

Sauk River Watershed District

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Regular Meeting

Approved

October 4, 2005

President Hensley called the meeting to order. Managers present: Cook, Hensley, Hermanutz, Kral, Kuseske, Kutter, Mostad and Rettig. Manager absent: Robinson. Others present Chris Meehan, Wenck; Dave Walgenbach, Bob Bjork and Mitch Manoski, Big Sauk Lake Association; Pat Selter and Chris Cheek, Professional Lake Management; Bev Bales, Douglas County Commissioner; 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 Kral to approve the agenda. Manager Kuseske seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

The board reviewed the minutes of the September 20 meeting. Manager Rettig made a motion to approve the September 20th minutes. Manager Hermanutz seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

The board reviewed the treasurer's report. Manager Cook made a motion to approve the treasurer's report comprised of checks 14492-14506 and 14508-14535. Manager Kuseske seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

The board reviewed Resolution 05-09 in regards to entering into the MPCA Grant Project the Restoring Water Resources of the Sauk River Chain of Lakes 319. Manager Cook made a motion to approve Resolution 05-09. Manager Kuseske seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

Administrator Klocker reviewed the updated Judicial Ditch 2 Change Order #2 to delay work on the Judicial Ditch 2 Sediment Ponds. There was considerable discussion on whether the JD2 ditch block should be included in the Change Order. Manager Hermanutz made a motion to delay the approval of the change order until Administrator Klocker, Attorney Deter and Manager Kral can meet with the ditch authority. Manager Kral seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

Pat Selter and Chris Cheek from Professional Lake Management gave a presentation on the possible use of chemicals to maintain the curly leaf pond weed on Sauk Lake. There were concerns on use of chemicals on a natural flowing reservoir. President Hensley made a motion to have Julie Klocker continue working with the Big Sauk Lake Association as well as the Osakis Lake Association and others and keep the board informed on their progress. Manager Mostad seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor. The board thanked them for an informative presentation

The Professional Services Committee will meet on October 18th to review the Engineering proposals.

The Personnel Committee recommended that Rinke-Noonan review the recommended revisions to the employee handbook before being considered by the full board. The Personnel Committee will meet with the staff to go over their reviews. Manager Mostad made a motion to have Rinke-Noonan review the handbook. Manager Kuseske seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

The Summer Tour committee will meet with the staff on October 13th to go over the planning process for next year's tour.

The Rules Committee met prior to last meeting to review Conflict of Interest and Code of Conduct policy. It is anticipated that final draft will be ready for the board.

Manager Kuseske informed the board that Judicial Ditch 1 and County Ditch 11 were sprayed and the invoice was approved in the treasurer's report.

Administrator Klocker reviewed the Eden Valley Storm Water Project survey done by Houston Engineering.

The Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts Conference is scheduled for December 1-3. Managers interested in attending need to have registration sheet turned into the Office Administrator no later than November 15.

Administrator Klocker informed the Managers that she has prepared a request for proposal for a new telephone system for the board's review. The board approved Administrator Klocker to send the request out for bids.

Administrator Klocker requested that she attend the drainage and water law conference to be held on October 20th. Manager Kutter made a motion to approve Administrator Klocker and Manager Kral to attend the conference. Manager Rettig seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

Administrator Klocker reviewed two permit applications that do not require a Watershed District permit. Administrator Klocker will send out notification to the applicants.

Administrator Klocker handed out a new monthly task list for the board to review.

Manager Rettig questioned what the results on Mill Creek are showing. Administrator Klocker mentioned that the results are lower than previously but still higher than normal at two locations. There will be another conference call on October 5th to review the new data.

Attorney Jerry VonKorff handed out and reviewed the open meeting law handbook. VonKorff went thru several scenarios of open meeting law and how the law affects meetings and deliberations.

Douglas County Commissioner Bev Bales gave an update on the process of moving or remodeling the Courthouse for the police station and parking. The board thanked Commissioner Bales for keeping the board informed.

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

Secretary, Virgil Rettig
Recording Secretary, Starla Arceneau