

**SAND HELL RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT**

December 3, 1996 Meeting Minutes

1. **Attendance:** Roger Hanson called the December 3, 1996 meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. at the District Office. Managers present were Ervin Vigness, Dan Wilkens, and Jimmie Krogstad. Others in attendance were Naomi Jagol-SHRWD Administrative Assistant, Lawrence Woodbury-SHRWD Engineer, Alden Jallo, and Roland Gullekson.
2. **Agenda Review:** No changes to the agenda were noted.
3. **Minutes:** Motion by Krogstad to approve the minutes of the November 12, 1996 SHRWD regular Board meeting as mailed, Seconded by Wilkens, Carried.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** Wilkens handed out and reviewed the Treasurer's report. Bills that had been submitted for payment were then reviewed. Motion to approve the Treasurer's report and pay the bills as presented by Vigness, Seconded by Krogstad, Carried.

Payment Made to Memo	Amount
Naomi Jagol— secretarial services & expenses	\$563.45
Roger Hanson—meetings & expenses	583.28
Jimmie Krogstad—meetings & expenses	56.99
Ervin Vigness—meetings & expenses	66.29
Dan Wilkens— meetings & expenses	153.31
Al & Laura's—Supplies	22.06
American Linen Supply, Co. —Rental agreement	17.52
Anderson & Bailly-Project #11, Project #12, & Project #13	1,311.44
Bear Park Township-Beaver Control	620.00
Beltrami Mall Cafe-Meeting expense	20.24
Fertile Bakery —Meeting expense	18.00
The Fertile Journal— Meeting notices	5.76
First State Bank of Fertile— Soc. Sec./Med. deposit	247.1
Garden Valley Telephone Co.— December phone bill	156.02
Roland Gullekson- Viewing expense for Project #1 1 & Project #13	823.62
Houston Engineering— Services rendered for Misc. work, Mtgs & Special Mtgs, Proj. #11, and Proj. #13	2,036.99
Hovde Enterprises, Ltd. —Snow removal	15.00
Alden Jallo- Viewing expense for Project #1 1 & Project #13	563.84
Otter Tail Power Co.-December billing	312.40
U.S. Postal Service— 1st Class Postage	160.00
West Publishing, Corp.-MN Statutes 1997 Supp. Pamphlet	7.46
Bob Yuergens— Viewing expense for Project #1 1 & Project #13	482.64
<b>MONTHLY TOTAL</b>	<b>\$8,243.41</b>

5. Project Reports:

- a.) Project #13-Reis-Scandia Township Ditch: At the conclusion of the public hearing on November 12, 1996 in Beltrami, it was brought to the attention of the Board that the City of Beltrami had not been given notice. Dale Larson requested that the Board attend the next City Council on Monday, November 18, 1996 to discuss this Project in detail.

Hanson gave an update on the Beltrami City Council meeting that was held on November 18, 1996. Those in attendance from the SHRWD were Roger Hanson, Dan Wilkens, and Naomi Jagol. Hanson stated that the Council did not object to the City of Beltrami's portion of the cost. The Council stated their concern of how to proportionately distribute the costs among the residents of Beltrami in a fair and equitable manner. Hanson explained that the viewers used the colored portion of the map to arrive at a dollar value to the City of Beltrami (approximately 21%). But, in fact, based on the viewer's report, this dollar amount covers the entire City of Beltrami. The City Council felt that this map did not accurately represent the benefiting area and requested the Board to ask the viewers to reevaluate the viewer's report. The Council also requested the Board to have the viewers look at contributing water as they felt this should also be included in the viewer's report.

Motion by Wilkens to reschedule hearings on both Project #11-Beltrami Flood Control & Diversion and Project #13-Reis-Scandia Township Ditch for January 7, 1997 at 2:30 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. respectively at the Beltrami Mall Cafe, Seconded by Vigness, Carried.

- b.) Project #12, 98 & 148: Woodbury stated that Don Ogaard had called him requesting an update on this litigation. Ogaard also contacted Wilkens and stated that the Board needs to make a decision regarding if Dorsey and Whitney will actually handle the appeal or just enter in as a friend of the court. Two issues regarding this case need to be decided. The first one being whether the judge should have allowed the rescission petition to be accepted as timely. And secondly, the need to clarify which method to use for calculating the acreage required to meet the 60% threshold required for a rescission petition. Motion by Wilkens to accept the RRWMB's offer to engage the services of Dorsey and Whitney to handle the appeal, Seconded by Krogstad, Carried.

6. Upcoming Meetings and Other Business:

- a.) River clean-up: Motion by Wilkens to hire Dennis Habeck to do tree removal for the District, Seconded by Krogstad, Carried. Wilkens will call Dennis and finalize details.
- b.) The International Coalition's 14th Annual Red River Basin Land and Water International Summit Conference: Hanson reported on this Conference held in Winnipeg. The purpose of this year's conference was to launch the new Red River Basin Board that emerged from the efforts of the IPG. The Board tried to envision the direction this Board will take in the future. The featured speakers commented on the wide diversity of areas and problems and the need to find a common ground. The Board intends to create a congressional library of needed reference material. The Board would be comprised of five representatives from Minnesota, five from North Dakota, seven from Manitoba, and two from Indian tribes. The method of funding would include taxing each county within the Red River Basin. The County Commissioners suggested turning over the funding to the watershed boards.
- c.) Building Maintenance Projects: The vertical blinds are scheduled for installation sometime in mid December. The current office layout was discussed and it was noted that with the increased volume of traffic, the meeting area needs to be opened up to accommodate the larger audiences. Motion by Wilkens to advertise for bids on

the teller line and two tables as a whole and individual pieces, **Seconded** by Krogstad, **Carried**. Naomi and other Board members will check with local antique dealers for prices.

d.) **Bear Park Beaver Control**: Krogstad stated that he had been notified that beavers are giving problems in the Bear Park Project. Krogstad will contact Harold Olson and have the dams blown.

e.) **Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts Annual Meeting**: The 1996 Annual Meeting & Trade Show will be held December 5-7, 1996 at the Radisson Arrowwood in Alexandria. Managers Hanson, Wilkens, Vig, and Krogstad plan on attending as well as Naomi Jagol.

f.) **Policy Manual**: The RRWMB requested each District to review the policy manual under which the RRWMB operates. The Board will discuss at the next meeting.

#### **7. Permits:**

a.) No permits came before the Board this month for review.

**8. Adjournment:** The next regular meeting of the SHRWD will be 8:00 a.m. Tuesday, January 7, 1997. As there was no further business to come before the Board, **Motion** by Krogstad to adjourn the meeting at 11:45 a.m., **Seconded** by Vigness, **Carried**.

Jimmie Krogstad, Secretary

Naomi L. Jagol, Administrative Assistant