

Sauk River Watershed District

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Regular Meeting

Approved

December 20, 2005

President Hensley called the meeting to order. Managers present: Cook, Hensley, Hermanutz, Kuseske, Kutter, Mostad, Robinson and Rettig. Manager Absent: Kral. Others present Gene Waldorf, Julie Klocker, Administrator; Starla Arceneau, Office Administrator.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

The board reviewed the minutes of the December 6th meeting. Manager Robinson made a motion to approve the December 6th minutes. Manager Kutter seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

The board reviewed the treasurer's report. Manager Cook made a motion to approve the treasurer's report comprised of checks 14723 thru 14764. Manager Kuseske seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

Administrator Klocker questioned the District's participation in a study to find out the amount of phosphorus in local precipitation. After considerable discussion the board requested a copy of the work plans and budget and input from MPCA before making any decision.

Administrator Klocker informed the board about an issue needing to be addressed on Lake Maria. Gene Waldorf attended the meeting to discuss the issues that the lake association has. He has been working with to find solutions. The board directed Administrator Klocker to send a letter to the President of the Lake Association identifying how we can help and requesting that they submit their correspondence through regular mail and not electronic mail.

Sharen Kutter mentioned that she received the corrections from Rinke-Noonan on the Employee Handbook and the Personnel Committee will need to meet to review the corrections.

Manager Kuseske submitted the BWSR questionnaire in regards to the Public Drainage Ditch Buffer Strip Study.

The January 3rd regular meeting will be at 5:00 PM at the Watershed District office and the District's Holiday dinner will follow the regular meeting.

Starla Arceneau reported that the auditor is working on the District's audit and will be working with her to finalize within the next month. The board has concerns on the time line of completing the District's audits. The district will address the time frame issue in the request for proposals from Auditor's in 2006.

The staff has looked into a Blue Cross Blue Shield insurance policy and has requested the board approve a January 1st starting date if the staff chooses the policy. Manager Cook made a motion to approve the insurance policy if the staff approves. Manager Kutter seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

Administrator Klocker gave a progress report on the Judicial Ditch 2 Sediment Basin modifications. Excavation work on the large basin is 85% completed and Steve Klein will be on-site next week to do an inspection when they install the flow separator.

The Engineers have received all the data for the Lower Sauk Diagnostic study. They hope to start working with the data shortly after the beginning of the New Year.

Administrator Klocker mentioned that she has a copy of the power-point presentation Houston Engineering prepared for the Eden Valley Open House.

Administrator Klocker will be meeting with Jeff Hrubes and Bruce Wilson on December 27th to plan the SRCOL TMDL study.

Administrator Klocker reviewed several of the District's lakes and streams are on the new released Impaired Waters list.

Manager Robinson mentioned that the Board, Advisory and staff members should consider contributing to a scholarship fund. Manager Robinson then made a motion to establish a scholarship and send a notice to the Board, Advisory and staff asking for their contributions. Manager Kutter seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

Manager Cook questioned if the board would like a stand and pole for the flag flown over the capital in Washington DC in honor of the District. The board felt the flag should remain in the case but will check with the Legion on protocol on how many flags can be displayed in a public office.

Manager Cook showed possible shirts for the 2006 summer tour. Manager Kutter made a motion to have staff price the pullover shirts and a T-shirt. Manager Robinson seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

Manager Cook handed out ornaments that she gave local officials promoting the District's tour.

The meeting was adjourned.

Secretary, Virgil Rettig
Recording Secretary, Starla Arceneau