The Board of Managers of the Sand Hill River Watershed District met for their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday May 5, 1981 at the Fertile City Hall at 8:00 P.M. Members present: Gullekson, Wilkens, Hanson, and LaVoi. Also present: Bob Muscha and Gale Fraser of Houston Engineering; Walter Nolte of the Advisory Committee and interested public.

Roland Gullekson, Chairman called the meeting to order. The DNR ruling concerning Dennis Lindberg’s dock was discussed. He has been ordered to remove the dock.

The Board discussed Dan Thul’s recommendations to disallow the $25,000 beaver fund for the Bear Park Project. Manager Wilkens was requested to discuss this action with Mr. Thul at the next Lower Red meeting.

The aerial photography of the Winger site has been completed.

Roland Gullekson reported on the Winger project. The land values set by a local committee have been tentatively set at $320/acre for cropland, $90 for pasture, and $10 for wasteland. Some landowners may donate land for the site.

Ray Christian requested a permit for another irrigation system. He was informed the Board has no regulations at present of irrigation wells. It is strictly through the state.

Steve Vesledahl’s permit application was considered. The Soil Conservation has expressed their objections. Several Board members have viewed the proposed project for drainage west and south of Winger and don’t object to it. Therefore the Board will approve the permit but Steve must get all the other necessary permits.

Bob Muscha reported on the City of Winger’s drainage ditch to the north of town.

The Houston Engineering Report and Recommendations on Project 2-17 was presented. Motion was made to accept the report by Francis LaVoi. The motion was seconded by Roger Hanson. Motion passed unanimously.

It was reported that construction on the Bear Park site is supposed to start at the end of the month.

Ray Christian expressed concern over the engineering bill he received for his permit application. After a lengthy discussion, he agreed to pay the bill.

Steve Ranz applied for assistance on paying for the rip-rap he put in the Sand Hill River to stop erosion. Steve presented the $1200 bill and would like the Watershed to contribute $600. Roger Hanson made a motion to ask our attorney if it is legal to pay Steve for this work and find out if it is possible to establish a district wide maintenance fund for the Sand Hill River. Francis LaVoi seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made, seconded, and carried to put Steve Ranz on the Advisory Committee.