
- 2. Approval of the Agenda:** A **Motion** was made by Manager Brekke to approve the agenda, **Seconded** by Manager Hanson, **Carried**.
- 3. Minutes:** A **Motion** was made by Manager Brekke to approve the minutes of the SHRWD regular board meeting conducted on September 2, 2008, **Seconded** by Manager Sonstelie, **Carried**.
- 4. Treasurer's Report:** A **Motion** was made by Manager Brekke to approve the treasurer's report for July, **Seconded** by Manager Hanson, **Carried**.

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

Engineer's Report

Project # 20: Woodbury met with the seeding contractor and is satisfied in all locations. Woodbury expects minor maintenance issues within the next year. He recommended to the board to pay a final pay request in the amount of \$5,570.44. After the final pay request has been paid, Woodbury will apply for the bridge funds through the county. A **Motion** was made by Manager Hanson approving the disbursement of funds for the final pay request in the amount of \$5,570.44 to Zavoral Construction, **Seconded** by Manager Sonstelie, **Carried**.

Project # 17: Zavoral Construction is planning on starting the end of October.

Overall Plan/Hydrologic Model: Woodbury presented a Flow Hydrograph describing the alternatives to Garden Slough. It shows that the peak is getting into the Red River very early as designed to get ahead of the peak on the Red River. It also shows that the district can be very instrumental in lowering the peaks on the Red River by redesigning the Bear Park project and installing a project in the Winger Dam area. This model will be presented to the Project Team in November.

5. Dan's Monthly Report:

Project Team: The next project team is scheduled for November. Woodbury is researching alternatives for the Garden Slough project.

RRWMB: The RRWMB met at WRWD in Ada. Meeting highlights were distributed to the managers.

Union Lake Pumping: The LID met on Sept 10th. Their next meeting is October 8th at 7:00 PM at the Ness Café. Meeting highlights were given to the managers.

MAWD: Wilkens provided the managers information on the resolution for the MAWD annual meeting and the awards program.

Vesledahl Project: Gary Lee has received funds and completed mowing thistles. They will spray after frost. Lee has received approval and hired Rick Miller to clean the remaining ditch. Miller plans to complete the job in the next several weeks.

Ditch Mowing: Jon Peterson has completed the Beltrami Diversion. He will complete the final mowing on the other projects after beets are done.

8. Other Business:

Ditch Levy: A proposed ditch levy for the Sand Hill Ditch in the amount of \$15,000 was discussed in addition to \$7,500 for Project # 12 (98-148). After reviewing the financial needs of each project, a **Motion** was made by Manager Brekke approving the levies as presented, **Seconded** by Manager Sonsteli, **Carried**.

Union Lake: Larry Altringer questioned who has responsibility regarding the pump operation on Union Lake. It was said that it is the LID currently has responsibility for the pumping. Wilkens explained the history of the pumping permit process and explained that the state and federal agencies recommended that the Lake Improvement District, (LID), transfer the pumping project to the watershed district. It was voted on at an annual meeting of the LID to transfer the project to the watershed as soon as the legal issues were concluded. After the lawsuit was settled nothing has been done to facilitate the transfer to this point. When the transfer takes place the Lake Improvement District is still the owner of the project. The Watershed District becomes the administrator of the project.

Altringer asked the managers what to the landowners would be for the watershed district administering the pumping project. Wilkens explained that the watershed district does not charge the systems under their jurisdiction, either ditch or pumping project, anything for the costs of administration. The district considers this part of their duties.

Altringer expressed concern with the cost of purchasing and installing the screen on Union Lake to control the milfoil issue. He did not have any costs to purchase and install the screen yet, but would bring those numbers at a future date to the watershed district as they become available. They would be making a request at that time for financial help in funding the project.

9. **Permits:** One permit was brought before the board. A **Motion** was made by Manager Brekke to approve the following permit, **Seconded** by Manager Sonsteli, **Carried**.

2008-12 David Palm, Clean a ditch in Section 33 of Hubbard Twp.

10. **Adjournment:** The next regular meeting of the SHRWD will be at 8 a.m. on **Monday, November 3, 2008**. **Note: Election Day is November 4th; therefore, the regular monthly meeting cannot be held that day.** As there was no further business to come before the board, a **Motion** was made by Manager Hanson to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 a.m., **Seconded** by Manager Brekke, **Carried**.

Gordon Sonstelie, Secretary

April Swenby, Administrative Assistant