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Regular Meeting

Approved

November 3, 2004

President Cook called the meeting to order. Managers present: Cook, Hensley, Hunstiger, Kral, Kuseske, Mostad, Rettig and Schmidt. Manger absent: Kutter. No Advisory Board Members were present: Also present: John Kolb, Attorney; Julie Klocker, Administrator; Starla Arceneau, Office Administrator.

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

The board reviewed the minutes of the October 19th meeting. Manager Hunstiger made a motion to approve the minutes with corrections. Manager Schmidt seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

The board reviewed the treasurer's report. Manager Rettig then made a motion to approve the treasurer's report comprised of checks 13439 through 13469. Manager Kral seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

Attorney Kolb reviewed the draft appraisers report for the Weed Harvest Project. Attorney Kolb recommended Managers on the Weed Harvester Committee get a copy of the assessment report and then meet with Kolb to review the report. The date for the public hearing will be determined at the November 16, 2004 Board meeting.

President Cook, Administrator Klocker and Attorney Kolb gave an update on the meeting with the Gary Asteleford and Gary Nordstrom of the City of Osakis in regards to the Judicial Ditch 2 Sediment Pond assessments, as well as to get updates on stormwater projects and grant projects. Attorney Kolb will check the statutes in order to determine technical aspects to options the City may have on paying for the City's assessment of the project.

Administrator Klocker gave an update of the repairs on Judicial Ditch 2 Sediment Basin Project. Bids are due November 23rd. Administrator Klocker asked for help reviewing the bids. Managers are to contact Administrator Klocker if interested.

Attorney Kolb gave an update on the November 3rd Public Hearing regarding the partial abandonment of County Ditch 17. At the hearing the majority of the comments were not in favor with how things were handled years ago. Although there were no specific comments on the abandonment of the ditch there were issues brought up as to whether the proper and necessary easements have been acquired along the new ditch. The board instructed Attorney Kolb to research this issue. They took no other action except to continue the public hearing at the December 7, 2004 regular Board meeting.

Administrator Klocker has not received comment on the letter she sent Mr. Williamson inquiring about purchasing land for the 210th Street Project. Manager Kral recommended working with the Lake Association on installing rock berms to slow the flow thru the ravine. Manager Kral and Hensley will contact the Lake Association and report back at the next meeting. The Board requested the staff to cease activity on this project until further directed.

Administrator Klocker met with Spring Hill Township and they have agreed to pay for 50% of the cost of the Stony Creek Study. Klocker has sent the contract to Inter-Fluve for their signatures. Inter-Fluve will be reviewing the creek within the next two weeks.

The calendar was reviewed. The registrations for MAWD are to be turned in by November 16th. The Minnesota Extension instructors will be holding a one day seminar on the Human Side of Watershed Management. Managers are encouraged to attend.

The SRWD Board of Managers Workshop is scheduled for November 29th, from 5:00 to 7:30PM, at the Melrose City Hall.

Administrator Klocker reviewed a permit application to construct a solid waste transfer station for Bueckers Sanitation. Manager Rettig made a motion to approve permit 04-08. Manager Kuseske seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

The board discussed delegates for the MAWD conference. Managers Mostad and Rettig were appointed delegates and Manager Hensley was appointed an alternate. Administrator Klocker was appointed the media spokesperson.

Administrator Klocker informed the board that County Ditch 17 and 26 benefits are not up-to-date and will not be ready for the previously approved maintenance assessments until the benefits and properties are updated. There was Board discussion regarding the procedures the County was required to follow when parcels were split. When splits occur, benefits are to be apportioned equally among the new parcels. This has not taken place and will require extensive work. The Board directed Attorney Kolb and Administrator Klocker to meet with Stearns County to try to determine what procedures will need to be followed in order to update these files.

The Attorney's Report was given by Attorney Kolb. Administrator Klocker and Attorney Kolb are reviewing the proposed rules. They will also be reissuing the Drainage Policy and Ditch Inspector Memorandum and Resolution for Managers to review for the November 16 Board meeting.

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

Secretary, Ed Hunstiger
Recording Secretary, Starla Arceneau