Sauk River Watershed District

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Regular Meeting Approved November 1, 2005

President Hensley called the meeting to order. Managers present: Cook, Hensley, Hermanutz, Kral, Kuseske, Kutter, Mostad, Robinson and Rettig. Others present John and, Minnesota Land Trust; Linda Peck; Kurt Deter, Attorney; 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 Kutter to approve the agenda. Manager Kuseske seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

The board reviewed the minutes of the October 18th meeting. Manager Cook made a motion to approve the October 18th minutes. Manager Robinson 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 14576 thru 14617. Manager Rettig seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

John Peck gave a presentation on permanent conservation easements thru the Minnesota Land Trust. The board thanked Mr. Peck for an informative presentation.

The Professional Services committee met prior to the meeting to review the Engineering bids. The committee recommended using SEH, Barr and Wenck Engineering on an as needed basis until July 2006. Manager Kutter made a motion to have Administrator Klocker use the three appointed Engineering firms on an as needed basis until July 2006. Manager Kuseske seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

The board discussed the Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts Conference. The board appointed Managers Cook and Mostad as delegates and Manager Hermanutz as an alternate. Manager Cook then made a motion to appoint Administrator Klocker as the media spokesman. Manager Kutter seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

The board will review the proposed MAWD resolutions at the November 18 regular meeting.

Administrator Klocker gave an update on the JD2 Sediment Ponds. On Monday, October 31st Administrator Klocker, Managers Hensley and Kral, Kurt Deter, Attorney; Steve Klein, Barr Engineering; Jamie Zenzen, Riley Brothers; Tom Anderson, Douglas County; Jeff Hrubes, MPCA and two Douglas County Commissioners did a onsite inspection of the Judicial Ditch 2 sediment ponds to discuss the necessary erosion control measures and whether the ditch checks need to be removed. Administrator Klocker and Attorney Deter will draft a letter to the ditch authority requesting the ditch checks remain to prevent direct discharge of sediment into Lake Osakis.

The personnel committee will be setting up a meeting with the remaining staff to go over their reviews.

Manager Cook handed out a draft itinerary for the 2006 Summer Tour. The Summer Tour committee and staff have a great start on a successful tour.

Manager Kuseske mentioned that Todd County has completed a draft form of their plan and policies and that there are beavers that will need to be trapped in several ditches.

The upcoming calendar was reviewed.

Administrator Klocker requested the January 3rd regular meeting be changed to 5:00 PM for the Holiday Party. Manager Kutter made a motion to change the time of the January 3rd meeting. Manager Cook seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

The district's laptop mother board has gone out and is not repairable. The staff requests a new laptop be purchased right away for use at the NALMS conference in Wisconsin. Manager Kutter made a motion to purchase a new laptop. Manager Cook seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

Administrator Klocker gave a brief description on the Ditch and Water Project Drainage Law workshop she, Manager Kral and Manage Kuseske attended on October 20, 2005.

The bids for the district's telephone services were opened but not reviewed. Administrator Klocker will review them and give her recommendations as soon as possible.

Manager Hermanutz asked questions regarding the Judicial Ditch 2 sediment ponds structures.

President Hensley requested the staff look into a new recording system that can produce digital copies if needed.

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

Secretary, Virgil Rettig Recording Secretary, Starla Arceneau