

Sauk River Watershed District

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Regular Meeting

Approved

October 3, 2006

President Kutter called the meeting to order. Managers present: Hensley, Hermanutz, Kral, Kutter, Rettig, Robinson and Mostad. Manager absent: Cook, Also present were: Maynard Pick, Congressman Peterson's Office; Kurt Deter, Attorney; Lowell Enerson, Administrator; Starla Arceneau, Recording Secretary.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

The board reviewed the minutes of the September 19th regular meeting. Manager Rettig made a motion to approve the September 19th regular meeting minutes. Manager Kral seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

The board reviewed the treasurer's report. Manager Rettig made a motion to approve checks 15621 thru 15673. Manager Kral seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

Manager Hensley gave the Personnel Committee Report. Manager Hensley made a motion to hire Allan Kuseske as the Ditch Inspector at \$45 per hour plus mileage with a stipulation that Kuseske show proof of Liability and Workers Compensation. Manager Rettig seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

Administrator Enerson gave an update on the rules. Chris Meehan has donated 10 hours of engineering services to work with Lynn Nelson and Administrator Enerson to put together a draft copy of the rules that will be sent out in the board packet.

Administrator Enerson met with the Stearns County Auditor Randy Schriefels and Denny Krohn on certifying assessments on the District's ditches. The Auditor's office has \$40,000 that will be turned over to the district within the next couple weeks. Administrator Enerson recommended that the two interns work with the county to determine benefits on County Ditch 17. Manager Mostad made a motion to have the staff proceed to work on a County Ditch 17 levy. Manager Rettig seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

Administrator Enerson has contacted the Attorney on whether the staff's net wages can be itemized or listed as a lump sum. The Attorney's finding is that the net pay must continue as a lump sum and not be itemized for all employees. The board of Managers per diem's will also be lump sum in the Treasurer's report.

The board discussed two quotes for a trailer for the Water Festival. Manager Robinson made a motion to purchase a trailer from Widdes Trailers for \$4395. Manager Rettig seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

The board reviewed the new 2006 Taxable Market Value.

Administrator Enerson recommends a Watershed tour for all Board of Managers to see many of the projects within the district boundaries. The Board recommended the staff set up a fall tour.

The Engineer's for the Lakeside Addition have not submitted the information Meehan requested at the September 19th meeting. This application will be tabled until all the information is submitted.

Administrator Enerson reported on a meeting he attended with Allan Kuseske on County Road 33. There were Commissioners and Politicians in attendance to determine if the culvert under County Road 33 should be lowered. Administrator Enerson has suggested other alternatives that could be used instead of lowering the culvert.

Administrator Enerson reviewed the contract with Bill Walker on the Lower Sauk Diagnostic Study. Manager Robinson made a motion to sign the contract. Manager Mostad seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

Administrator Enerson reviewed a permit violation on the Sanctuary Development on Long Lake. Manager Robinson made a motion to have Attorney Deter write a letter informing the developer of the violations. Manager Rettig seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

Peter Ebnet, former summer intern, has contacted the office and can work a couple days per week if needed. Manager Rettig made a motion to re-hire Ebnet at \$11 per hour for as many hours as necessary. Manager Kral seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

Manager Robinson asked if there would be a conflict of interest if a Manager were to sit on the Friends of the Sauk board. Attorney Deter read the statute that covers conflict of interest. The Manager that would be sitting on the Friends of the Sauk board would have to abstain from voting if they felt necessary.

Manager Mostad has been asked to sit on the Douglas County Planning & Zoning board. The Planning & Zoning meetings are also on the first and third Tuesdays of the month and Manager Mostad was wondering if the District would be interested in moving their meeting dates. The board was not in favor of moving their meeting dates and felt that if Douglas County wanted Manager Mostad on their board they should move their meeting dates.

The 2006 Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts Conference is scheduled for November 30th thru December 2nd. If interested in attending, the board should contact the staff. The Office Administrator has been asked again to be the recording secretary for the conference. Manager Mostad made a motion to allow the Office Administrator to be the recording secretary at the conference. Manager Rettig seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

The meeting was adjourned

Secretary, Virgil Rettig

Recording Secretary, Starla Arceneau