

Sand Hill River Watershed District

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SAND HILL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

November 23, 2016

Attendance: Chairman Todahl called the November 23, 2016 meeting of the Sand Hill Advisory Committee (SHAC) to order at 8:00 a.m. at Erickson's Smokehouse in Fertile, MN. Other advisory members present were Clayton Bartz, Allan Stromstad, Wayne Goeken, Bruce Stromstad, JJ Hamre, Scott Tollefson, and Matt Erickson. Others in attendance were Randy Spokely – ND Landowner, Craig Bunes – Polk County Commissioner, Phillip Swenson -Sand Hill River Watershed District, 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 Tollefson who asked for nominations for Chairman of the SHAC. Craig Bunes nominated Jim Todahl for Chairman. Nominations were called for three times by Tollefson. No further nominations were made. **Motion** to cease nominations and have the Secretary cast a unanimous ballot for Jim Todahl for Chairman by Craig Bunes, **Seconded** by Allan Stromstad, **Carried**. Tollefson returned the chair to Jim Todahl.

Minutes: A **Motion** to approve the minutes from December 3, 2015 was made by committee member Tollefson, **Seconded** by committee member Bruce Stromstad, **Carried**.

Board Reappointments: Chairman Todahl stated that the term of Bill Brekke is up for reappointment on January 1, 2016. The advisory committee expressed gratitude for Brekke's years of service. Discussion for filling his position was held. Keith Dale and JJ Hamre were suggested. Dale, from Nielsville was not interested in the position. Hamre would consider serving. A brief synopsis of a board manager's role was described to Hamre. A **Motion** was made by committee member Bruce Stromstad to recommend JJ Hamre to the Polk County Commissioners, **Seconded** by Tollefson, **Carried**.

The term of Roger Hanson was also up for reappointment on January 1, 2016. A **Motion** was made Tollefson to recommend Roger Hanson for reappointment to the Polk County Commissioners, **Seconded** by Bruce Stromstad, **Carried**.

SHRWD Manager Evaluations: The floor was open to evaluate the existing managers of the SHRWD. Chairman Todahl was informed that Manager Balstad has missed three of the twelve meetings in 2016. Manager Balstad would like to continue serving the rest of his term, but has stated he will step down if another person is willing to serve in 2018 when his term is up.

SHAC Member List: The committee reviewed the current member list and suggested that Swenby call each inactive member to see if they would still like to serve. Douglas Chandler was suggested as a possible name to add to the list to serve.

Riverwatch: Goeken reported the Riverwatch program is still active and successful with students from Climax, Win-E-Mac and Fertile monitoring the river.

District Activities: Administrator Wilkens distributed a November treasurer's report and the 2015 Annual report. Wilkens updated that SHAC on the location of each district ditch/project listed on the fund balance report.

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 AM.

April Swenby, Administrative Assistant