

SAND HILL RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT
REDETERMINATION OF BENEFITS FOR DITCH 119
INFORMATIONAL MEETING
March 13, 2017

1. **Attendance:** Managers present were Scott Balstad, JJ Hamre, Roger Hanson and Phillip Swenson. Two staff members were present: Daniel Wilkens – Administrator and April Swenby – Administrative Assistant. Others in attendance: Zach Herrmann – Houston Engineering. Landowners in attendance were: Larry Ricard, Paul Engelstad, Charles Lewis, Bruce Hanson, Chris Cournia, Don Andringa, David Johnstad Elliot Solheim, Charles Hawkins, Robin Brekken, and Alex Engelstad.
2. **Purpose of meeting:** The landowners present for this meeting were also at the meeting for Dich # 9 at 10 AM, so a summary of the redetermination process was not necessary. Herrmann displayed maps that showed the current benefit area and the proposed LIDAR map of what the new benefited area could potentially be, if the district continues the process. The attendees were also given paper copies of what was presented. Total cost is estimated to be \$46,000, just under \$10 an acre. There is \$27,000 in the bank account for this project and it that is used towards the process, the additional cost is about \$5 per acre.
3. **Questions/Comments:**
 - a. Elliott Solheim asked if the buffers could be established before consolidation and avoid the redetermination process as we discussed in Ditch # 9’s discussions.
 - b. Paul Engelstad: Engelstad asked if these ditch systems already paid for the buffer on Project # 17. Wilkens said yes, anyone assessed into project # 17 paid for the buffer on project # 17 based on their benefits on # 17.
4. **Action:** Wilkens and Herrmann will discuss the landowner questions with the watershed districts attorney to determine the feasible options and get this information at the next board meeting.
5. **Adjournment:** The meeting ended at 11:10 AM.

April Swenby, Administrative Assistant

JJ Hamre, Secretary