

Sauk River Watershed District

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Regular Meeting

Approved

January 16, 2007

President Kutter called the meeting to order. Managers present: Cook, Hensley, Hermanutz, Kral, Kuseske, Kutter, Rettig, Robinson and Mostad. Also present were: Grey Eagle Mayor Thom Muellner; Jason Weirnerman, BWSR, Jim Hodgson, MPCA, Jerry VanKorff, Attorney; Lowell Enerson, Administrator; Lynn Nelson, Project Coordinator; Amy Trisko, Education Coordinator; Starla Arceneau, Recording Secretary.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

The proposed agenda was reviewed. A motion was made by Manager Cook to approve the agenda. Manager Kral seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

President Kutter and Administrator Enerson reviewed the amendments to the December 19th regular meeting minutes regarding the rules. Manager Cook made a motion to adopt the December 19th minutes as amended. Manager Rettig seconded it. The motion passed with Manager Hermanutz and Robinson opposing. Manager Hensley then made a motion that the December 19th minute tapes not be destroyed so Managers can review if needed. Manager Robinson seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

The board meeting was recessed for a presentation by Jim Hodgson on Total Daily Maximum Loads (TMDL's)

The meeting was re-opened since the Minnesota League of Cities was not ready for the TMDL presentation

The board reviewed the January 2nd regular meeting minutes. Manager Cook made a motion to approve the minutes with one correction. Manager Rettig seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

The board reviewed the treasurer's report. Manager Cook made a motion to approve checks 15967 thru 16000 with one correction to check #15969. Manager Rettig seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

Administrator Enerson reviewed a permit application for the reconstruction of the City of Grey Eagle Storm Sewer. The Districts Engineer recommended two special permit conditions before approving the permit. Mayor Thom Muellner was in attendance to answer questions regarding the application. Manager Mostad made a motion to approve the permit including the 2 permit conditions. Manager Kral seconded it. The motion passed with Manager Hermanutz abstaining.

The board meeting was recessed again for the presentation on Total Daily Maximum Loads (TMDL's)

The meeting was re-convened.

The board reviewed the Big Fish Lake petition expenses. There was discussion on whether the expenses were accrued prior to the petition. Manager Mostad made a motion to return the \$2000 to the Petitioners and request a reimbursement from Rinke-Noonan for the \$558.50 legal fees. Manager Hermanutz seconded it. The motion passed with Manager Robinson opposing. The professional Service Committee will meet to determine regarding Legal & Engineering at 6:00 pm February 6, 2007.

The board reviewed whether the District should be closed during a National Day of Mourning. Manager Kuseske mentioned that a National Day of Mourning is for Federal employees only and would pertain to Watershed Districts if the Governor declares it mandatory for all businesses to be closed.

Jason Weinerman, BWSR, handed out results from the January 4th workshop. Weinerman also handed out a survey of possible future workshops. The board and staff should send the survey to Jason no later than February 6th.

The Personnel Committee met with Administrator Enerson prior to the meeting to discuss hiring Noah Czech as a temporary full-time employee for 6 months and hire 2 summer interns. Manager Cook made a motion to hire Noah as a temporary full-time employee at \$12 per hour and hire 2 summer interns at \$10 per hour. Manager Robinson seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

There was no Budget Committee Report.

There was no Nominating Committee Report.

There was no Weed Harvest Committee Report.

Manager Hermanutz handed out options on 4 speakers that would be willing to give presentations to the board or staff or both. The Managers should contact President Kutter or Administrator Enerson on which speaker they would like to present.

There was no Special Project Committee Report.

The calendar was reviewed. Administrator Enerson mentioned that the last eight months of 2006 the Sauk River Watershed District website was visited 16,366 and had 77,794 hits.

The board reviewed Resolution 07-01 for the Middle Sauk River Water Quality Restoration Project Grant Agreement. Manager Mostad made a motion to approve Resolution 07-01. Manager Cook seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

The Board handed in their vote for the 2007 R.I.V.E.R. award recipient that Manager Kral will present at the Stearns County Pheasant Forever Banquet.

Jim Hodgson, MPCA, mentioned that the MPCA is working with Bemidji State University to complete a Willingness to Pay Study on Water Quality Improvement.

Meeting was adjourned.

Secretary, Virgil Rettig
Recording Secretary, Starla Arceneau