

Sauk River Watershed District

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Regular Meeting

Approved

November 7, 2007

Vice President Kral called the meeting to order. Managers present: Hetland, Hensley, Kral, Kuseske, Rettig, Robinson and Mostad. Managers absent: Coughlin and Kutter. Also Present: Jason Weinerman and Ron Shelito, BWSR, several citizens, Attorney, John Kolb; Lowell Enerson, Administrator; Brian Sanoski, Inspector Technician, Adam Hjelm, Education Coordinator, Lynn Nelson, BMP Coordinator and Starla Arceneau, Recording Secretary.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

The minutes of the September 18th meeting were reviewed. Manager Kuseske made a motion to approve the September 18th minutes. Manager Hetland seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

The minutes of the October 16th meeting were reviewed. Manager Hetland made a motion to approve the October 16th minutes. Manager Kuseske seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

The board reviewed the treasurer's report. Manager Hetland made a motion to approve checks 16893 thru 16960. Manager Rettig seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

Dick Weldele a landowner near the Judicial Ditch 2 Sediment Ponds attended the meeting to discuss the DNR net that he removed from the ponds but denies he damaged the net. After considerable discussion Attorney Kolb told Mr. Weldele that the DNR claimed that the net was damaged and that the claim has been turned over to the County Attorney. Mr. Weldele also commented that Managers and staff have permission to hunt the District's land. Managers Rettig and Mostad commented that the board has approved hunter's access to the District's land during hunting season.

There were several landowners that had concerns on the Stearns County Ditch 26 assessment. Attorney Kolb gave a brief description of the statutes and the process the district went thru to arrive at the CD 26 assessment. Brian Sanoski and Administrator Enerson will meet with these landowners to discuss their assessments further.

Administrator Enerson gave a brief update on the Public Disclosure Law.

The board interviewed Bill Joynes from Midwest Government Advisor.

The board interviewed Sharen Klumpp from Springsted.

Administrator Enerson mentioned that the MASWCD Convention is scheduled for December 2-4. Any Managers interested in attending should contact the Assistant Administrator.

Jim Eagan, President of the Sauk River Chain of Lakes Association gave a brief summary of the septic inventory grant dollars they're applying for to determine all the nonconforming septic systems around the Sauk River Chain of Lakes. Todd and Stearns County are also applying for the same grant dollars. Manager Robinson made a motion to send the letter of support for the MPCA funding for both grant request from Todd and Stearns County.

The Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts conference is scheduled for November 29 thru December 1st. The district needs to appoint Delegates, Alternates and a Media Spokesperson. Managers Robinson and Rettig were appointed as Delegates. Managers Mostad and Hetland were appointed as Alternates and Administrator Enerson was appointed the Media Spokesperson.

Administrator Enerson reviewed the proposed resolutions that the delegates will vote on at the MAWD conference.

Administrator Enerson handed out the results from the office building inspection. Enerson will get quotes from contractor's to clean up the mold and remove the asbestos for the November 20, 2007 regular meeting.

The board reviewed the MPCA Amendments to extend the loans for Middle Sauk River, Osakis Lake, Sauk River Chain of Lakes and Big Sauk Lake Continuation Loan Agreements. Manager Rettig made a motion to extend the loan agreements until 12/15/08. Manager Mostad seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

The board reviewed a permit application for the Whitetail Development. Manager Hensley made a motion to approve a permit with the recommended conditions. Manager Mostad seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

The calendar and activity report was reviewed.

Lynn Nelson informed the board that the District was granted 2 out of the 5 grant applications that were submitted.

No Budget Committee Report.

No Nominating Committee Report

Manager Robinson asked for discussion on the two evaluators that were interviewed earlier. Manager Hensley made a motion to hire Sharen Klumpp from Springsted Incorporated and have the Assistant Administrator as the contact person. Manager Mostad seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

No Rules Committee Report.

No Weed Harvest Committee Report.

No TMDL/Water Quality Committee Report.

No Professional Services Committee Report.

Lynn Nelson mentioned that the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency will be completing the Osakis Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) report.

The meeting was adjourned.

Secretary, Virgil Rettig

Recording Secretary, Starla Arceneau