

Sauk River Watershed District

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Regular Meeting

Approved

December 5, 2006

President Kutter called the meeting to order. Managers present: Cook, Hensley, Hermanutz, Kral, Kuseske, Kutter, Rettig, Robinson and Mostad. Also present were: Peter Fandel and Mary Schrumel, Big Fish Lake residents; Jason Weinerman and Dan Steward, BWSR; Chris Meehan, Engineer; Paul Eisenchenk, PJ Partners; Kurt Deter, 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 Cook to approve the agenda. Manager Rettig seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

The board reviewed the minutes of the November 21st regular meeting. Manager Kral made a motion to approve the November 21st 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 15829 thru 15867. Manager Robinson seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

Attorney Deter reviewed the Big Fish petition. Deter recommended the board return the petition and encouraged the petitioners to obtain a Declaratory Judgment. Once the petitioners have the Declaratory Judgment then they can re-petition the District. Manager Hensley made a motion to return the petition and have the petitioners file a Declaratory Judgment. Manager Cook seconded it. The motion passed with Manager Mostad and Hermanutz abstaining.

Jason Weinerman reviewed a proposed agenda for the Board and staff workshop. January 4th or 5th will be the dates of the upcoming workshop. Weinerman will work with Administrator Enerson on where to hold the workshop. All Managers and staff are requested to attend.

There was no Personnel Committee Report.

Manager Mostad questioned the legality of the District credit card. Manager Hensley made a motion to table until more information can be obtained from the State Auditor. Manager Robinson seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

There was no Nominating Committee Report.

Chris Meehan reviewed the changes to the rules. The Board and Public had an opportunity to address their concerns regarding the changes. Due to the length of the discussion, the board tabled the discussion until the December 19th meeting.

There was no Weed Harvest Committee Report.

There was no Professional Services Committee Report.

There was no Special Project Committee Report.

Chris Meehan gave a status report on the Sanctuary Project. All erosion control measures the district required have been properly installed.

The calendar was reviewed.

On December 8th, Administrator Enerson will be meeting with representatives from Collin Peterson's office and Union Dairy officials to further discuss the possibility of a digester to produce methane gas for drying or producing electricity.

Administrator Enerson reviewed the resolution to extend the Loan for the Sauk River Chain of Lakes Restoring Water Resources Grant. Manager Robinson made a motion to approve the extension. Manager Mostad seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

Manager Cook mentioned that the Stearns County SWCD purchased the monitoring equipment from dollars that were already allocated to the district for monitoring.

The MAWD conference was a success again this year, however the MAWD board is considering making changes to the sessions.

Manager Robinson suggested a meeting with the Districts Representatives be set up soon to discuss this next years session.

The Stearns County Pheasant Forever Banquet is scheduled for February 24th. Manager Robinson made a motion to have Managers Kral and Kutter attend. Manager Mostad seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

Meeting was adjourned.

Secretary, Virgil Rettig
Recording Secretary, Starla Arceneau