

SAND HILL RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT

August 4, 2009 Meeting Minutes

- 1. Attendance:** Chairman Harold Vig called the August 4, 2009 meeting to order at 8:00 AM at the District Office. Other managers present were Bill Brekke, Roger Hanson and Stuart Christian. Others in attendance were Dave Friedl – DNR, Daniel Wilkens-Administrator, April Swenby – Administrative Assistant, and Erik Jones-Houston Engineering.
- 2. Approval of the Agenda:** A **Motion** was made by Manager Brekke to approve the agenda as presented, **Seconded** by Manager Christian, **Carried**.
- 3. Minutes:** A **Motion** was made by Manager Christian to approve the minutes of the SHRWD regular board meeting conducted on July 7, 2009, **Seconded** by Manager Brekke, **Carried**.
- 4. Treasurer's Report:** A **Motion** was made by Manager Hanson to approve the treasurer's report for July, **Seconded** by Manager Brekke, **Carried**.

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

5. Engineer's Report

Fish Passage: Jones conferred with Luther Aadlund and has requested his presence at our meeting but he had other commitments. Aadlund plans on attending the district meeting in September. Dave Friedl attended the meeting in place of Aadlund and the group discussed various alternatives to cut costs on the project and address the bank stabilization portion of the project. Friedl was hopeful that we could negotiate a mutually agreeable plan. The project plans have significantly increased from the original plan, which is causing concern for the funding portion of the project and some of the stabilization aspects seem to be lessened.

Ring Dikes: The district has had 8 NRCS and 2 Minnesota Recovers requests from landowners along with the cities of Nielsville and Climax for ring dikes. NRCS has sufficient funding but Minnesota Recovers does not right now but hopes to have funding available in the near future. When Woodbury returns from his vacation, we will tour the areas and decide which ones are feasible.

6. Dan's Monthly Report:

RRWMB: The RRWMB met in EGF at the Blue Moose and held a joint meeting with the North Dakota Board followed by a tour. Meeting highlights were given to the managers.

RRBC Commission: The next RRBC meeting is August 6th at the Ramada Inn in GF.

Sand Hill Ditch: Wilkens sent a letter of request to the EPA requesting a meeting date. The EPA has suggested a conference call rather than a site visit.

Ditch Mowing: Wilkens toured the ditches and will let Peterson know that he can begin mowing soon. Wilkens noted minor ROW infringements.

Budget Hearing: The managers were given a draft of the proposed budget. Chairman Vig questioned the levy amount and asked if there was room to lower the levy. The RRWMB set their levy at 2 mills, 1 mill for the RRWMB and 1 mill for the district construction fund. The district can only set the admin 1 mill. After reviewing the budget it was decided that the district needed the 1 mill for the administrative levy.

A **Motion** was made by Manager Hanson to approve the budget as presented, **Seconded** by Manager Brekke, **Carried**. The managers have set the budget hearing date for the next regular board meeting on September 1, 2009 at 8:30 AM. Swenby will place the hearing notice in the newspaper for 2 weeks prior to the hearing date.

Howard Hopke/King Township: The Township has asked Wilkens to attend there monthly meeting to discuss funding options. A **Motion** was made by Manager Hanson to cost share 50% with King Township on the Hopke Erosion Control Project, **Seconded** by Manager Brekke, **Carried**.

Project # 20: After the crop is harvested, work can commence on the Billing site.

Liberty-Onstad Ditch: Wilkens has requested Houston Engineering to do a survey to establish the amount of material that needs to be removed during cleaning. Jones stated that a survey crew has been requested and will complete the survey.

Kaste Erosion Site: The landowners plan on pursuing mitigation from FEMA to install a 36" pipe 80 feet long at an angle through the township road.

LID/County Meeting: Wilkens reviewed with the managers the motion made last November to assist the LID with funding the screen project at a 1/3 share of up to a maximum project cost of \$250,000 contingent on the County and LID association matching the district on the installation/purchase of the screen. The project cost has increased to \$500,000. The county meets today to discuss if and how much they will help with funding the project. If the county does not match our original motion it was agreed that the district would hold a special meeting to address the issue.

7. Other Business:

Public Relations: The managers reviewed possible public relations items. No new information was brought before the board.

Nielsville Ditch: A **Motion** was made by Manager Hanson to accept the bond for \$75,000 and petition for improvement for Polk County Ditch # 77, including branches 1 and 2, and County Ditch # 166, **Seconded** by Manager Christian, **Carried**. Wilkens will give the petition to the watershed district attorney for his review and approval.

8. Permits: The following permits were brought before the board. A **Motion** was made by Manager Hanson to approve the following permit, **Seconded** by Manager Christian, **Carried**.

2009-17	Paul Engelstad Install 24" culvert in SW corner of section 17, Liberty twp, clean ditch, and remove 36" cross culvert.
2009-18	Paul Engelstad Extend crossings and clean ditch in section 18, Liberty twp.
2009-19	Paul Engelstad Install crossing and widen crossing in section 28, Russia twp.
2009-20	Paul Engelstad Install crossing and clean ditches in section 25, Russia twp
2009-21	Paul Engelstad Install crossing and clean ditches in section 24, Russia twp.
2009-22	Paul Engelstad Extend crossing and clean ditches in section 25 Russia twp.
2009-23	Paul Engelstad Install and extend crossings and clean ditches in section 36, Russia twp.
2009-24	Paul Engelstad Moving crossing and clean ditches in section 31, Onstad twp.
2009-25	Paul Engelstad Install culvert and clean ditches in section 33, Russia twp.
2009-26	Boyd Bratager Build up road for access to property, section 7, Winger twp.
2009-27	Aaron Broden Verify pipe size for MnDOT in section 17, Garfield twp.
2009-28	Pederson Brothers Installing an approach in section 24, Bear Park twp.
2009-29	Barry Halland Replace culvert in driveway in section 25, Bear Park twp

- 2009-30 Barry Halland Install crossing on property line to be shared with Pederson Bros. in section 25, Bear Park twp.
- 2009-31 USFWS Restore a wetland with ditch plug in section 9, Winger twp.
- 2009-32 USFWS Restore wetlands in section 24 Garden twp, section 36 Sletten twp, and section 24 Rosebud twp.

9. **Adjournment:** The next regular meeting of the SHRWD will be at 8 AM on September 1, 2009. As there was no further business to come before the board, a **Motion** was made by Manager Hanson to adjourn the meeting at 10:50 AM, **Seconded** by Manager Christian, **Carried**.

Gordon Sonstelie, Secretary

April Swenby, Administrative Assistant