



TITLE: 2026 BUDGET

DATE: AUGUST 15, 2025

NOTICE OF HEARING

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 103D.911, notice is hereby given that the Board of Managers of the Sand Hill River Watershed District will hold a public hearing on the proposed budget for 2026 at 8:30 a.m., September 4, 2025, at the District Office, located at 219 North Mill Street, City of Fertile, County of Polk, State of Minnesota. The following is a summary:

Administrative Fund: An ad valorem tax of .02418 percent of taxable market value for 2025, collectible for 2026, will be levied on all taxable property within the Sand Hill River Watershed District. Administration Fund Budget: **(Income)** Homestead/Ag Credit \$3,500, Interest Income \$50,000, Reimbursable Expenses \$350, Tax Levy \$250,000; *Total Income \$303,850.* **(Expenses)** Office Occupancy \$13,000, Computer \$15,000, Furniture & Equipment \$15,000, Dues & Membership \$4,000, Education \$4,000, Manager's Per Diem & Expenses \$20,000, Office Operations \$18,000, Payroll Expenses/Services \$125,000, Payroll Taxes (Soc. Sec./Med.). \$8,000, Professional Services \$20,000, Publicity \$1,000, Web-site \$3,000, Miscellaneous \$200, Capital Improvements \$48,650, Travel Expenses \$8,000, Meeting Expenses \$1,000; *Total Expenses \$303,850.* FISCAL YEAR 2026 ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET, \$303,850.

Basic Water Management. In accordance with M.S.A. 103D.905, Subd. 3, an amount not to exceed 0.00798 percent of the taxable market value to pay the costs attributable to the basic water management features of projects/programs implemented by petition. Multiple levies are anticipated for a variety of projects/programs, including, but not limited to: project teams, data collection, construction, maintenance, beaver control, and information/permit management services related to specific projects within the Sand Hill River Watershed District, River Clean up efforts, clean water fund projects such as sediment basins, targeted watershed grants/efforts, and rock riffles, Erosion Control projects, Comprehensive Planning, and other projects/programs of common benefit.

