

SAND HILL RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT

Minutes-September 7,1993 Regular Meeting

1. Attendance: Roland Gullekson, President, called the September 7, 1993 meeting to order at 8:08 am. District Managers present were Roger Hanson and Dan Wilkens. Others in attendance were Wayne Goeken-SHRWD Executive Secretary, and Lawrence Woodbury-SHRWD Consulting Engineer.

2. Agenda Review: No changes in the agenda were noted.

3. Minutes: Wilkens noted that on page 2, Item 6.c., line 5~the last word in the line should be changed from "further" to "stop." Motion by Hanson and seconded by Wilkens to adopt the minutes of the AuJtmibLi^fr 1993 SHRWD meeting as mailed with the above correction being made. Motion/carried unanimously.

4. Treasurer's Report: Wilkens handed out and reviewed the SHRWD Treasurer's Report covering the month of August 1993. The past month's transactions, fund balances and investment portfolio were reviewed. Motion was made by Hanson and seconded by Gullekson to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented and authorize payment of the current month's bills as presented below. Motion carried unanimously.

Mac's Cafe-meals	23.00
Fertile Bakery-rolls-meetings	34.00
Al & Laura's Hartz-supplies	9.28
Otter Tail Power Co.- Heat & Utilities	159.39
Garden Valley Telephone Co.	103.56
U.S. Postal Service-Box Rent/Stamps	65.25
First State Insurance Agency-Position Schedule Bond	239.00
Lois Plante-Custodial- August	43.87
Wayne Goeken-Secretarial services	323.23
Roland Gullekson-Meetings & expenses	178.78
Roger Hanson-Meetings & expenses	57.18
Daniel Wilkens-Meetings & expenses	<u>297.90</u>
Monthly Total	<u>\$1,534.44</u>

5. Project Reports:

a.) Maple Creek: Woodbury presented to the Board maps of the Maple Creek project area that had been developed to illustrate project options. Discussion ensued regarding where the control structure could be placed. An elevation of 1000 feet was proposed as the level at which the control structure would hold the water level. This level would encompass a 2.8 square mile drainage area. There was discussion of additional drainage area that could be brought into the project, however, it wouldn't have much impact as water would be lost naturally to the southwest if water went above 1000 feet anyway. Although the project would provide wildlife enhancement benefits, the flood control benefits would be minimal as would benefits to people in the area therefore no further investigation of this project will proceed at this time.

b.) West Mill Project: Woodbury noted that survey work has been done for the West Mill Project with Braun Testing scheduled to do four soil borings in the project area on September 8. Analysis of the soil borings and survey work will be presented at the October SHRWD Board meeting.

c.) **Sand Hill River Streambank Stabilization:** Status of the four proposed stabilization sites along the Sand Hill River was reviewed Wilkens reviewed the restrictions that were included in the permit that was provided by the MN DNR. The site involving the City of Fertile's storm sewer discharge can be done as planned. Restrictions placed by DNR Fisheries on what can be done at the site just downstream (west) of the Highway 32 bridge doesn't allow for erosion to be controlled satisfactorily, therefore unless further allowances are made this site will be dropped. The site downstream of the Strem culvert crossing was also reviewed regarding what impact the proposed work would have on access to the river for stream study activities being conducted for school groups by the Agassiz Environmental Learning Center. The Board went out to this site to view project options. Work to be done at this site will be further discussed. The fourth site involves stabilization work downstream on property owned by Ray Christian and is work that he proposes to do after viewing how the other sites are done. Further discussion will ensue with the MN DNR to review the permit restrictions and project objectives.

6. Red River Valley Environmental Assessment: Wilkens reported on a second tour of the Red River Valley held September 1st and 2nd for agency representatives and interested parties that were not able to attend the first tour. Work groups involved with the Environmental Assessment are now working on their specific projects.

7. Other Activities and Business:

a.) Beaver Situation: There were no reports from the farmers in the Rindal area that they had searched for or found any beaver dams on the Sand Hill River between the Rindal bridge on Polk County #10 and the Lewis bridge on Polk County #1. It was reported that an individual had canoed down the river from the Bear Park Structure to the Rindal bridge on Polk County #10 on September 5 with no major obstructions reported from beaver dams.

b.) Wilkens noted that cattails are becoming established in the Liberty- Onstad ditch and that they should be sprayed with the costs being covered by the ditch fund. Motion by Wilkens to authorize spraying of the cattails in the Liberty-Onstad ditch. Motion seconded by Hanson. Motion carried unanimously. Wilkens was authorized to contact contractors to get the work done.

c.) Motion by Wilkens to hold the Sand Hill River Watershed District Annual Budget Hearing on September 23 at 8 a. m. at the SHRWD office and to mail out proper public notice. Motion seconded by Hanson. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Permits:

Two permits that came before the Board for review were approved.

-1993-10 Craig Engelstad. Liberty Twp. N 1/2 of SW 1/4 Sec. 14. Clean ditch line as it has filled in and is not in proper working order.

-1993-11 Reis Township. Reis Twp. Sec. 19. Replace 3 culverts with 1 smaller 30" and trap on it as roadway is too narrow and water backs on to Section 19 from the west.

9. Adjournment: The next regular meeting of the SHRWD will be October 5, 1993. As there was no further business to come before the Board, motion by Wilkens and seconded by Gullekson to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Roger Hanson, Secretary

Wayne R. Goeken, Exec. Secretary