The Board of Managers of the Sand Hill River Watershed District met May 2, 1978 at the Fertile City Hall. Members present – Wilkens, Gullekson, Larson, Olson, LaVoi. Also present – Werner Mahlum, Norman County Commissioner; and Marvin Reitmeier of the Advisory Committee; and interested public.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Roland Gullekson. The secretarys report was read and approved. The treasurers report was read and approved.

Motion was made, seconded and carried that we accept the bid of the First State Bank of Fertile for Position Schedule Bonds.

We discussed the Bear Park project. It was felt that some of the Board members should negotiate with Thorson to come up with an easement. Bob reported that he would try to talk to Thorson on the phone in the next few days.

Motion was made, seconded and carried that we send a letter of appreciation to the authors of the 1978 Amendents to the Watershed Act.

Ted Anderson, Mayor of the City of Beltrami, presented the City of Beltrami’s flood problem. The City of Beltrami thought they could receive some money from the Disaster Assistance Program but now find out they can't. Mr Anderson, on behalf of the City of Beltrami, asked if there was any help available from the Watershed District. Chairman Gullekson said we have an assessment coming in on the Sandhill Ditch and had planned doing some repair of this area for erosion control. With the help of the City of Beltrami we could construct a dike to protect the city. Bob was going to call the Army Corp to see what could be done. Harold Slager said that there were 15,000 yards of dirt to move in approximately a ¼ - mile.

Harold Olson submitted his resignation to the Board. Motion was made, seconded and carried that we accept Mr Olson's resignation.

Carl Swenson presented his problem with Norman County Ditch 2 and Polk County Ditch 17. He requested that the ditch be cleaned. Bob Muscha suggested that because the ditch was in two counties that it be turned over by the two counties to the Watershed District and the Watershed District classify it as an improvement project thereby reestablishing assessment areas based on 1978 benefits, not when the ditch was originally dug. Bob will get the information from both counties for next month and then possibly after springs work we would hold an informational hearing in Bear Park Township after mailing all interested assessed areas or all assessed properties notice to find out it they wanted to improve the project. Bob said he would get the names of everyone in both ditches and probably the first step would be to hold a special meeting in June. We would invite everyone in and see what they would like to do.

Dan Wilkens made a motion, Harold Olson seconded, motion carried that we approve the permit for Philip Swenson to clean out a culvert in County Ditch 17 pursuant to getting approval from the Polk County Board.

Harold Olson made a motion, Vernon Larson seconded, motion carried that Roland Gullekson's permit application to repair erosion damage along the Sandhill River on his farm be approved.

Stanley Roningen brought up the problem of the concrete culverts put in by the Army Corp going into the river. The concrete culverts have dropped into
the channel from washout. These culverts are located in the northwest corner of Section 24, northeast quarter of Section 23 in Hubbard Township.

The secretary was instructed to publish notices in the different papers in regard to enforcement of Rules and Regulations.

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

- Business Agency, Inc - Compensation Accident Policy $175.00
- Business Agency, Inc - General Liability Policy $379.00
- LRR Watershed 11.79
- Vernon Larson - Meetings and Mileage 44.30
- Marvin Reitmeier - Mileage 7.00
- Roland Gullekson - Meetings and Mileage 335.15
- Dan Wilkens - Meetings and Mileage 364.25
- Francis LaVoi - Meetings and Mileage 44.00
- Harold Olson - Meetings and Mileage 35.00
- Fertile-Beltrami School - copying 9.00
- Pam Wilkens - typing and postage 203.80

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Daniel Wilkens, Secretary