

# Sauk River Watershed District

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Regular Meeting

Approved

December 18, 2007

President Kutter called the meeting to order. Managers present: Coughlin, Hetland, Hensley, Kral, Kuseske, Kutter Rettig, Robinson and Mostad. Also Present: Eden Valley Mayor, Dan Thielen; Eden Valley City Council Member, Pete Korman, Bob Bjork, BSLA; Attorney, Jerry VonKorff; Lowell Enerson, Administrator; Brian Sanoski, Inspector Technician, Adam Hjelm, Education Coordinator, and Starla Arceneau, Recording Secretary.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

The minutes of the November 20<sup>th</sup> meeting were reviewed. Manager Coughlin made a motion to approve the November 20<sup>th</sup> minutes. Manager Rettig seconded it. The motion passed with Manager Coughlin abstaining.

The board reviewed the 12-4-07 treasurer's report. Manager Kuseske made a motion to approve checks 17005 thru 17032. Manager Robinson seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

The board reviewed the 12-18-07 treasurer's report. Manager Robinson made a motion to approve checks 17033 thru 17077. Manager Mostad seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

President Kutter asked each manager to give his/her opinion on how to proceed with the Eden Valley Project. Manager Mostad made a motion to approve the #2 option which insisted obtaining the necessary easements. Manager Kuseske seconded it. The motion failed with Managers Mostad, Hetland and Kuseske in favor and Managers Coughlin, Rettig, Kral, Hensley and Robinson against. Manager Hensley then made a motion to table the Eden Valley project no more than eighteen months and to collect samples of all the parameters to determine what is actually entering into Vails Lake from the two contributing streams. Manager Robinson seconded it. The motion passed.

The board reviewed a letter of resignation from Amy Trisko. Manager Rettig made a motion to approve Amy's resignation with regrets. Manager Mostad seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

Administrator Enerson reviewed splitting the Monitoring and Education positions and his reasons for the split and recommended hiring Adam Hjelm as the Education Coordinator and Brian Sanoski as the Monitoring Coordinator. Enerson also handed out a flow chart which he had put together for the board chair to explain pay equity. After considerable discussion Manager Coughlin made a motion to have staff put together a resolution and present it to the Personnel and Budget committees and then bring back to the next regular meeting. Manager Kral seconded it. The motion passed all in favor.

The board reviewed a request from Todd County for a payment of \$7500 for parcel mapping. Manager Mostad made a motion to pay the \$7500. Manager Robinson seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

A request for funding water festivals was reviewed. Manager Robinson made a motion to set up a funding amount with a max of \$200. Manager Hensley seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

Administrator Enerson reviewed a letter from the Todd County Attorney in regards to the damage of the Department of Natural Resources fish net. After discussion, Manager Coughlin made a motion to submit a claim into the small claims court. Manager Hetland seconded. The motion passed with all in favor.

A request was given to purchase the Manage Your Own Business update for 2008. Manager Mostad made a motion to purchase the update for \$299. Manager Kral seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

Managers Hensley, Hetland, Mostad, Kuseske, Kutter, Rettig and Robinson reported on the 2007 MAWD conference they attended November 29 thru December 1<sup>st</sup>.

A request to send Brian Sanoski to the Erosion and Sediment Control Workshop was reviewed. Manager Robinson made a motion to send Sanoski to the workshop. Manager Rettig seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

Brian Sanoski gave a presentation on his master study project on data he collected on Getchell Creek. The board thanked Sanoski for his presentation.

No Budget Committee Report.

No Nominating Committee Report

Personnel and Salary Committee Report. President Kutter gave a status report on the Evaluator Sharon Klumpp and then President Kutter turned it over to legal council Jerry VonKorff to explained how the evaluation will be split into two reports, one will be a public report and then explained how the second report would be handled.

President Kutter asked when to reschedule the January 1<sup>st</sup> regular meeting. The board approved by general consent to meet on January 7<sup>th</sup>. President Kutter then asked if January 7<sup>th</sup> will be the Holiday Party. Manager Kral made a motion to not have a holiday party this year. Manager Robinson seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

Manager Kuseske gave the Rules Committee Report. The staff has received a few cities and townships matrix rules. The committee will meet to review.

Weed Harvest Committee Report. Manager Robinson requested an updated report on the Phosphorus removed from Sauk Lake.

TMDL/Water Quality Committee Report. Manager Hensley attended the Water Quality Trading Workshop in Alexandria and suggested that all Managers should attend the next workshop in Redwood Falls.

No Professional Services Committee Report.

Manager Coughlin commented that Watershed District's have been allowed a one year extension to submit their pay equity but feels the district needs to proceed with this in a timely matter. The Personnel Committee will review.

Manager Coughlin gave a brief description of a grant the City of Richmond is applying for to eliminate 40 septic systems and has asked staff to write a support letter. Manager Kral made a motion to have the staff write a support letter that includes information regarding the Sauk River Chain of Lakes TMDL. Manager Mostad seconded it. The motion passed with Manager Coughlin abstaining.

Manager Robinson made a motion to close the regular meeting for a closed meeting in regards to a proposed litigation. Manager Coughlin seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

Manager Robinson made motion to close the closed meeting and reopen the regular meeting. Manager Coughlin seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

The meeting was reopened.

Manager Hensley made a motion to authorize the Administrator and Attorney to settle the Long Lake Development for \$5000. Manager Rettig seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

The meeting was adjourned.

Secretary, Virgil Rettig  
Recording Secretary, Starla Arceneau