

SAND HILL RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT

Special Meeting of the Board of Managers

September 26, 2018

1. **Attendance:** Chairman Stuart Christian called the September 26, 2018 special meeting to order at 7 PM at the District Office. Other managers present were Clayton Bartz, JJ Hamre, and Roger Hanson. Managers absent: Dan Vesledahl. Two staff members were present: Daniel Wilkens – Administrator and April Swenby – Administrative Assistant
2. **Rules and Regulations:** The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the new proposed Rules and Regulations of the Sand Hill River Watershed District.

The managers reviewed the model rules distributed by the RRWMB in 2014. Wilkens was the chairperson of the Rules and Regulations Committee of the RRWMB at that time. The Red Lake Watershed District used the model rules as a guide to develop their Rules and Regulations and the managers reviewed the differences between the model rules distributed by the RRWMB and the RLWD. The managers also reviewed the rules of the Wild Rice Watershed District.

The Model Rule and the Red Lake Rules were for the most part identical. The Red Lake WD followed the Model Rule almost completely except for the Surface Water and Tile Drainage sections. Red Lake WD does not require permits for field drainage and they added permit requirements for tile. Our district has always required permits for both. The board wants to keep those two in the permit requirements. They also wanted to add corn stalks and other plant debris build up along with soil erosion in our ditch systems to include removal by the landowner at their expense if they have wind or water erosion that fills in the ditch along their property.

Great discussion was held regarding tiling.

Violations were discussed for those who were given stipulations on a permit that was granted and never completed. For example, installing ditch plugs and tile shut-offs. The manager discussed a process for following up on permit requirements, restrictions and the appropriate follow through.

All managers agreed that the model rules and RLWD's Rules and Regulations are great resource guides for upgrading our Rules and Regulations for the Sand Hill River Watershed District. The managers discussed changing the surface, tile, erosion areas that address our needs. They felt that changing those areas and using the other parts as is would give us what we need as a district.

They also reviewed the BWSR recommended Buffer Rules that need to be included in our Rules and Regulations. They had concerns about section 3.0, data sharing / management. They were concerned about sharing data on buffers with the state. The board recommended placing this section at the end of our Rules and Regulations. This section is what gives us the enforcement policy needed for non-compliance.

The managers set a timetable that they would like to review these changes at the November meeting followed by advertising and then scheduling the public hearing for the December meeting.

3. **Other Business:** Wilkens will be absent from the regular monthly board meeting October 2, 2018. Agenda's for the upcoming meeting with action items were given to the manager.
4. **Adjournment:** The next regular meeting will be held **Tuesday, October 2, 2018 at 8 AM**. A **Motion** was made by Manager Hanson to adjourn the special meeting at 9:00 PM, **Seconded** by Manager Bartz, **Carried**