

## SAND HILL RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT

May 6, 2014

1. **Attendance:** Chairman Christian called the May 6, 2014 meeting to order at 8:15 AM at the District Office. Other managers present were Bill Brekke, Roger Hanson and Phillip Swenson. Managers Absent: Scott Balstad. Two staff members were present: Daniel Wilkens – Administrator and April Swenby – Administrative Assistant. Others in attendance were Jeff Langan - Houston Engineering- Joyce Downs – Landowner, and Bill Downs.
2. **Approval of the Agenda:** A **Motion** was made by Manager Hanson to approve the agenda as presented, **Seconded** by Manager Brekke, **Carried**.
3. **Minutes:** A **Motion** was made by Manager Hanson to approve the minutes from the April 1, 2014 meeting, **Seconded** by Manager Brekke, **Carried**.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** A **Motion** was made by Manager Brekke to approve the treasurer's report for April, **Seconded** by Manager Hanson, **Carried**.

The managers reviewed their expense reports and reported on activities for the month. A **Motion** was made by Manager Brekke to approve and pay bills, with the exception of the SWCD balances which are listed for informational purposes only, **Seconded** by Manager Swenson, **Carried**. For further reference, copies of the bills approved are attached hereto in the Treasurer's Report.

### 5. Engineer's Report

**Project # 24:** Pedestals are ready for installation when conditions allow.

Langan toured the site. The outlet structure was noted stable. Downstream of the outlet is expected to show bank failures and is possibly a candidate for BWSR clean water funding when that occurs.

There is sediment upstream of the sediment control structure as a result of the Spokely potato plant. A letter will be sent to Spokely asking them to clean out the sediment as per the agreement.

**Nielsville Ring Dike:** The EAW was completed and is available for comments by various agencies. It is the hope that construction can coordinate with the upgrade of Highway 75.

**Climax Ring Dike:** Houston Engineering is developing easements for the flood levy and the limited use areas associated with the levy. The levy portion of the project depends upon funding in the bonding bill. In the next three years, Climax will have significant infrastructure changes.

**Storage Sites:** Work is still being evaluated on storage sites in the upper reaches of the Sand Hill River.

**TMDL:** A project meeting was held to discuss the findings of Task A – HSPF modeling.

**One Watershed/One Plan:** A June notification for application status is expected.

**Biannual Budget Report (BBR):** The BBR was completed and submitted.

**5. Dan's Monthly Report**

**RRWMB:** The RRWMB met in Fertile. Meeting highlights were given to the managers.

**RRBC Commission:** Next meeting is June 5 in Grand Forks at the Canad Inn with a tour of Roseau area projects on June 4th.

**Fish Passage:** A COE employee will be coming up this week to do soil borings below the last drop structure.

**Polk County Fair:** The Polk County Fair has asked for \$500 to contribute towards the Reptile Amphibian Zoo. A **Motion** was made by Manager Hanson to contribute \$500 to the Polk County Fair, **Seconded** by Manager Swenson, **Carried**.

**Reiner Contracting Dispute:** A **Motion** was made by Manager Brekke to sign and submit the agreement made to distribute funds in the amount of \$67,500, ultimately settling the case, **Seconded** by Manager Swenson, **Carried**.

**Rules and Regulations:** Manager Hanson and Wilkens met on Friday, May 2, in Fargo at the Administrator's meeting regarding the options for the rules and regulations.

**6. Other Business:**

**Public Relations:** The managers reviewed possible public relations items. No new information was brought before the board.

**8. Permits:** Two permits were brought before the board. A **Motion** was made by Manager Brekke to approve the following permits. **Seconded** by Manager Christian, **Carried**.

2014-02 – Scott Grabinski – Install culvert – Heier Twp.

2014-03 – Ken Durm – Install Culvert – Bear Park Twp.

**9. Adjournment:** The next regular meeting of the SHRWD will be at 8:00 AM on Tuesday, June 3, 2014. As there was no further business to come before the board, a **Motion** was made by Manager Swenson to adjourn the meeting at 10:01 A.M., **Seconded** by Manager Brekke, **Carried**.

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April Swenby, Administrative Assistant

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Bill Brekke, Secretary