

Sand Hill River Watershed District

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SAND HILL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

April 8, 2003

Attendance: Chairman Todahl called the April 8, 2003 meeting of the Sand Hill Advisory Committee (SHAC) to order at 8 a.m. at Mac's Café in Fertile, MN. Other advisory members present were Roger Ulseth, Rory Hamre, David Johnstad, Allan Stromstad, Scott Tollefson, and John Balstad. Others in attendance were Daniel Wilkens-Administrator and April Swenby-Administrative Assistant.

Wilkens informed the SHAC on the current projects and tasks of the Sand Hill River Watershed District. He updated the members on Tea Lake, Charlie Balstad lake level, county ditch # 133 request to re-establish the ditch, Union Lake detention, county ditch # 122 diversion, Polk County # 41 rebuild, the mediation process and our project team, fish passage, and the Garden Slough. He also touched base regarding the Beltrami and Nielsville Ring Dike progress stating that funding was the next step.

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. David Johnstad nominated Jim Todahl for Chairman. Nominations were called for three times by Scott Tollefson. No further nominations were made. **Motion** to cease nominations and have the Secretary cast a unanimous ballot for Jim Todahl for Chairman by Allan Stromstad, **Seconded** by Rory Hamre, **Carried**. Scott Tollefson returned the chair to Jim Todahl.

Chairman Todahl stated that two manager terms are up for reappointment on May 17th of 2003. The managers are Harold Vig from Fosston, MN and Gordon Sonsteli from Winger, MN. He then asked John Balstad's to comment on the manager position in his area. Balstad stated he felt Vig was doing a good job for the Sand Hill River Watershed District. He stated he felt Vig has done what he can do concerning the Charlie Balstad Lake level disagreement. He concluded by saying Vig is not afraid to take a stand when needed.

Chairman Todahl was familiar with the position that is open in the Winger area and recommend that Gordon Sonsteli be reappointed. He stated he felt Sonsteli has done a great job for the district. After discussion, A **Motion** was made by Scott Tollefson to recommend Gordon Sonsteli and Harold Vig to the County Commissioners for reappointment, **Seconded** by Roger Ulseth, **Carried**.

Chairman Todahl reviewed the letter he will send to the County Commissioners recommending Sonsteli and Vig. Everyone concurred.

Todahl concluded by saying in the next few years, the Sand Hill Board of managers and the administration may have a possible turnover. Wilkens will be approaching retirement in the next 5 years and it is possible that some of the managers may not ask for reappointment on their next term. He suggested that the advisory committee begin to think about finding individuals that are interested in being on the board and would be willing to take the time that is needed to become good board members. The advisory committee does not want to see a total change in the board and staff at one time.

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 9:45 a.m.

Daniel Wilkens, Administrator

April Swenby, Administrative Assistant

