The Board of Managers of the Sand Hill River Watershed District held their regular monthly meeting on January 9, 1979 at 1:30 P.M. at the Fertile City Hall. Members present – Gullekson, Wilkens, Larson, Hanson and LaVoi. Also present – Bob Muscha and Gale Fraser of Houston Engineering; Steve Vesledahl, David Black and Ray Carlson of the Advisory Committee, Everett Solheim and Orland Hanson of the Maple Creek project and also interested public.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Gullekson. The secretaries report was approved as read. The treasurers report was approved as read.

Bob Muscha of Houston Engineering gave a report on Bear Park. He still had very preliminary data but figured by next month to have more complete information.

Marvin Reitmeier was unable to attend the meeting but sent representatives to report on the status of the Maple Creek petition. It was reported they have about 30 signatures at this time and hoped to have their project ready to turn in next month.

Chairman Gullekson then discussed the mill bridge west of Fertile that has been condemned. It was thought that the Watershed would automatically replace the dam and bridge by some people but it was explained that the Watershed District is not in the bridge replacement business.

It was reported that Scott Taylor, Liberty Township Clerk, had called and stated that the Township has a request from Mr. Robert Jordan, Spokane, for a road easement across some land the Township owns in the River bottom. This 40 is all in the bottom and the place where this man wanted the road built would be practically all swamp. This looks like a very poor idea. No action taken.

Motion was made, seconded and duly carried that Chairman Gullekson and Roger Hanson audit the books for 1978.

Francis LaVoi reported that the casing has been driven & concreted in, rocks place in the crossing across the river on the Moe Project and everything seemed to be in order. The Soil Conservation agreed to pay half of it. Francis estimated $1500-1600 total cost.

Werner Mahlum asked if anything had been done on ditches 2 & 17. Bob Muscha said he tried to contact the Norman County Engineer but he was sick and nothing has been done yet.

Gale Fraser should write a letter to the Minnesota Department of Transportation saying that we go along with an open span bridge at the Beltrami site.

The next meeting will be February 6, 1979 at 1:30 P.M.

The December Lower Red River Watershed meeting was held and representative Daniel Wilkens attended. It was reported several projects are coming up for construction.
The following bills were ordered paid:

- Lower Red River Watershed $ 9591.61
- Garden Valley Telephone 16.11
- Fertile Journal 4.18
- Pam Wilkens 40.00
- Dan Wilkens 63.90
- Francis LaVoi 44.00
- Roger Hanson 43.04
- Roland Gullekson 102.55
- Vernon Larson 102.20

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Daniel Wilkens, Secretary