The Board of Managers of the Sand Hill River Watershed District met September 6, 1977 for their regular monthly meeting at the Fertile City Hall. Members present - Gullekekon, Olson, Larson and Wilkens. Also present - Werner Mahlum, Norman County Commissioner; Marvin Reitmeier, Ray Carlson, Gordon Sonstelie, and Steven Vesledahl, members of the Advisory Committee; Mr Mel Sinn, Engineer for the Water Resources Board; and interested public.

Roland Gullekekon called the meeting to order. The secretary's report was read and approved. The agenda for the evening was read. There were no other items added from the floor.

The engineer's map for the Bear Park project was presented by Roland Gullekekon who explained to the public what was on the map. The landowners involved were invited to come up and look at the map while the Board continued its business.

Mr Mel Sinn presented additional material to possibly be added to the Overall Plan. The Board gave its permission to have it included in the Overall Plan.

Roland made a motion that we approach Wild Rice Watershed District about hiring Mr Mel Sinn to do work as we see fit at a cost to the District of $69.41 per month. Vernon Larson seconded the motion. Motion carried. Blanket authorization was given to any board member to go with Mr Sinn to instruct him on what work to do in the ditch. Harold said he was available to go with him.

Reis Township was next on the agenda. Vernon Larson made a motion that we consult our attorney on the Reis Township bill, and see what we can legally pay on it. Motion seconded and duly carried.

Arriving at a value for flood easements for the Bear Park project was next on the agenda. The landowners were each presented with a blank sheet of paper on which they wrote down what they thought the easements should be. The Board collected them and after reviewing them decided there was too much variation in value for the Board to come up with a fixed price. Dan Wilkens then suggested that this being the local peoples project and their property, that they should be the ones to put a value on their land. The landowners then gathered in the back of the room with Mr Werner Mahlum acting as moderator. Motion was made, seconded and duly carried that we include the three county auditors on our list of people receiving copies of our minutes.

Motion was made that we acquire 60 extra copies of the Overall Plan. Motion was seconded and duly carried.

Motion was made, seconded and duly carried that we add the two additional paragraphs suggested by Mr Stanley Olson, attorney, to the Minnkota-Sand Hill River Watershed District Agreement proposed by Minnkota Power and with these included, the chairman and secretary are authorized to sign the agreement.

Mr Werner Mahlum then presented the Board with the landowners values. Vernon Larson made a motion and Dan Wilkens seconded that we accept the landowners price as stated: $125 for crop land, $30 for pasture, and $10 for wasteland.

Motion was made, seconded and duly carried that we pay $5 for each option for an easement. Dan Wilkens was instructed to call the attorney and get
Dan Wilkens was also instructed to ask Stanley Olson about the Reis bill.

Roger Black said he had some clay hills on his land that he would consider for use for the dam.

Dan was instructed to pick up the attache cases when he picked up the stationery.

Motion was made, seconded and duly carried that the following claims be paid:

The Fertile Journal    $ 3.01  Gordon Sonstelie    $ 5.40
Vernon Larson          145.70  Marvin Reitmeier   7.05
Roland Gullelson       67.80   Ray Carlson        3.75
Garden Valley Telephone 59.09  Harold Olson     19.75
Fertile-Beltrami School 5.00

Motion was made to adjourn at 10:30 P.M.

Daniel Wilkens, Secretary