

# Sauk River Watershed District

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## Regular Meeting

Approved

December 19, 2006

President Kutter called the meeting to order. Managers present: Cook, Hensley, Hermanutz, Kral, Kuseske, Kutter, Rettig, Robinson and Mostad. Also present were: Joe Hennen, Joel Dasher, Paul Hetland, City of Freeport; Greg Duchene and Roger Uhlenkamp, Farmers; Herman Lensing, Melrose Beacon; Chris Meehan Engineer; Jerry VanKorff, Attorney; Lowell Enerson, Administrator; Lynn Nelson, Project Coordinator; 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. Manager Robinson seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

The board reviewed the minutes of the December 5<sup>th</sup> regular meeting. Manager Robinson made a motion to approve the December 5<sup>th</sup> regular meeting minutes. Manager Kuseske seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

The board reviewed the treasurer's report. Manager Cook made a motion to approve checks 15868 thru 15910. Manager Rettig seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

Administrator Enerson asked the board to give him direction on how to proceed with the rules. There was discussion on whether to stick with the Overall Plan to reduce the Phosphorus and sediment loading by 30% or decrease the phosphorus to 25 ug/L in lakes and streams. VonKorff and Meehan met prior to the meeting to finalize the first 29 pages of the rules. Manager Cook then made a motion to follow the Overall Plan to reduce the Phosphorus and sediment runoff by 30% by 2012. Manager Rettig seconded it. The vote was Managers Cook, Kral, Rettig and Mostad in favor and Managers Hermanutz, Hensley, Robinson and Kuseske opposing. President Kutter voted in favor to break the tie vote. The motion passed.

Administrator Enerson reviewed the petition to replace a smaller culvert with a larger culvert on County Road 33. There was discussion on whether changing the culverts would be considered maintenance, repair or an improvement. Manager Cook made a motion to instruct Administrator Enerson to contact Barr Engineering to determine whether replacing the culverts would be considered maintenance, repair or an improvement. Manager Kuseske seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

Dan Schleper gave the 2005-2006 Fiscal Year Audit Report. There was a concern on the account lists and Schleper recommended a two day workshop to review the accounts with

the Office Administrator to combine several accounts. Manager Robinson made a motion to approve the two day workshop. Manager Mostad seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

Administrator Enerson informed the board that the State Auditor called and said that under Statute 103D.925 all purchases must be paid by warrants. Administrator Enerson will work with Ray Bohn on changing the statute during this year's legislation.

The Personnel Committee met with Administrator Enerson prior to the meeting, but has no report to give until further notice.

Manager Robinson gave the Budget Committee Report. The Monitoring Coordinator has submitted a list of equipment that would be purchased if the grants are approved. Manager Robinson made a motion to approve the \$34,000 in equipment dollars if the grants become available. Manager Rettig seconded it. The motion passed with Manager Hermanutz opposing.

Administrator Enerson informed the board that the District received notification that the Middle Sauk River Water Quality Restoration Project was approved for \$216,892 in Grant and \$500,000 in SRF funds.

There was no Nominating Committee Report.

There was no Weed Harvest Committee Report.

There was no Professional Services Committee Report.

There was no Special Project Committee Report.

The calendar was reviewed.

Administrator Enerson reviewed additional SRF dollars needed for an Ag-waste Facility in Todd County. Manager Robinson made a motion to approve the additional \$11,352 in SRF Dollars. Manager Cook seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

Administrator Enerson reviewed the Eden Valley project and would like to appoint Houston Engineering as the Project Engineer. Manager Hermanutz made a motion to appoint Houston Engineering. Manager Cook seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor. The motion passed with Manager Rettig abstaining.

Manager Cook suggested sending a retirement card to Ron Harnack from the Board of Water and Soil Resources.

There was discussion on moving the open discussion for the public closer to the beginning so the public do not have to sit thru the entire meeting to speak. Paul Eisenchenk wrote a letter to the Stearns Commissioners stating he had to wait three hours before he could speak. The board asked Administrator Enerson to write a letter to Mr. Eisenchenk.

Meeting was adjourned.

Secretary, Virgil Rettig  
Recording Secretary, Starla Arceneau