

# Sand Hill River Watershed District

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## Board of Managers

Bill Brekke, Jr.-Nielsville Stuart Christian-Erskine Roger Hanson-Beltrami Scott Balstad-Fosston Phillip Swenson-Fertile  
Daniel Wilkens-Administrator April Swenby-Administrative Assistant

## SAND HILL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

March 27, 2014

**Attendance:** Chairman Todahl called the March 27, 2014 meeting of the Sand Hill Advisory Committee (SHAC) to order at 5:30 PM at Erickson's Smokehouse in Fertile, MN. Other advisory members present were Rory Hamre, Scott Tollefson, Roger Black, Wayne Goeken, and Matt Erickson. Others in attendance were Craig Bunes – Polk County Commissioner, Stuart Christian – Sand Hill River Watershed District Manager, Roger Hanson -Sand Hill River Watershed District Manager, Phillip Swenson -Sand Hill River Watershed District Manager, and Daniel Wilkens – Administrator.

**Minutes:** A **Motion** to approve the minutes from April 9, 2013 was made by committee member Hamre, **Seconded** by committee member Black, **Carried**.

**Annual Reorganization:** The Annual Organization of the SHAC was conducted. Chairman Todahl turned the meeting over to Wilkens who asked for nominations for Chairman of the SHAC. Committee member Tollefson nominated Jim Todahl for Chairman. Nominations were called for three times by Wilkens. 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 Rory Hamre, **Carried**. Wilkens returned the chair to Jim Todahl.

**Board Reappointments:** Chairman Todahl stated that Bill Brekke and Roger Hanson are up for reappointment on May 17<sup>th</sup> of 2014. Todahl reviewed each manager performance as watershed board members. Todahl informed the advisory committee that he was assured they were fulfilling their duty as a Sand Hill River Watershed District Manager and thanked them for their many years of service. Both are willing to run another term. A **Motion** was made by Scott Tollefson to recommend Bill Brekke and Roger Hanson to the Polk County Commissioners for reappointment, **Seconded** by Rory Hamre, **Carried**.

Chairman Todahl opened the floor for comments regarding the Sand Hill River Watershed District's board of managers. No negative comments were noted.

**Dan's successor:** Wilkens job description was read. The managers will continue their succession plan. The advisory committee suggested advertising for Wilkens successor by fall of 2014 or winter of 2015.

**District Activities:** Wilkens gave an update on the following:

**Tile drainage laws:** Wilkens passed out the tile drainage report prepared by BTSAC. It says that sometimes uncontrolled tile drainage can add to flood peaks. If they are installed with controls when those times occur they can be shut off and not contribute to the flood peaks. Chairman Todahl gave the Hefty Brothers speech: In the Sand Ridge areas if you tile the wet areas and outlet them into the sand ridges then both areas gain.

**District Finances:** Wilkens handed out copies of the latest treasurer's report and went over district finances and fund balances.

**Future Projects:** Wilkens reported on the list of possible future projects in the district. The district is working on improving the Bear Park storage and looking at resurrecting the two dry dam concept of the

Winger project. They are looking at upgrading the office building roof and possibly adding a lean-to west of the current office for handicap accessibility and handicap bathrooms. A better access to the basement as well as storage of district equipment could be included.

**Advisory Committee Comments:**

Roger Black: Commented on the Bear Park project that is being considered for enhancement. He wanted to let the board know that they should take into account the gravel pits in the project so as to not affect them adversely.

**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 7:00 PM.

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Daniel Wilkens, Administrator