

SAND HILL RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT

Septembers, 1996 Meeting Minutes

1. **Attendance:** Roger Hanson called the September 3, 1996 meeting to order at 7:00 a.m. at the District Office. Managers present were Harold Vig, Dan Wilkens, Jinimie Krogstad, and Ervin Vigness. Others in attendance were Naomi Jagol-SHRWD Administrative Assistant, Clayton Engelstad, Bob Yuergens, Alden Jallo, Roland Gullekson, and Wayne Goeken-AELC.
2. **Agenda Review:** No changes to the agenda were noted.
3. **Minutes:** Motion by Krogstad to approve the minutes of the August 6, 1996 SHRWD regular Board meeting as mailed. Motion seconded by Vig and carried unanimously.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** Wilkens handed out and reviewed the Treasurer's report. Bills that had been submitted for payment were then reviewed. Motion by Krogstad and second by Vig to approve the Treasurer's report and pay the bills as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Payment Made to - Memo	Amount
Naomi Jagol—secretarial services & expenses	\$444.48
Roger Hanson— meetings & expenses	147.30
Jimmie Krogstad—meetings & expenses	114.95
Harold Vig— meetings & expenses	180.03
Ervin Vigness— meetings & expenses	65.67
Dan Wilkens— meetings & expenses	142.17
Al & Laura's— Supplies	46.46
Anderson & Bailly— Services rendered for Project #12, 98 & 148	908.45
Dan Andree— Interior & Exterior painting	1,476.00
Christian Excavating & Cat Work— Clean Ditch 17-2	356.00
Coast to Coast—Supplies	109.76
Crookston Daily Times—Legal notice, 1997 Proposed Budget	48.72
Engelstad Bulldozing— Clean Ditch 1 7-2	270.00
Fertile Bakery— meeting expense	7.00
The Fertile Journal— meeting notice	39.90
First State Bank of Fertile~Soc. Sec./Med. deposit	270.00
First State Insurance Agency— Position Schedule Bond	239.00
Garden Valley Telephone Co.— September phone bill	113.25
Grand Forks Glass & Paint—Paint, primer, and replacement light fixtures	280.73
Interior Environments— Vertical blinds deposit	1,105.50
Johannson, Taylor, Rust, Tye, & Fagerlund-Project #12, 98 & 148 fees	2,787.50
Laser Systems— Rebuild toner cartridge for printer	60.24
Otter Tail Power Co.— September billing	125.78
Polk County Auditor-Treasurer—Beaver Control Cost Share for June and July	102.50
U.S. Postal Service— 1st Class postage stamps	160.00
MONTHLY TOTAL	\$9,601.39

5. Project Reports:

- a.)Sand Hill Ditch: Hanson stated that he and Woodbury had met with a representative from FEMA to assess the flood damage caused last spring. Hanson noted that funds acquired from FEMA can be used not only to repair sloughs but also to install drop structures as well.
- b.)Project #11-Beltrami Flood Control & Diversion and Project #13-Reis-Scandia Township Ditch: The following viewers were sworn in to determine the assessment areas and right-of-ways needed for the above-mentioned Projects: Roland Gullekson, Robert Yuergens, and Alden Jallo. Hanson stated that the viewing should be completed within 7-10 days and then a notice would be published indicating a scheduled public hearing to discuss any concerns. The viewers would present their report at the hearing and field any questions the public might have.
- c.)Project #12, 98 & 148: Hanson noted that the District will be returning to court on September 13, 1996, in order to have certain issues of this case retried. Hanson stated that the District's attorney would like to discuss this case with the Managers prior to this date.
- d.)Project #01 Bear Park: Krogstad inquired as to the beaver control policy for this Project. Hanson stated that the authorization for beaver dam blowing is still in effect. The river is growing shut with cattails and there is no channel left in a large area. This is causing some of the flooding. Wilkens noted that the District does participate in a statewide beaver control program for the rest of the district. This program, initiated by the Red Lake Watershed District, designates certain individuals who would turn in beaver tails to their respective townships for reimbursement of approximately \$25 per tail. The township would, in turn, seek reimbursement from their county auditor, who would finally contact the watershed district for reimbursement.

6. Upcoming Meetings and Other Business:

- a.)Annual Budget Hearing: Wilkens called to order the Annual Budget Hearing for 1997 at 8:00 a.m. No discussion or opposition was raised with regard to the proposed needs for 1997. Motion to adjourn the hearing by Vigness and second by Krogstad. Motion carried unanimously.
- b.)Building Maintenance Projects: Naomi stated that the interior and exterior painting was completed. Also, a confirmation date of the week of September 23rd was received from Grand Forks Glass & Paint with regard to replacing windows in the District Office. Final measurements were taken by Interior Environments for vertical blinds and these would be installed following the installation of the new windows.
- c.)Cattail Spraying: Naomi stated she was waiting to obtain information from the Wild Rice Watershed District with regard to cost estimates of similar projects. Once this is received, a determination will be made to designate the areas in Ditch 17-2 and also the Liberty-Onstad Township Ditch that are in need of this procedure.
- d.)River Watch: Wayne Goeken-AELC, summarized the status of the 2nd year of the two-year pilot project funded in part by the Sand Hill River Watershed District. Goeken stated that the first year consisted primarily of getting familiar with the procedures and equipment involved and also establishing a network with the area schools and teachers. Wilkens noted the importance of educating our students in that they are our future civic leaders. We should also consider the significant role in public relations that would be obtained by the District by continuing the support of this project. Vigness stated that the District should be interested in promoting water quality not just drainage and he viewed the Agassiz Environmental Learning Center as an invaluable tool to introduce and encourage students in the pursuit of environmental awareness. Hanson inquired as to the ultimate goal of the River Watch program. Goeken stated that it is to obtain baseline data with which

comparisons can later be made to assess changes or address areas of concern and also to get more citizens involved with and aware of watershed issues. Future funding of the River Watch program will be addressed at the next monthly meeting.

e.) Annual Reports: Goeken stated that he is finalizing the reports and these will be completed by next month's meeting.

f.) The International Coalition's 14th Annual Red River Basin Land and Water International Summit Conference:
Hanson noted that the District had received a free registration pass for any representative from the Sand Hill River Watershed District to participate in this conference scheduled for November 13-15 at the Hotel Fort Garry in Winnipeg, MB.

7. Permits:

a.) Five permits that came before the Board for review were approved as follows:

- 1996-27 Woodside Township - Install a culvert in Section 35.
- 1996-28 Woodside Township - Install a culvert in Section 26.
- 1996-29 Farmer's Union Oil of Beltrami - Install a culvert in Reis township, Section 21.
- 1996-30 Clayton Engelstad - Clean existing ditch in Liberty township, Section 5.
- 1996-31 Steve Carlson - Replace existing culvert in Knute township, Section 28.

8. Adjournment: The next regular meeting of the SHRWD will be 7:00 a.m. Tuesday, October 1, 1996. As there was no further business to come before the Board, motion by Krogstad and second by Vig to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 a.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Jimmie Krogstad, Secretary

Naomi L. Jagol, Administrative Assistant