

## SAND HILL RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT

February 2, 1999 Meeting Minutes

- 1. Attendance:** Chairman Hanson called the February 2, 1999 meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. at the District Office. Other managers present were Dan Wilkens and Jim Krogstad. Others in attendance were Naomi Jagol-Administrative Assistant, Jim Larsen-SHRWD Engineer, and Rudy Applequist.
- 2. Agenda Review:** No changes to the agenda were noted.
- 3. Minutes:** Motion by Manager Krogstad to approve the minutes of the SHRWD regular Board meeting held on January 5, 1999 as mailed, Seconded by Manager Wilkens, Carried.
- 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 Manager Krogstad to approve the Treasurer's report and pay the bills as presented, Seconded by Manager Hanson, Carried.

Payment Made to—Memo	Amount
Naomi Jagol—sec. services & exp. 1/1-1/15 (\$783.31), 1/16-1/31 (\$972.43)	\$1,755.74
Roger Hanson—meetings & expenses	130.83
Jimmie Krogstad—meetings & expenses	57.29
Dan Wilkens—meetings & expenses	426.32
Central Data Supply—Toner cartridges for printer	200.69
Culligan—Rental Agreement	11.72
Fertile Bakery—Meeting expense	6.60
First State Bank of Fertile—Soc. Sec./Med. Deposit	645.36
Garden Valley Telephone Co.—February phone bill	180.72
Dennis Habeck—River clean-up	2,592.00
Houston Engineering, Inc.—Meetings & Special Meetings and Farmstead Ring Dikes	688.60
Mac's Café—Noon meal (\$22.87 & \$28.44)	51.31
MN Department of Revenue—1998, 4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter withholding	180.00
Otter Tail Power Co.—February billing	269.23
Rinke-Noonan—1999 Annual Drainage & Wetlands Conference registration	70.00
VISA Credit—TIC Conference motel expense	281.04
<b>MONTHLY TOTAL</b>	<b>\$7,547.45</b>

### 5. Project Reports:

- a. Ring Dike:** Larsen stated that invoices were submitted to Dave Johnson-Department of Natural Resources (DNR), and the Red River Watershed Management Board (RRWMB) for reimbursement costs to date for the ring dike constructed at Allan Stromstad's. He added that responses regarding the requests should be received prior to the next regular monthly meeting.

Manager Hanson inquired whether funding available through the ring dike program would include moving a house if that action would be more cost effective than constructing a ring dike. Larsen responded that the ring dike program is intended to preserve the farmstead as is, but added that he would pursue other potential funding available for moving a house due to bank stabilization problems.

Manager Hanson inquired on the total cost of constructing the ring dike at Allan Stromstad's. Larsen responded that the cost was approximately \$44,000. Larsen added that the estimated cost of the ring dike was exceeded by approximately \$5,600. Larsen stated that he had been in contact with Dave Johnson-DNR, to inquire about the potential for additional funding.

- b. Project #12, Co. Ditches 98 & 148: Manager Krogstad inquired whether any costs had been recovered from the contractor regarding the additional work conducted in Hammond township. Manager Wilkens stated that he had contacted the contractor and invited him to attend the next board meeting for further discussion.

**6. Upcoming Meetings and Other Business:**

- a. Sand Hill Ditch Maps: Larsen presented a map of the Sand Hill Ditch to the District to have on file in the office.
- b. Red River Mediation Agreement Information Meeting: Manager Hanson updated the board on the informational meeting conducted on January 27, 1999, at the Northland Inn, Crookston, MN. He explained that the presentation was to discuss the mediation agreement developed by the Red River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Work Group. He stated that the agreement developed through the mediation process includes agency involvement with each phase of project implementation. This should foster a much better working relationship.

Manager Wilkens stated that discussions occurred in the mediation process regarding updates of watershed districts' overall plans. He explained that legislation is being pursued to assist watershed districts in funding the updates of their overall plans, which would include the development of hydrologic models (HEC-1) for each district within the Red River basin.

- c. Early Coordination Conference: Manager Wilkens stated that the RRWMB's March Conference format has been changed to accommodate the mediation agreement. He stated that the conference is scheduled for March 18-19, 1999 at the Northland Inn, Crookston, MN.

The conference is intended to enhance consensus building and aid in the decision making process in determining appropriate flood damage reduction and natural resource enhancements in Minnesota's Red River basin. Watershed districts will make presentations on problem areas within their jurisdiction. State and Federal agencies will participate toward recognizing legal and permitting requirements involved and identify natural resource issues and considerations. Environmental organization representatives will participate in the evaluation process. In addition, agency teams will be assigned to work with the watershed districts in developing projects.

Manager Wilkens stated that the Sand Hill River Watershed District will need to make a presentation at the conference regarding problem areas within the District. Larsen added that two or three problem areas should be identified within the District.

Larsen suggested that one such problem area could include the possible construction of an impoundment in conjunction with the Polk County Hwy #41 re-build project scheduled for 2003.

Wilkens suggested including discussion on the proposed Ogaard Impoundment. He stated that this project would be excellent for promoting natural resource enhancements.

Krogstad added that the Garden Slough site could be considered as well. He noted that this project could be constructed utilizing gated culverts which would be much cheaper than building a dam.

After board discussion, the following sites were tentatively agreed upon for presentation at the early coordination conference: 1) Garden Slough – culvert restrictions, 2) Maple Creek – impoundment in

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conjunction with Polk County Hwy #41 re-build, and 3) Ogaard Impoundment – natural resource  
enhancements.

- d. Polk County Hwy #41 re-build: Manager Wilkens stated that the Polk County Highway Department and the District are sponsoring an informational meeting on February 17, 1999 at the Climax Community Center in Climax, MN. The meeting will discuss the upcoming rebuilding of Polk County Hwy #41 starting just north of Climax and going easterly to Highway #9. The 12-mile stretch is currently scheduled to be constructed in 2003. The board requested Jim Larsen, district engineer, to be in attendance at the meeting.
- e. 1999 Annual Drainage and Wetland Conference: The 12<sup>th</sup> annual conference is scheduled for Thursday, February 4, 1999, at the St. Cloud Civic Center, St Cloud, MN. Manager Krogstad indicated that he would be attending the conference and requested Naomi Jagol to make the necessary arrangements.
- f. Seeking Signs of Success: Manager Krogstad stated that he attended an informational session at the Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts (MAWD) Annual Meeting which discussed tools for improving the effectiveness of your watershed.

A handout was distributed from the informational session which included an evaluation for watershed district managers to complete in order to describe the background and goals of watershed district projects. After board discussion, the managers determined they would review the handout individually and then complete the evaluation as a board.

- g. Vesledahl Wetland Proposal: Manager Wilkens stated that a meeting was conducted on January 28, 1999 with affected landowners. He stated that discussion occurred regarding the necessary procedures for making the ditch a legal system. He added that he has been working with Michael Kamnikar, Minnesota Department of Transportation-Bemidji, to schedule a meeting with legal counsel and area farmers in order to discuss the options available.
- h. 1999 MAWD Legislative Breakfast: The 1999 legislative breakfast is scheduled for March 12, 1999 at the Kelly Inn, St. Paul, MN. Managers Hanson, Krogstad, and Wilkens plan to attend.

**7. Permits:**

a.) No permits came before the Board this month for review.

- 8. Adjournment:** The next regular meeting of the SHRWD will be 8:00 a.m. Tuesday, March 2, 1999. As there was no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

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Jimmie Krogstad, Secretary

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Naomi L. Jagol, Administrative Assistant