

PROJECT TEAM MEETING MINUTES
September 14, 2004

1. **ATTENDANCE:** Daniel Wilkens – Sand Hill River Watershed Administrator, April Swenby – Sand Hill River Watershed Administrative Assistant, Harold Vig – Sand Hill River Watershed District Manager, Randy Huelskamp – NRCS, Dan Thul – DNR Waters, Lawrence Woodbury – Houston Engineering, Mike Vavricka – MPCA, Dan Grunhovd – Landowner, Penny Doty - West Polk SWCD, Brian Dwight – BWSR, Les Peterson – USFWS, and Maynard Pick – Congressional Representative.
2. **AGENDA REVIEW:** No new items were added to the agenda. Wilkens gave an overview of the minutes from the July 13, 2004 meeting. The July 13, 2004 meeting minutes were approved.
3. **FISH PASSAGE:** An e-mail from Tom Raster – USACORP was distributed which stated that corp. funding was unlikely at this point. Discussion was held regarding the decision of the state \$200,000 money. Dan Thul will try to determine a solution and ask Luther Aadland for another commitment the follow fiscal year which ends June 2006.
4. **UNION LAKE EROSION CONTROL:** Vavricka reported that the odds of 319 funding are poor and by November he should know whether or not the Sand Hill River Watershed District will qualify for the funding. Dwight proposed the possibility of challenge grant funding. The group asked Dwight to check on the priority and the possibility of the challenge grant on behalf of the Sand Hill River Watershed District. Dwight stated that NRCS standards needed to be followed if the 50% cost share comes from the SWCD. In the area, there is not enough holding to meet their standards. At the next month's meeting, Dwight's report on the challenge grant will determine if Houston Engineering needs to develop a different alternative. Woodbury will contact Gary Lee to verify the drainage.
5. **SECTION 17 OF SLETTEN:** No action was taken at this time.
6. **LAKE SARAH WATERSHED STORAGE:** No action was taken at this time.
7. **MELVIN SLOUGH –MAPLE CREEK DIVERSION:** Dan Thul will arrange a tour with Wilkens, Penny Doty, & Terry Wolfe.
8. **GARDEN SLOUGH:** Discussion was held between Penny Doty, Brian Dwight, and Wilkens regarding the significance of MNRAM. She stated that MNRAM will determine the impact on the natural areas. Because MNRAM can be a long task, they will wait until Henry Van Offelen reports on the TSAC channel worksheet. Wilkens will talk to Mick Alm to see if this project can be built in conjunction with the road rebuild.
9. **OTHER BUSINESS:**

Modeling: Wilkens will speak to the RRWMB on behalf of the project team to find out their interest in developing the modeling plan. Dwight also as Wilkens to have the RRWMB to identify a contact person. Dwight will report on the modeling progress at the next meeting. Woodbury did not think it would be a problem to develop figures for the modeling.
10. **ADJOURN:** Meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m. The next meeting will be held October 12, 2004 at the Sand Hill River Watershed District office in Fertile, MN.

Minutes respectfully submitted:

April Swenby, Administrative Assistant