

Sauk River Watershed District

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Regular Meeting
November 8, 2006

President Kutter called the meeting to order. Managers present: Cook, Hensley, Hermanutz, Kral, Kuseske, Kutter, Rettig, Robinson and Mostad. Also present were: Peter Fandel and Mary Schrumel, Big Fish Lake residents; 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 Cook to approve the agenda. Manager Kral seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

The board reviewed the minutes of the October 17th regular meeting. Manager Robinson made a motion to approve the October 17th regular meeting minutes. Manager Rettig seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

The board reviewed the treasurer's report. Manager Hensley made a motion to approve checks 15730 thru 15788 excluding check 15765 until Administrator Enerson can contact Barr Engineering. Manager Kral seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

Attorney Deter reviewed a petition and \$2000 bond from Peter Fandal and Mary Schrumel requesting work be completed on the alleyway. The board recommended Administrator Enerson review the petition and brings it back to the November 21st regular meeting.

There was no Personnel Committee Report.

There was no Budget Committee Report.

There was no Nominating Committee Report.

Manager Cook reminded the board that the review meeting for the rules is scheduled for November 20th at the Melrose City Hall. All responses should be sent to the office no later than November 15th.

There was no Weed Harvest Committee Report.

The Professional Services Committee Report was given by Administrator Enerson. Enerson talked to the staff about whether the district could do their own water analysis. The staff felt that it was not feasible at this time to purchase the water analysis equipment.

There was no Special Project Committee Report.

Administrator Enerson reviewed a permit application for removing spoil from a pond. Manager Robinson made a motion to approve a permit with the contingency of proving a map locating where the spoil will be located. Manager Mostad seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

The calendar was reviewed.

Administrator Enerson met with representatives from Collin Peterson's office and Union Dairy officials to discuss the possibility of Union Dairy writing a grant application to the USDA for purchasing equipment to turn manure into energy.

Administrator Enerson noted the proposed assessment for \$10,000 to cover the expenses on County Ditch 17. There was considerable discussion on doing a re-determination of benefits or turning the ditch into a storm water utility. Manager Cook made a motion to certify the \$10,000 assessment. Manager Rettig seconded it. The motion passed with Manager Hensley opposing and Manager Robinson abstaining.

Administrator Enerson informed the board that the District will be working with Forton Consulting on putting together a parking lot training class for all city officials. Manager Hermanutz made a motion to approve \$500 towards the class. Manager Cook seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

Administrator Enerson reviewed that a landowner is in the process of closing his feedlot near Clifford Lake and the staff recommends 75% cost share dollars for completing the closure. Manager Mostad will be working with Douglas County SWCD to obtain 25% cost share. Manager Mostad made a motion to allow up to 75% cost share under the condition that Douglas County SWCD does not have cost share dollars available. Manager Robinson seconded it. The motion passed with Managers Cook and Robinson opposing.

Administrator Enerson reviewed the final payment for the maintenance work on Judicial Ditch 2 Sediment Ponds. Manager Hensley made a motion to pay the final invoice. Manager Hermanutz seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

Administrator Enerson reviewed Resolution 06-08 for the Big Sauk Lake TMDL. Manager Robinson made a motion to approve Resolution 06-08. Manager Cook seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

Administrator Enerson reviewed 4 state revolving fund applications. 2 applicants are after the fact projects that the County did not inform the landowner of available funds. Manager Robinson made a motion to approve the SRF applicants. Manager Kral seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

The MAWD Resolutions were handed out for the board to review at the November 21st regular meeting.

Administrator Enerson reviewed possible funding for two failing wetland restoration project near Rockville. The board tabled the funding until more information was available.

Administrator Enerson reviewed purchasing a portable stream velocity meter to replace the old meter. The board tabled until Administrator Enerson can get more information from the Monitoring Coordinator.

Administrator Enerson will be meeting with the City of Osakis Mayor on November 14th.

The board discussed Delegates for the MAWD conference. Manager Cook made a motion to appoint Managers Kral and Hermanutz as Delegates and Manager Robinson as an Alternate and appoint Administrator Enerson as the Media Spokesperson. Manager Rettig seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

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

Secretary, Virgil Rettig
Recording Secretary, Starla Arceneau