

SAND HILL RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT
September 2, 2008 Meeting Minutes

1. **Attendance:** Chairman Harold Vig called the September 2, 2008 meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. at the District Office. Other managers present were Roger Hanson and Gordon Sonstelie. Others in attendance were Daniel Wilkens-Administrator, April Swenby – Administrative Assistant, Gary Lee – East Polk SWCD, and Lawrence Woodbury-Houston Engineering.
2. **Approval of the Agenda:** A **Motion** was made by Manager Hanson to approve the agenda, **Seconded** by Manager Sonstelie, **Carried**.
3. **Minutes:** A **Motion** was made by Manager Sonstelie to approve the minutes of the SHRWD regular board meeting conducted on August 5, 2008, **Seconded** by Manager Hanson, **Carried**.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** A **Motion** was made by Manager Hanson to approve the treasurer's report for July, **Seconded** by Manager Sonstelie, **Carried**.

A **Motion** was made by Manager Sonstelie 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

Union Lake Erosion Control: A **Motion** was made by Manager Sonstelie to distribute funds for the final payment in the amount of \$1,961.25 to Davidson Construction, **Seconded** by Manager Hanson, **Carried**.

Project Team Meeting Review: Woodbury presented a report that was given to the project team highlighting alternatives for the Garden Slough project. The alternatives explored Winger Dam, Bear Park, and other various holding sites.

Project # 17: Zavoral Construction is planning on beginning the railroad bridge construction on ditch # 9 next week. The work is expected to be completed by the next district meeting.

5. **Budget Hearing:** The budget hearing began at 8:30 a.m. No citizens attended the hearing. A **Motion** was made by Manager Hanson to approve the budget as advertised, **Seconded** by Manager Sonstelie, **Carried**.

The Data and Acquisition fund can only be levied once every 5 years and is limited to \$50,000. The District has levied only once for the data and Acquisition fund which was over 10 years ago. A **Motion** was made by Manager Hanson to approve a levy of \$35,000 for the Data and Acquisition Fund, **Seconded** by Manager Sonstelie, **Carried**.

6. **Dan's Monthly Report:**

Project Team: The next project team meeting will be held at the call of the chair.

RRWMB: The RRWMB met at the Red Lake Watershed District. Meeting highlights were distributed to

the managers.

Union Lake Pumping: The LID met on August 8th at 7:00 PM. Meeting highlights were given to the managers.

Union Lake Erosion Control Project: The project is a success and we are awaiting cover to be established.

Project # 20/Polk County # 46: The district will be reimbursed from State Aid Bridge funds when the project is complete. The two items remaining that the district needs to address are the flowing well and raising the berm on the township road east of Highway # 9 on ditch # 9.

Wilkins was asked to contact the Landowner about the burnt corn stalks. Board Report. He toured the site on August 27, 2008 and could not find that any work had been done with rip rapping by the structure near Skaug's or reseeding the areas that were requested.

Sand Hill River: The permit application and fee schedule have been sent in. The DNR survey crew is currently working on site today. Garry Bennett and Bob Bezek will be meeting with Wilkins tomorrow. The COE has tentatively scheduled September 11 to visit the site.

MAWD: The MAWD sent out the information on providing resolutions for the annual meeting and the awards program.

Ditch Mowing: Jon Peterson has completed the Beltrami Diversion and is continuing to work on the remaining ditches.

8. Other Business:

Vesledahl Project: Lee is trying to get approval to hire a local contractor with laser capabilities to clean the portion of the ditch that has not been brought up to specks. Vesledahl's have given an estimate to finish cleaning the Vesledahl Wetland Mitigation Project. Lee was hopeful to have the project completed by the end of the month upon BWSR approval.

Erosion Control Projects: Lee gave the board a list of proposed projects that he is working on. The projects include eight sediment basins, seven shore land restoration projects and seven rain gardens. The SWCD does not have the funding available to complete all the proposed projects at the district's agreed 25% cost share. Lee asked the managers if the district would be interested in cost sharing up to 75% on the sediment basins. The managers also discussed looking at each case on a project by project basis. After much discussion a **Motion** was made by Manager Hanson to provide a 50% cost share to the Sediment Basins and the Shore land Restorations. The amount is not to exceed \$50,000 for the year 2008. The motion was **Seconded** by Manager Sonstelie, **Carried.**

9. Permits: Two permits were brought before the board. A **Motion** was made by Manager Brekke to approve the following permits, **Seconded** by Manager Sonstelie, **Carried.**

2008-10 Larry Walters, renew permit 1995-24, Section 36 Russia Twp.
2008-11 Larry Walters, Clean road ditch north, Section 30 Onstad Twp.

10. Adjournment: The next regular meeting of the SHRWD will be at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, October 7,

2008. As there was no further business to come before the board, a **Motion** was made by Manager Sonstelie to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 a.m., **Seconded** by Manager Hanson, **Carried**.

Gordon Sonstelie, Secretary

April Swenby, Administrative Assistant