



**SAND HILL RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT  
BOARD OF MANAGERS  
NOTICE OF HEARING**

**Please Take Notice:** The Sand Hill River Watershed District (SHRWD) Board of Managers will hold a hearing on the manager-initiated benefits determination for Watershed Project No. 27 – Union Lake and Lake Sarah Outlet, at 7:30 p.m. on August 22, 2025, at the Union Lake Sarah Campground Barn, 20049 Campground RD SE, Erskine, MN 56535. At the hearing, the Board of Managers will consider establishment of benefits for the Project.

The Lake Improvement District (LID), working in collaboration with Polk County, MN, constructed a lake outlet project in 1999-2000 to alleviate high water concerns at that time. Authority for the project was subsequently turned over to the SHRWD under authorities in Minnesota Statute 103D. Since that time, the SHRWD has worked closely with the LID to operate and maintain the project. The Board is now following processes in statutes sections 103D.721-.745 to establish a benefit roll to cover costs of future operations and maintenance of the project.

The consulting appraiser's proposed benefits recommendation and report have been filed with the Board. All reports are available for inspection on the District's website, [www.sandhillwatershed.org](http://www.sandhillwatershed.org) and at the District's office located at 219 North Mill Street, Fertile, MN 56540, or by contacting the Watershed District Administrator, April Swenby, at 218-945-3204 or [april.swenby@sandhillwatershed.org](mailto:april.swenby@sandhillwatershed.org).

At the hearing, the Board will accept public comment regarding the proposed benefits determination and appraiser's report. All parties interested in the proposed benefits determination may appear at the final hearing notice to present objections, and to show why an order should not be made by the managers confirming and adopting the appraiser's report of project benefits.

Written comments will be accepted at the hearing and by mail, through the date of the hearing, directed to the Watershed District Administrator, April Swenby, at PO Box 584, Fertile, MN 56540 or [april.swenby@sandhillwatershed.org](mailto:april.swenby@sandhillwatershed.org). Please reference Union Lake Pumping Project in your comments.

**Attachments:**

**Map of property areas benefitted by the project:**

**Map of owners of property affected by the proposed benefits determination:**

**The following governmental entities are affected by the proposed benefits determination:**

Minnesota Department of Natural Resources