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Regular Meeting

Approved

January 17th, 2006

President Hensley called the meeting to order. Managers present: Cook, Hensley, Hermanutz, Kral, Kutter, Mostad, Robinson and Rettig. Manager Absent: Kuseske. Others present Dan Schleper, Muggli Accounting; Julie Klocker, Administrator; Starla Arceneau, Office Administrator.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

The board reviewed the minutes of the January 3rd meeting. Manager Robinson made a motion to approve the January 3rd minutes. Manager Cook seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

The board reviewed the treasurer's report. Manager Kutter made a motion to approve the treasurer's report comprised of checks 14798 thru 14833. Manager Robinson seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

Administrator Klocker gave an update on the status of several members of staff pursuing group health Insurance. The staff members have looked into a group policy, but this was not a good option. Manager Kutter made a motion to have Administrator Klocker review the staff policies and determine the difference between the actual cost of health Insurance and the \$250 health Insurance stipend and if the actual cost is lower, the difference the amount is to be calculated in the staff wages. Manager Hermanutz seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

Dan Schleper reviewed the July 1, 2004 thru June 30, 2005 fiscal year audit. Manager Kutter made a motion to approve the audit and to pay Muggli's an additional \$200 to complete the State Auditor's request form and \$8400 for the completion of the audit. A roll call vote was taken: Hermanutz-aye, Rettig-aye, Cook-aye, Kutter-aye, Kral-aye, Robinson-abstained, Mostad-aye, Hensley-aye. The motion passed with all in favor.

Administrator Klocker handed out and reviewed the estimated financial standings for the Judicial Ditch 2 Sediment Ponds. Klocker also reviewed Riley Brother's partial payment and Change orders number 3 and 4 requested by Barr Engineering. Manager Rettig then made a motion to pay the partial payment request and to approve the change orders but hold payment of the change orders until the project is completed. Manager Cook seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor. There was considerable discussion that the total cost reimbursed to Barr Engineering already exceeded the contract cost. The board asked Administrator Klocker to contact Steve Klein for a breakdown of their expenses.

Reports from the Committees: Manager Cook gave an update on the 2006 Summer Tour. Starla Arceneau reviewed the cost for the pullover shirts approved by the Managers. Manager

Kutter made a motion to order the pullovers shirts. Manager Cook seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

Manager Hermanutz gave an update on the Weed Harvest Equipment and the possible use of chemicals to remove vegetation from Sauk Lake. Administrator Klocker mentioned that until the DNR approves the aquatic plant management plan, there can be no consideration of harvesting additional weeds or purchasing a harvester. Administrator Klocker is trying to set up a summit with Agencies and Legislators to discuss a regional management approach instead of addressing each lake association's request for aquatic plant management.

The Calendar was reviewed.

The Pheasant Forever Banquet is scheduled for February 25th, 2006. Managers attending will be Kral, Kutter and Kuseske.

Administrator Klocker mentioned that Wenck Engineering has reviewed the Riverbats Stadium EAW Report. Wenck's determined that the EAW was fairly complete. There are questions on wetland impacts and pervious pavers which need to be further explored in the permit and plat review process.

Administrator Klocker gave a Legislative Update.

The Scholarship Fund announcement will be published in early March. Managers Kutter and Cook along with Amy Trisko and Administrator Klocker will review the applications and announce the winner by April 1st.

Administrator Klocker informed the Board that Dan Jordet requested a data practice request for all information from 1999-2006 on Lake Maria project. Administrator Klocker sent a letter along with 118 copies stating that any other requested information will be charged to Mr. Jordet. Administrator Klocker met with Mr. Jordet the afternoon of January 17th to discuss this issue. Mr. Jordet threatened to block the pipe that discharges into Lake Maria. Administrator Klocker informed Mr. Jordet of the consequences if he chose to do so.

Administrator Klocker reviewed a quote for purchasing a River Cat to use for monitoring, especially during high flows. To purchase the equipment would be \$23,900 or rent to own would be \$3000 a month with 10% interest. Manager Cook made a motion to purchase the equipment. Manager Robinson seconded it. The board felt that they would like to have a demonstration before purchasing the equipment. The motion was withdrawn. The staff will setup a demonstration at the February 7th regular meeting.

Manager Hensley will submit the staff's proof of insurance to Administrator Klocker to determine if there is adjustment to the Health Insurance.

Manager Hermanutz requested discussion on the Rockville Development at the next board meeting.

Manager Cook informed the board that she will miss the two meeting in February and Manager Kutter informed the board that she will miss the second meeting in February.

The meeting was adjourned.

Secretary, Virgil Rettig
Recording Secretary, Starla Arceneau