

PROJECT TEAM MEETING MINUTES

March 11, 2003

1. **ATTENDANCE:** Daniel Wilkens – Sand Hill River Watershed Administrator, April Swenby – Sand Hill River Watershed - Administrative Assistant, Roger Hanson – Sand Hill River Watershed District Board Chairman, Jim Larson – Houston Engineering, Gary Huberty – DNR Fisheries, Randy Huelskamp – NRCS, Les Peterson – US Fish & Wildlife Service, Terry Wolfe – DNR Fisheries, Penny Doty – West Polk SWCD, Gary Lee – East Polk SWCD, Wayne Goeken – Red River Basin Monitoring Program, Mike Vavricka – MPCA and Dennis Nikolayson – Red Lake Watershed District.

2. **AGENDA REVIEW:** No new items were added to the agenda. Wilkens gave a review of the minutes. The January 14, 2003 minutes were approved with minor typing corrections. The project team explained that when the minutes were sent via e-mail, only few were able to open them. The district has a newer version of Microsoft Office than most. Swenby will resend the minutes in a different format to the project team members.

3. **PROJECT TEAM MEMBERSHIP LIST:** The Project Team membership list was reviewed among those present. The following is the list discussed with changes. Joyce Ceiluch was removed from the list and Mike Vavricka was added as her replacement. It was also suggested that Danny Grunhovd – local landowner near Garden Slough and Greg Bengtson – Minnesota Waterfowl Association be added to the Project Team membership list. Gary Huberty submitted a change of address. Huberty will contact DNR and ask them to appoint someone to replace Rob Goral and have him/her in attendance at our next meeting. Bob Merritt was also added to the project team membership list. The list is as follows:

<i>Title</i>	<i>D/A</i>	<i>Last Name</i>	<i>First Name</i>	<i>Address</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Zip</i>
BWSR	D	Dwight	Brian	BWSR 3217 Bemidji Ave	Bemidji	MN	56601
CITIES	D	Stortroen	Larry	PO Box 165	Climax	MN	56523
Commissioner	D	Jacobson	Jerry	RR 2 Box 52	Fertile	MN	56540
Congressional	D	Pick	Maynard	110 2nd Street South, Suite 112	Waite Park	MN	56387
DU	D	Schneider	Jon	311 East Lake Geneva Road NE	Alexandria	MN	56308
Engineer	D	Larsen	Jim	PO Box 5054, 2505 North University	Fargo	ND	58105
ENVIRO	A	Johnson	Bruce	307 Hillestad Avenue South	Fosston	MN	56542
ENVIRO	D	Goeken	Wayne	RR 3 Box 75A	Erskin	MN	56535
Facilitator	D	Hornrtvedt	Jody	PO Box 1112	Baudette	MN	56623
LID	D	Gagner	Rolland	RR 2 Box 99 C	Erskin	MN	56535
MnDNR	D	Merritt	Bob				
MnDNR	A	Wolfe	Terry	203 W. Fletcher	Crookston	MN	56716
MNDNR	A	Huberty	Gary	14583 County Hwy. 19	Detroit Lakes	MN	56501
MnDNR		Aadland	Luther	1221 East First Avenue	Fergus Falls	MN	56537
MPCA	D	Vavricka	Mike	714 Lake Avenue # 220	Detroit Lakes	MN	56501
NRCS	D	Huleskamp	Randy	528 Strander Avenue	Crookston	MN	56716
SWCD East Polk	D	Lee	Gary	PO Box 57	McIntosh	MN	56556
SWCD West Polk	D	Doty	Penny	528 Strander Avenue	Crookston	MN	56716
USACE		Raster	Tom		St. Paul	MN	
USFWS	D	Peterson	Les	26624 N. Tower Road	Detroit Lakes	MN	56501
SHRWD Board	D	Vig	Harold	808 North Eaton Avenue	Fosston	MN	56542
SHRWD Board	D	Hanson	Roger	RR 1 Box 90	Beltrami	MN	56517
LANDOWNER	D	Grunhovd	Danny	4365 320 th Avenue	Gary	MN	56545
MN WATERFOWL	D	Greg	Bengtson	10 E. 2 nd Avenue South	Ada	MN	56510

4. **BRADLEY LAKE:** Dennis Nikolayson – Red Lake Watershed District requested discussion on Bradley Lake. Residents had asked Nikolayson about looking into the possibility of using Bradley Lake for a flood reduction or fish enhancement project. He suggested raising the lake by building a dam at Polk County Road # 34 could increase fish habitat. Gary Huberty, DNR fisheries, commented that in his experience with lakes in the area, raising the lake would most likely not increase fish habitat and would not reduce winterkill. He stated that a similar project on Hill River with the same intent did not work as planned. Larsen stated that if you were to operate the dam for flood control the water would need to be able to be held for a long period of time in Bradley Lake until Lake Sarah could be drawn down enough to accept it. If a follow up rainfall event occurred when Bradley Lake was full, the water would run over the emergency spillway and enter as it does now. With such slow draw down times Lake Sarah will still rise the same amount whether it comes in 1 day or 10 days. The dam would have to be operated as a flood control project or a fish habitat enhancement if either option was found to work. He concluded by saying that an analysis would need to be done to evaluate the fish issue and another analysis to evaluate the flood issue. The Project Team informed Nikolayson that the SHRWD board of managers have given the Project Team a list of projects, which includes Bradley Lake, but at the present time has not placed it in high priority.
5. **GARDEN SLOUGH:** Larsen reported by using the Quad Maps and using elevation 1180 MSL that approximately 3600 acre-feet of storage could be accomplished. This would amount to around 6” of runoff on approximately 10.9 sq. miles. A couple of roads would need to be raised. Larsen estimated the dam height at 25’. Roger Hanson suggested that Dan Grunhvd, local landowner be contacted about sitting on the project team as part of this project.
6. **FISH PASSAGE:** A letter from Tom Raster was distributed giving the status on the fish passage funding request. Steve Gebhardt of David Miller and Associates who are the project managers for the 1135 program for the COE will be in the area on March 18th and 19th and would like to tour the Sand Hill fish restoration project.
7. **MONITORING:** Goeken distributed water quality data that has been collected over the past 9 years in the district.
8. **ADJOURN:** Meeting was adjourned at 12:15 PM. The next meeting is to be at the call of the chair due to lack of available attendance on April 8. It was requested by the project team to take a bus tour of the projects at the next meeting.

Minutes respectfully submitted:

April Swenby, Administrative Assistant