SAND HILL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
March 30, 2000

Attendance: Chairman Todahl called the March 30, 2000 meeting of the Sand Hill Advisory Committee (SHAC) to order at 7:30 a.m. at Mac’s Café in Fertile, MN. Other advisory members present were Roger Ulseth, Rory Hamre, Gordon Sonstelie, Steve Taylor, David Johnstad, and Don Bakken. Others in attendance were Daniel Wilkens-Administrator and Naomi Jagol-Administrative Assistant.

The Annual Organization of the SHAC was conducted. Chairman Todahl turned the meeting over to David Johnstad who asked for nominations for Chairman of the SHAC. Roger Ulseth nominated Jim Todahl for Chairman. Nominations were called for three times by David Johnstad. No further nominations were made. Motion to cease nominations and have the Secretary cast a unanimous ballot for Jim Todahl for Chairman, Seconded by Rory Hamre, Carried. David Johnstad returned the chair to Jim Todahl.

Wilkens distributed a handout which included the current list of Sand Hill River Watershed District Board of Managers, a history of the District, a description of the Red River Watershed Management Board (RRWMB), and a description of the Red River Basin Board (RRBB).

Wilkens referred to a map of the District and discussed the proposed boundary changes for the north portion of the District. He reported that Loren Sanderson, Red Lake Watershed District, has agreed to work with the SHRWD on the boundary change. He added that they would be scheduling meetings with the township boards to obtain their assistance in developing the new boundary.

Wilkens updated the SHAC on the status of the Union Lake/Sarah lake level reduction project. He stated that the District hosted an informational meeting on the action needed to turn the Union Lake/Sarah lake level reduction project over to the watershed district for maintenance. Kurt Deter, Rinke-Noonan law firm, conducted the meeting at the district office on March 9, 2000. The Lake Improvement District, SHRWD Board members, and the Polk County Board of Commissioners attended the meeting.

Chairman Todahl stated that two manager terms are up for reappointment in May of 2000. The managers are Harold Vig from Fosston, MN and Jimmie Krogstad from Fertile, MN. Todahl stated that the District is becoming a key player in water management in the Red River basin and added that participation in board activities from managers, in addition to the regular monthly meetings, is a crucial component in order to ensure the future success of the District. The SHAC determined that they would discuss the manager appointments with citizens from their area and meet again next week to discuss the individuals they would be recommending for manager appointments to the Polk County Board of Commissioners.

Adjournment: The next regular meeting of the SHAC will be at 7:30 a.m. Thursday, April 6, 2000. As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 a.m.