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Regular Meeting

Approved

December 21, 2004

President Cook called the meeting to order. Managers present: Cook, Hensley, Hunstiger, Kral, Kuseske, Mostad, Rettig and Schmidt. Manager absent: Kutter. Also present: Commissioners Otte and Withers. Others present were 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 Kral seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

The board reviewed the minutes of the December 7th meeting. Manager Schmidt made a motion to approve the minutes with corrections. Manager Mostad seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

The board reviewed the treasurer's report. Manager Kuseske then made a motion to approve the treasurer's report comprised of checks 13572 through 13615. Manager Schmidt seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

Administrator Klocker gave an update on the enhancement project for Judicial Ditch 2 Sediment Basins. Sediment Core samples have been completed but test results are not compiled. Darrin Herickhoff and Administrator Klocker applied and received the dewatering permit from the Department of Natural Resources. Dewatering may begin within the next week. Attorney Kolb reviewed the engineering contract language with the Board stating that the contract provided the necessary protection for the watershed as written. There were some possible language changes to the engineer services contract that could be suggested. Manager Rettig made a motion to retain 10-20% of the cost until project is completed. If the recommendation is not acceptable, the contract may be signed as is. Manager Mostad seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor. Manager Schmidt made a motion to have Administrator sign the contract if Barr Engineering agrees to the recommendations. The motion died with a lack of a second. Manager Hensley then made a motion to have President Cook sign the contract if recommendations are approved. Manager Mostad seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor. Administrator Klocker will setup a meeting with Steve Klein from Barr Engineering. Managers Hensley, Kral, Kuseske and Mostad and John Kolb.

The board approved by general consent to have the January 4th Board Meeting at 5:30PM in Waite Park following the County Ditch 17 Public Hearing.

The board reviewed Resolution 04-17 in regards to the loan agreement and designating a signatory for Middle Sauk Rehabilitation Project. Manager Rettig made a motion to approve Resolution 04-17. Manager Kuseske seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

The board reviewed Resolution 04-18 in regards to the loan agreement and designating a signatory for Osakis Lake Watershed Management Project. Manager Schmidt made a motion to approve Resolution 04-18. Manager Kuseske seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

The board reviewed Resolution 04-19 in regards to the loan agreement and designating a signatory for Sauk River Chain of Lakes Continuation Project. Manager Kuseske made a motion to approve Resolution 04-19. Manager Schmidt seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

The board reviewed Resolution 04-20 in regards to the loan agreement and designating a signatory for Big Sauk Lake Continuation Project. Manager Kuseske made a motion to approve Resolution 04-20. Manager Schmidt seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

Administrator Klocker gave an update on the possibility of the TMDL study being delayed until next spring. After a lengthy discussion the board recommended Administrator Klocker contact the District's partners to work with district on conducting a Diagnostic Study on the Lower Sauk from Cold Spring to the Mississippi River.

Administrator Klocker and Attorney Kolb reviewed an affidavit Randy Neumann asked Administrator to sign. Manager Rettig made a motion to not sign the affidavit under attorney's advisement. Manager Hunstiger seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

Manager Kuseske and Attorney Kolb reviewed the Memorandum and the Determination of Benefits and Damages for the Big Sauk Lake Aquatic Plant Harvesting Project. Manager Hunstiger made a motion to approve the Determination of Benefits and Damages Report. Manager Schmidt seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

The Weed Harvest Committee, Attorney John Kolb, Appraiser Ron Ringquist, Engineer Chris Meehan and Administrator Klocker will meet to prepare for the public hearing. The Public Hearing is scheduled for January 11th, 2004 at the Sauk Centre Junior High Theater at 7:00P.M.

Administrator Klocker gave an update on the Sediment Pond Project Review. Administrator Klocker met with Tim Bayrl and Pete Starberg from WSN and requested Engineering Notes be copied and sent to the District's office. Attorney Kolb and Administrator Klocker will review the files and then report any findings to the appointed subcommittee.

The Attorney's report was given by Kolb. Kolb informed the board that the Eden Valley Council passed a resolution at their last meeting and would like assistance in assembling a petition. The board approved by general consent to have Administrator Klocker and Attorney Kolb work with the City of Eden Valley on their petition.

Attorney Kolb reviewed the facts related to the petition and existing conditions and the Order granting Petition to Partially Abandon Portions of Stearns County Ditch 17. The Stearns County Ditch 17 Continuation Public Hearing will be held at the Waite Park City Hall, January 4th at 4:00P.M.

Manager Hunstiger 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