

Sand Hill River Watershed District

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SAND HILL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

April 7, 2008

Attendance: Chairman Todahl called the April 7, 2008 meeting of the Sand Hill Advisory Committee (SHAC) to order at 8 a.m. at Eats N' Antiques in Fertile, MN. Other advisory members present were Bruce Stromstad, Steve Taylor, Scott Balstad and Rory Hamre. Riverwatch Team members in attendance were Matt Burke – Win-E-Mac, Joey Gieseke – Win-E-Mac, Robert Nephew – Win-E-Mac, Miriam Thompson – Fertile, Samantha Brown – Fertile, Luke Thompson – Fertile, Betsy Thoreson – Climax, Laura Atilano – Climax, Sarah Iverson – Climax, Karen Thoreson – Climax, Jacob Vigness – Climax, Travis Grove – Climax, Dylan Nesvig – Climax, Jessica Voeller – Climax and Wayne Goeken – Riverwatch Coordinator. Others in attendance were Daniel Wilkens-Administrator and April Swenby – Administrative Assistant.

Annual Reorganization: The Annual Organization of the SHAC was conducted. Chairman Todahl turned the meeting over to Daniel Wilkens who asked for nominations for Chairman of the SHAC. Bruce Stromstad nominated Jim Todahl for Chairman. Nominations were called for three times by Daniel Wilkens. No further nominations were made. **Motion** to cease nominations and have the Secretary cast a unanimous ballot for Jim Todahl for Chairman by Rory Hamre, **Seconded** by Steve Taylor, **Carried**. Daniel Wilkens returned the chair to Jim Todahl.

Minutes: A **Motion** was made by Bruce Stromstad to approve the March 18, 2007 meeting minutes, **Seconded** by Steve Taylor, **Carried**.

Board Reappointments: Chairman Todahl stated that Roger Hanson and Bill Brekke are up for reappointment on May 17th of 2008. Todahl reviewed their role as a watershed board member. Todahl informed the advisory committee that he was assured they were fulfilling their duties as a Sand Hill River Watershed District Manager and their attendance is good. Todahl will check to be sure both managers are willing to run another term. A **Motion** was made by Bruce Stromstad to recommend Stuart Christian to the Polk County Commissioners for reappointment, **Seconded** by Steve Taylor, **Carried**. Chairman Todahl reviewed the letter he will send to the County Commissioners recommending Christian. Everyone concurred.

The SHAC has elected April Swenby as the recorder for the group.

Other Business:

Administration Report: Wilkens distributed the Sand Hill River Watershed District's latest treasurer's report. Wilkens gave a brief synopsis of the districts current projects and upcoming tasks including: Project #20, Union Lake Erosion Control, Garden Slough, district boundaries, overall plan, and modeling. Wilkens thanked the river watch teams for attending this meeting and informed the SHAC of the value of the river watch teams.

Riverwatch Report: Each school provided a display and report of their findings and possible theories for each sampling site. Win-E-Mac reported high incidences of dissolved oxygen. Fertile and Climax reported suspended solid and turbidity issues. Climax prepared a video for the Adopt a River Program where volunteers clean up their area of the river.

Jessica Voeller and Joey Gieseke volunteered to become members of the SHAC. Todahl will recommend their names to the Sand Hill River Watershed District board of managers as possible SHAC members.

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 10:40 AM.

April Swenby, Administrative Assistant