

# Sand Hill River Watershed District

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## Board of Managers

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Daniel Wilkens-Administrator April Swenby-Administrative Assistant

## SAND HILL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

March 21, 2011

**Attendance:** Chairman Todahl called the March 21, 2011 meeting of the Sand Hill Advisory Committee (SHAC) to order at 8:00 a.m. at the Sand Hill Supper Club in Fertile, MN. Other advisory members present were Alan Stromstad, Steve Taylor, Danny Grunhovd, Phillip Swenson, and Scott Tollefson. Others in attendance were Wayne Goeken – Riverwatch Coordinator, Roger Hanson -Sand Hill River Watershed District Manager, Scott Balstad - Sand Hill River Watershed District Manager and April Swenby – Administrative Assistant.

**Annual Reorganization:** The Annual Organization of the SHAC was conducted. Chairman Todahl turned the meeting over to Scott Tollefson who asked for nominations for Chairman of the SHAC. Danny Grunhovd 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 Danny Grunhovd, **Seconded** by Alan Stromstad, **Carried**. Tollefson returned the chair to Jim Todahl.

**Minutes:** A **Motion** was made by Scott Tollefson to approve the March 29, 2010 and April 21, 2010 meeting minutes, **Seconded** by Phillip Swenson, **Carried**.

**Board Reappointments:** Chairman Todahl stated that Roger Hanson and Bill Brekke are up for reappointment on May 17<sup>th</sup> of 2011. Todahl reviewed Manager Hanson's role as a watershed board member. Todahl informed the advisory committee that he was assured he was fulfilling his duty as a Sand Hill River Watershed District Manager and his attendance is good. Hanson is willing to run another term. A **Motion** was made by Scott Tollefson to recommend Roger Hanson to the Polk County Commissioners for reappointment, **Seconded** by Alan Stromstad, **Carried**.

Todahl reviewed Manager Brekke's role as a watershed board member. Todahl informed the advisory committee that he was assured he was fulfilling his duty as a Sand Hill River Watershed District Manager and his attendance is good. Brekke is willing to run another term. A **Motion** was made by Phillip Swenson to recommend Bill Brekke to the Polk County Commissioners for reappointment, **Seconded** by Scott Tollefson, **Carried**.

### **Other Business:**

**Welcome to new members:** The advisory committee welcomed the two new members, Phillip Swenson and Danny Grunhovd to the committee. Roger Black and Al Grunhovd are also a new members, but were unable to attend this particular meeting. The committee members were asked to bring forth new members to the advisory committee. The list will be reviewed for inactive members.

**Leadership Award:** It was noted that in January, Dan Wilkens received a prestigious award named the Red River Basing Leadership Award.

**Watershed Future:** Wilkens is planning on retiring. The advisory committee discussed the future role of the watershed. The committee has advised the district to begin discussion as to how Dan's replacement will be handled to ensure a smooth transition. They discussed the cost vs. benefit between have a local district administrator vs. Dan' current position which is basin wide.

**Fish Passage:** The advisory committee was informed that district is currently waiting on the possibility of Corp. funding for the Fish Passage project.

**River Watch Report:** Wayne Goeken gave a report and power point presentation on the current river status and impaired areas 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 9:45AM.

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April Swenby, Administrative Assistant