

SAND HILL RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT

Minutes-January 7,1992 Regular Meeting

1. Attendance: Roland Gullekson, President, called the January 7, 1992 meeting to order at 8:12 a.m. District Managers present were Roger Hanson, Ohey Jevning, Francis LaVoi and Daniel Wilkens. Darrin Cook, Lawrence Woodbury-SHRWD Consulting Engineer and Wayne Goeken-SHRWD Executive Secretary were also in attendance.

2. Minutes: Minutes of the December 3,1991 meeting were corrected as follows: pg. 2, line 12-replace "permit" with "certification"; pg. 3-change meeting adjournment time from 12:20 "a.m." to "p.m." Motion by LaVoi and seconded by Jevning to adopt the minutes of the December 3,1991 meeting as corrected. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Treasurer's Report: Hanson updated the Board on the current fund balances in the District's various accounts. Motion by LaVoi and seconded by Jevning to accept the Treasurer's Report and to pay current vouchers. Motion carried unanimously.

Fertile Journal-mtg. notice, copy paper, printed envelopes	80.97
Fertile Coast to Coast-ice melt, ice pick	15.37
Harry's Red Owl-cleaning supplies	27.75
Fertile Sand & Gravel-snow removal	100.00
Mac's Cafe-SHRWD Board lunch-1/7/92	27.00
TonyDom, Inc.-1 box toner	75.50
City of Fertile-Utilities	46.20
U.S. Postal Service-100 stamps	29.00
Garden Valley Phone Company-phone service	28.87
Otter Tail Power Company-electric service	256.20
West Publishing Co.-MN Statutes Book Update	6.39
State of Minnesota-Computer Accounting Program Upgrade	100.00
Lois Plante-custodial	46.17
Wayne Goeken-Secretarial, office & mtg. expenses	485.62
Roland Gullekson-Meetings & expenses	665.76
Roger Hanson-Meetings & expenses	594.75
Oriey Jevning-Meetings & expenses	59.92
Francis LaVoi-Meetings & expenses	58.67
Daniel Wilkens-Meetings & expenses	247.38
Monthly Total	<u>\$2,951.52</u>

In related business, Darrin Cook, Financial Advisor with Edward D. Jones from Crookston came before the Board to review the Board's current investments with Edward D. Jones. Cook recommended changing some of the SHRWD's short term investments into intermediate term investments. Hanson noted that the SHRWD has set a limit to the amount of funds that can be invested in any financial firm with Edward D. Jones. Cook reviewed the Securities Investors Protection Corporation's coverage which protects the SHRWD's investments even if Edward D. Jones went under.

4. Winger Dam: Gullekson noted that still no response had been received from Ben Wopat of the Army Corps of Engineers regarding the SHRWD's request to activate the District's Section 404 permit for the Winger Dam. In order to keep moving on the project, Gullekson sent a letter on behalf of the SHRWD on December 19, 1991 to MN DNR Regional Administrator Meriyn Westoh which requested that Mr. Westoh convene a team to finalize the mitigation needs related to the Winger Dam Project. The option of the SHRWD hiring a consultant with expertise in the field of wetlands ecology to represent the SHRWD through this process was discussed. Gullekson had visited with Buffalo-Red River Watershed District President Jerry Van Amberg who noted that they had contracted with Dr. Gary Clamburg to serve as consultant to their District on mitigation issues related to their Donnelly project. This arrangement had worked well for them and was acceptable to the MN DNR. It was also noted that

Van Amberg is also a biologist who could serve as a consultant on this project. Gullekson had also discussed this option with Ron Nargang-MN DNR and Ron Hamack-MN BWSR with both agreeing that this would be appropriate to move the process along. It was noted that this person would objectively analyze and identify wetland mitigation needs associated with the project as a means of cross-checking the mitigation needs identified by the Army Corps. Motion was made by Wilkens and seconded by Hanson to authorize Gullekson to search for a consultant with expertise in wetlands biology and to secure such a consultant's services for the project. Motion carried unanimously.

Hamack had noted that achieving exact replacement of functional class of wetlands would be the main concern. Shifting of wetlands upstream seemed to be acceptable. It was noted that the HEP analysis is one of five components of the Minnesota Wetland Evaluation Methodology. Wilkens noted discussion with Don Ogaard regarding the need to have a "wetlands banking" program whereby Watersheds and Counties would work together to pool their resources and have "banked acreages" available for projects whether it be for roads or water retention projects.

5. Reports on Recent Meetings and Activities:

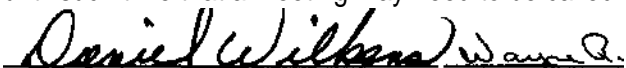
- a.) **Minnesota Assn of Watershed Districts Annual Meeting:** Board members who attended commented on sessions that were presented at the annual meeting. Gullekson was reappointed as a MAWD Board member representing Region 1.
- b.) **Polk County Local Water Plan Task Force:** Gullekson noted that the Task Force is to meet at the SHRWD office in Fertile on January 10 and he will give a presentation on the District's operations.

6. Permits No permits came before the Board for review.

7. Other Business:

- a.) **City of Fertile Petition:** The City of Fertile presented a petition to the SHRWD to investigate construction of a water retention structure to create the West Mill Pond--a pool of approximately 100 surface acres. The SHRWD will submit the petition to its attorney to assure that the petition is valid. If it is judged to be so, the SHRWD will need to accept the petition. It was discussed that it needs to be determined what data is currently available and what data needs to be collected yet such as soil borings, fill material available, etc. Cost of collecting and analyzing this data should be projected to make sure the City of Fertile is fully aware of the potential preliminary investigation costs to the City if they don't proceed to the construction phase of the project.
- b.) A letter was received from the Red Lake Watershed District asking for support for replacement of Arnold Person with Vernon Johnson as a Region I representative to the Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts. The SHRWD supports this change.
- c.) A letter which was sent by the Bois De Sioux Watershed District to MAWD lobbyist Judith Erickson was reviewed. The BDSWD opposed changes to the Watershed Act related to bonding language. The SHRWD had no opposition to the proposed changes and will not oppose the changes at the January MAWD meeting. No action was taken. The Bois De Sioux also requested a copy of any conflict of interest policy that any District may have.
- d.) Wilkens noted that an upgrade is now available for the Small Cities Accounting Package-Version 3.0. This will allow future years to be entered without further upgrades. Motion by Wilkens, second by Hanson to authorize purchase of the upgrade at the price of \$100. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Recess: As there may be a need to reconvene to discuss options related to hiring a consultant to assist with wetlands mitigation prior to the next regular Board meeting, the Board recessed the January 7, 1992 Board meeting until such time that a meeting may need to be called for such purposes. The meeting was recessed at 1:18 p.m.



Daniel Wilkens' Secretary

Wayne R. Goeken, Exec. Secretary