

# Sauk River Watershed District

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Regular Meeting

Approved

January 18, 2005

President Cook called the meeting to order. Managers present: Cook, Hensley, Hunstiger, Kral, Kuseske, Kutter, Mostad and Rettig. Manager absent: Schmidt. Others present were Jason Selvog, Stearns County SWCD; Douglas County Commissioner Bev Bales; Amy Trisko Education Coordinator; John Kolb, Attorney; Julie Klocker, Administrator; Starla Arceneau, Office Administrator.

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

The board reviewed the minutes of the January 4th meeting. The minutes were approved with correction by general consent.

The board reviewed the treasurer's report. Manager Rettig then made a motion to approve the treasurer's report comprised of checks 13653 through 13686. Manager Kutter seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

Jason Selvog gave a presentation on our partnership and the effectiveness of promoting CRP in the Sauk River Watershed District area. At the Pheasants Forever Convention, Jason Selvog received the National "Acre Maker" award for getting habitat on the ground through planting and education. Manager Kuseske and Jason Selvog presented the Sauk River Watershed District a Certificate of Appreciation award that was also given at the convention.

Amy Trisko gave a presentation on the District's outreach efforts in 2004. Trisko mentioned that over 22,000 contacts were made with people through presentations, newsletters, brochures and workshops. The board thanked Amy for an informational presentation.

The board reviewed Resolution 05-01 in regards to request funding for the 2005 Middle Sauk River Water Festival. Manager Hunstiger made a motion to approve Resolution 05-01. Manager Kutter seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

The board reviewed the petition by the City of Eden Valley in support of a Comprehensive Stormwater Investigation. Manager Rettig made a motion to accept the petition and give #05-01 its project number and to call the project the Eden Valley Stormwater Project. Manager Hunstiger seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor. The Board advised Administrator Klocker to proceed in a request for proposals for engineering services for this project.

Administrator Klocker will be meeting with Stearns County Commissioners Otte and Schaeffer to review the Lower Sauk Study. Klocker will try to work with Environmental Services Director Don Adams to be on the Stearns County Agenda on February 1<sup>st</sup>.

Administrator Klocker gave an update on the Judicial Ditch 2 Sediment Ponds. There will be a pre-bid meeting on January 21<sup>st</sup> in Osakis from 2:00 to 4:00PM. Managers attending will be Hensley, Kral, Kuseske and Mostad. The bids will be opened at 2:00 on Monday, January 24, 2005. Staff will take care of the bid opening.

The Big Sauk Lake Aquatic Plant Harvesting project was reviewed. Written comments are due by January 26. Viewing will be scheduled by the committee from January 27 thru February 9<sup>th</sup>. The Final Hearing is scheduled for February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2005.

The calendar was reviewed. The Employee and Rules committees will reschedule their meetings.

Administrator Klocker reviewed permit 05-01 in regards to removing fill and placing a culvert for an access road. Manager Mostad made a motion to approve permit 05-01. Manager Kral seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

Administrator Klocker requested to attend the MECA Conference and the Erosion/Sediment Control Site Management Workshop. Manager Kutter made a motion to approve the Administrator to attend the two workshops. Manager Hunstiger seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

Administrator Klocker gave an update on the legislative update process. The Board determined that since our request is the same as last year there is no need to seek new resolutions from County Boards. The board recommended Administrator Klocker contact Senator Fischbach and Representative Heiderken to pursue the increase in the General Fund.

Administrator Klocker discussed setting up criteria and a review policy for Best Management Practice funds. The staff will put a draft of forms and policies together.

The Attorney's Report was given by John Kolb. Kolb gave an update on the County Ditch 17 Project. Kolb will not be at the next board meeting. Attorney Leistico will be attending the meeting.

Manager Kuseske informed the board that the mileage cost has increased to 40.5¢ per mile.

Douglas County Commissioner Bales congratulated the Board on the new grants and asked that the board contact her if we need help with anything.

Manager Rettig made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Manager Hunstiger seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

Secretary, Ed Hunstiger  
Recording Secretary, Starla Arceneau