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Regular Meeting

Approved

December 7, 2004

President Cook called the meeting to order. Managers present: Cook, Hensley, Hunstiger, Kral, Kuseske, Kutter, Mostad, Rettig and Schmidt. Also present: County Ditch 17 landowners; Gary Astelford, Gary Nordstrom, City of Osakis; Gary Walsh, Canyon Excavating; Commissioners-elect Bev Bales and Randy Neumann; 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 Hunstiger seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

The board reviewed the minutes of the November 16th meeting. The minutes were approved by general consent.

The board reviewed the treasurer's report. Manager Kuseske then made a motion to approve the treasurer's report comprised of checks 13508 through 135072. Manager Hunstiger seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

Steve Klein from Barr Engineering gave a presentation on the Judicial Ditch 2 enhancement proposal.

Manager Kutter made a motion to close the regular meeting for the County Ditch 17 public hearing. Manager Rettig seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

The County Ditch 17 Public Hearing was held.

Manager Hunstiger made a motion to continue the County Ditch 17 public hearing at the Waite Park City Hall on January 4th at 4:00 p.m. Manager Schmidt seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

Keith Yapp from BWK Engineering firm gave a presentation on the Judicial Ditch 2 enhancement proposal.

The board reviewed a schedule change for the Weed Harvest Project public hearing. The hearing will be at the Sauk Centre Junior High Auditorium on January 11th at 7:00 p.m.

Gary Walsh recommended installing a cement barrier between the two sediment ponds on Judicial Ditch 2. The board will review it with the appointed Engineer.

The board discussed the two engineering presentations. Manager Hensley made a motion to appoint Barr Engineering to conduct the enhancement repairs on Judicial Ditch 2 Sediment Basins. Manager Kutter seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor. The board authorized Administrator Klocker to inform Barr Engineering and to work with Steve Klein on determining if dewatering needs to be completed.

Managers Cook, Mostad and Rettig were appointed to the Judicial Ditch 2 project review subcommittee. Attorney Kolb and Administrator Klocker will review the JD 2 files and then report any findings to the subcommittee.

The board reviewed the upcoming calendar and committee meetings.

Administrator Klocker congratulated the board again for winning the Program of the Year Award at the MAWD banquet on Friday, December 3rd.

Administrator Klocker updated the board on the TMDL Study.

The Stony Creek preliminary hydraulic modeling should be completed by next week, with a draft final report in mid-January.

The Attorney's Report was given by Attorney Kolb. Kolb gave an update on the meeting with Stearns County Auditor's office in regards to updating the ditch benefit records. The county will work with the staff to update the records.

Manager Kuseske gave an update on beaver dams on Stearns County Ditch 6 and 9.

Manager Rettig mentioned that the City of Eden Valley will be addressing their storm water issues at their December 8th meeting.

Manager Mostad introduced the newly elected Commissioners Bev Bales of Douglas County and Randy Neumann of Todd County.

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

Secretary, Ed Hunstiger
Recording Secretary, Starla Arceneau