

Memo

To: Landowners and Interested Parties

From: Daniel Wilkens, Administrator

Date: December 27, 2017

Re: Notice of Meeting: **Vesledahl Wetland Mitigation Project NW of Winger, MN.**

The Sand Hill River Watershed District will host a second informational meeting on **Thursday, January 18, 2018 at 7:00 pm at the Winger Community Center** to continue discussions for the future of the 2,400 acre wetland mitigation project. All the agencies will be represented and will be there to answer questions that came up at our first meeting (meeting minutes of the last meeting are enclosed.) Agenda items for proceeding from the previous meeting were offered for future discussions:

1. Create a legal ditch system using the nearly \$30,000 currently in the fund to help establish a legal ditch system that will provide permanent drainage maintenance. The landowners present expressed discouragement because MnDOT would not sign the petition to proceed with a legal ditch system, putting the landowners at a disadvantage of obtaining the 60% signature requirement set by MN Statute. Wilkens will research the landowners to determine the feasibility of obtaining 60% signatures without the states support and report his findings to Vesledahl.
2. Explore the option of developing permanent agreement options that would allow upstream landowners right of passage to maintain the ditch system. D. Vesledahl expressed interest in this option and suggested this option was what landowners agreed to in the initial stages of the project's origination.
3. Do more investigations on the vegetative state of the ditch system flowing through the project area.