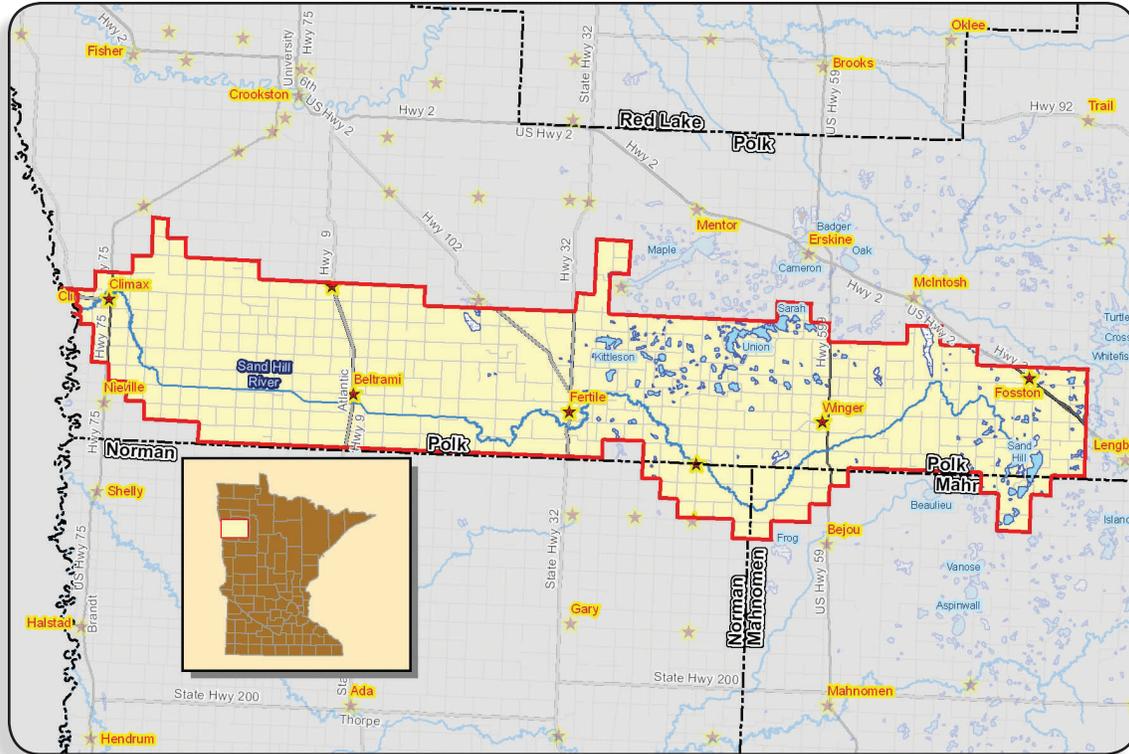


Sand Hill River

WATERSHED DISTRICT



GENERAL INFORMATION

Established: August 28, 1974
by citizen petition

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Included Counties: Polk, Norman,
Mahnomen

District Size: 475 square miles

Major Lakes: Union, Sarah

Number of Staff: 2

2008 Taxable Market Value:

\$452,460,300

BOARD OF MANAGERS

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RECENT PROJECTS

Fish Passage — the Sand Hill River has six impediments to fish passage. The District has worked with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Minnesota DNR to develop a plan to address the problem areas. Box culverts replaced old culverts at Texas Crossing in the fall of 2006, and the West Mill Crossing has been lowered and small rock rip rap drop structures are in place.

Ditch and Road Improvement Project — worked with the Polk County Highway Department to upgrade 15.5 miles of ditches and 15 crossings from Polk County Road 41 at Climax to Highway 9 at Greenview.

Union Lake Erosion Control — a large rainfall caused severe erosion in the channel that drains into Union Lake. The District received a grant from BWSR and is working with the East Polk SWCD, the Lake Improvement District, the project team, and several landowners to repair the damage and prevent future damage. The project will be completed in 2007.

Hydraulic Modeling — Houston Engineering completed a modeling effort that is an essential step in developing projects that hold back water and have minimal effect on natural resources.

Ring Dikes — earth dikes of 3–6 feet tall were built to protect people's homes and farmsteads from flooding. The District assisted several landowners, who shared in the project costs, and worked with the state and the Red River Watershed Management Board.



FUTURE PROJECTS

Ditch 46 — about 11 miles of ditch will be improved, featuring 4 to 1 side slopes, inlet pipes, rock rip rap drop structures, and grass filter strips, which will improve water quality while providing agricultural drainage.

Overall plan — the District has just begun the process of upgrading its overall plan, which will involve everyone interested in the District's water resources.

Garden slough — this flood control project will be located west of Rindahl.

Fish passage — four drop structures need to be fixed to develop viable solutions to fish barriers.