

**PROJECT TEAM MEETING MINUTES**  
**October 11, 2005**

1. **ATTENDANCE:** Danny Grunhovd – Landowner, Mike Vavricka – MPCA, Roger Hanson – SHRWD Chairman, Penny Doty – West Polk SWCD, Lawrence Woodbury - Houston Engineering, Adam Woltjer – NRCS, Daniel Wilkens – SHRWD Administrator, and April Swenby – SHRWD Administrative Assistant.
2. **AGENDA REVIEW:** No new items were added to the agenda.
3. **MINUTES:** The September 13, 2005 minutes were approved with minor changes.

**MODELING:** Woodbury suggested referring to the Modeling and Overall Plan as a separate agenda item – not referring to it with any specific project. He stated that the last overall plan was done in 1998. Woodbury thought the modeling could be completed in as early as six months.

**GARDEN SLOUGH:** Dwight forwarded Woodbury a suggested work plan format. They are in the process of implementing Dwight's suggestions. They are analyzing what was previously done in 1998 in the overall plan, and adding the additional tasks to formulate the cost. Woodbury hoped to have something to present to the project team at the next meeting in December. He will forward a copy to Dwight before the next Project Team Meeting.

Dwight was unavailable to discuss the Points of Concurrence with the USACOE.

Grunhovd reported a crew from Bemidji in the Garden Slough area and wondering if that related to this project. The project team did not authorize work in the Garden Slough area and thought it could have been Tom Grohens stream evaluation team.

**FISH PASSAGE:** Woodbury informed the project team the revised plans have been completed. Woodbury met with Luther Aadlund on September 24<sup>th</sup>. Minimal changes were made on the Texas Crossing. Aadlund suggested a third box culvert at the West Mill Site.

Woodbury is hoping to meet the EQB's EAW submission deadline of November 14. If that deadline is met, the EAW comment deadline will be December 21, 2005. The following timeline has been set when referring to the EAW.

1. Submit for MN Natural heritage Info (10/11/05)
2. Receive natural Heritage Info (2-3 weeks processing time) (11/1/05)
3. Complete EAW and submit to EQB (11/14/05)
4. SHRWD Press Release of EAW availability
5. Notice of EAW published in EQB Monitor (11/21/05)
6. EAW comment Deadline (12/14/05)
7. SHRWD develops findings of fact, order, and responds to comments by 1/14/06
8. Submit findings, order to EQB by 1/23/05
9. 30 day appeal period follows date of order
10. EQB publishes findings, order 1/30/06
11. End of February appeal period over

At the earliest, the EAW will be completed by the end of February.

At the next regular Sand Hill River Watershed District meeting, Woodbury will have the Corp of Engineers section 404 permit and the DNR protected waters permit available for the Managers signature.

**UNION LAKE EROSION CONTROL:** Doty will research the location of the agreement. When the agreement has been signed, Dwight can distribute funds.

Woodbury updated Doty on the proposed plan for the Union Lake Erosion Control.

Woltjer reported that the landowner is planning to enroll the land into CRP and are currently awaiting a signature on the agreement.

The Project Team suggested holding a meeting with landowners and NRE separate from the project team. This meeting should be held prior to the next project team meeting in November.

- 4. ADJOURN:** Meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be held December 13, 2005 at the Sand Hill River Watershed District office in Fertile, MN.

**Minutes respectfully submitted:**

**April Swenby, Administrative Assistant**