Bonds were sold in February and a preconstruction conference was held in March with Reiner Contracting. By June the project was considered 2/3 complete! By the end of 2012, the project was considered complete and a 5% retainage was held as per the contract.

Negotiations began for an additional pay request from Reiner Contracting. Reiner Contracting based their request on the premise that additional costs were incurred with the addition of the 18” CS Pipes and Gates. Houston Engineering has reviewed the contract and the board denied their claim. Houston Engineering felt that support documentation from Reiner Contracting did not justify their claim. There was roughly a $75,000 retainage (5%) being held by the end of 2012. Negotiations are expected to continue into 2013.

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In May of 2012, after many years of service Harold Vig retired. In his place the Sand Hill Advisory committee recommended Phillip Swenson to the Polk County Board of Commissioners. The Commissioners accepted the recommendation and Phillip Swenson began his first term May 17, 2012 as Treasurer of the Sand Hill River Watershed District. (Stuart Christian was the previous Treasurer and Stuart has succeeded Roger Hanson as the Chair.)

Phillip Swenson farms Southeast of Fertile and during the off season drives school bus for the Fertile-Beltrami School district. He and his wife reside in Fertile and share three sons. Aside from his family, Manager Swenson enjoys driving motorcycle and traveling. As a manager he is looking forward to improving water quality and being involved in drainage issues in the district.

A huge thank you goes out to Harold Vig for his years of service.
Boundary Change

The district coordinated their efforts with the Red Lake Watershed District to create a new boundary. A new boundary map is displayed at the district office to reflect the changes, along with an updated map on the district’s web-site.

Phase 6 Implemented

The district was presented Phase 6 and the RRBDIN project planning tool (LIDAR derived products/applications) and discovered how it can be used for decision support and how to use it for guidance for implementing the 20% reduction goal.

TMDL

The Sand Hill River Watershed District continues to participate in the TMDL contract with PCA. A Civic Engagement meeting was held on March 22 at the Fertile Community Center. Phase II is still being planned to begin in June of 2013.

Project Team

Houston Engineering reviewed the geo-tech data for the Upper Winger, Bear Park and Garden Slough and obtained soil samples for those areas. They coordinated with Chuck Fritz and Henry VanOffelen using the RBDIN planning tool for the storage sites.

City of Fosston

The City of Fosston has petitioned the district for an industrial park drainage project. The project began and was completed in 2012.

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The Sand Hill River Watershed District board of managers meets the first Tuesday of every month at 8 AM. Changes to the regular scheduled board meetings are listed on our website. Meetings are open to the public.

The second Tuesday of every month is reserved for Project Team meetings. Currently the Project Team is coordinating with Corp of Engineers on Points of Concurrence #1. Feedback is being awaited.

The third Tuesday of every month is reserved for the RRWMB meetings. Meeting locations can be found at www.rrwmb.org.

Forty-Five permits were brought before the Sand Hill River Watershed District Board of Managers in 2012.
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