

# Sand Hill River Watershed District

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## Board of Managers

Bill Brekke, Jr.-Nielsville Stuart Christian-Erskine Roger Hanson-Beltrami Gordon Sonsteli-Erskine Harold Vig-Fosston  
Daniel Wilkens-Administrator April Swenby-Administrative Assistant

## SAND HILL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

April 12, 2004

**Attendance:** Chairman Todahl called the April 12, 2004 meeting of the Sand Hill Advisory Committee (SHAC) to order at 8 a.m. at Eats N' Antiques in Fertile, MN. Other advisory members present were Rory Hamre, David Johnstad, Allan Stromstad, & Roger Ulseth. Others in attendance were Daniel Wilkens-Administrator and April Swenby-Administrative Assistant.

**Annual Reorganization:** The Annual Organization of the SHAC was conducted. Chairman Todahl turned the meeting over to Daniel Wilkens who asked for nominations for Chairman of the SHAC. Allan Stromstad nominated Jim Todahl for Chairman. Nominations were called for three times by Daniel Wilkens. No further nominations were made. **Motion** to cease nominations and have the Secretary cast a unanimous ballot for Jim Todahl for Chairman by Allan Stromstad, **Seconded** by Roger Ulseth, **Carried**. Daniel Wilkens returned the chair to Jim Todahl.

**Minutes:** A **Motion** was made by David Johnstad to approve the April 8, 2003 meeting minutes, **Seconded** by Allan Stromstad, **Carried**.

**Board Reappointments:** Chairman Todahl stated that Stuart Christian of Erskine is up for reappointment on May 17<sup>th</sup> of 2004. Todahl asked for comments regarding Christian's role as a watershed board member. The committee felt that Christian was fulfilling his duty as a Sand Hill River Watershed District Manager and were pleased with his performance. A **Motion** was made by Allan Stromstad to recommend Stuart Christian to the County Commissioners for reappointment, **Seconded** by Roger Ulseth, **Carried**. As a reminder, Wilkens stated that next year the terms of Roger Hanson and Bill Brekke, Jr. will expire.

Chairman Todahl reviewed the letter he will send to the County Commissioners recommending Christian. Everyone concurred.

**Other Business:** Wilkens reviewed with the Advisory Committee the status of the watershed. Ulseth expressed concerns regarding project # 17 (Polk County #41 Rebuild). Ulseth expressed disappointment regarding the postponement of the project. Wilkens explained that watershed is having difficulty finding willing and qualified viewers. He explained the process viewers go through while assessing the projects. Wilkens also stated that there is a natural gas pipeline crossing Polk County # 41 and there is discussion as to whose responsibility it is to lower it.

Wilkens mentioned to the Advisory Committee that funding for farmstead ring dikes may be available in the future. Wilkens asked that they contact him with names of people who may be in need of a ring dike.

Wilkens distributed the treasurer's report for the month of March so that the Advisory Committee could see the current status of the watershed's finances.

Wilkins handed out and reviewed with the Advisory Committee the March 9, 2004 Project Team meeting minutes which overviews the current tasks of the watershed.

Wilkins concluded by saying in the next few years, the Sand Hill Board of managers and the administration may have a possible turnover. Wilkins said it is possible that some of the managers may not ask for reappointment on their next term. He suggested that the advisory committee begin to think about finding individuals that are interested in being on the board and would be willing to take the time that is needed to become good board members. The advisory committee does not want to see a total change in the board and staff at one time.

Chairman Todahl asked for recommendations for additional members of the Sand Hill River Advisory Committee. Bruce Stromstad was recommended to be added to the list. Chairman Todahl asked Wilkins to request approval from the board to add Bruce Stromstad to the Advisory Committee. They also asked Swenby to mail Bruce Stromstad a copy of the regular monthly meeting minutes.

The advisory committee concluded by stating their gratitude to Wilkins and Swenby for the excellent job they are doing with the operations of the district.

**Adjournment:** The next meeting of the SHAC will be at the call of the chair as needed. As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

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Daniel Wilkins, Administrator

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April Swenby, Administrative Assistant