

Sauk River Watershed District

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Regular Meeting

Approved

February 1, 2005

Vice-President Kuseske called the meeting to order. Managers present: Hensley, Hunstiger, Kral, Kuseske, Mostad and Schmidt. Managers absent: Cook, Kutter and Rettig. Others present were Steve Klein, Barr Engineering; Jeff Hrubes, MPCA; Dan Schleper, Muggli Accounting; Kurt Deter, 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 January 18 meeting. The minutes were approved by general consent.

The board reviewed the treasurer's report. Manager Schmidt then made a motion to approve the treasurer's report comprised of checks 13687 through 13726. Manager Hensley seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

Administrator Klocker gave an update on the Eden Valley Stormwater Project. The request for engineering service has been sent out and will be reviewed on February 18th. The Board directed staff to review the proposals. Three engineering firms will be selected to give an oral presentation on February 28th in Eden Valley for a recommendation at the March 1 Board meeting. Managers Rettig and Schmidt were appointed to be on the committee.

On February 1st Administrator Klocker attended the Stearns County Commissioners meeting to discuss the proposed Lower Sauk Study. The Commissioners appointed Don Adams to represent Stearns County on the collaborative to start the petition process. Ken Robinson will be working to obtain the go ahead from the City of St. Cloud and Administrator Klocker will present at the Stearns County SWCD's meeting next Tuesday.

The Big Sauk Lake Aquatic Plant Harvesting project was reviewed. The viewers will contact the interested landowners within the next week to view their properties and report any needed changes to John Kolb before the February 15th final hearing.

Administrator Klocker presented the Board with the three options they have regarding the Judicial Ditch 2 Sediment Pond Enhancement project. The options are to select a contract and continue with the project, table the decision until the March 1 Board meeting while discussing alternatives or to do nothing and see how the pond performs without any maintenance in the event this scale of enhancement is not necessary. Steve Klein and Jeff Hrubes were present to discuss the options. Klein recommended the board hire Riley Brothers and to continue with the enhancement project since the construction price was low and possibly may be higher if the construction was put on hold. There was considerable discussion on the necessity of continuing with this enhancement project. The board also discussed possible change orders that may need to occur and the costs of those change orders. Manager Mostad made a motion to approve Riley Brothers to complete the project in July or August with the change orders to be discussed again at a later date. Manager Hunstiger seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

Dan Schleper reviewed the July 1, 2003 thru June 30th, 2004 fiscal year audit. There was discussion regarding the balance of the Survey and Data Acquisition Fund and that the Auditor needed to make adjustments to reflect the actual balance of the accounts. Manager Schmidt made a motion to approve the audit. Manager Hunstiger seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor. The board reviewed the invoice to complete the audit. Manager Mostad made a motion to pay the \$8,600 invoice. Manager Hunstiger seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor. The board also discussed retaining Muggli to complete next year's audit. Manager Hunstiger made a motion to retain Muggli for next year's audit. Manager Mostad seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

The calendar was reviewed. The Legislative Breakfast is scheduled for March 24th. Administrator Klocker and Managers Hensley, Hunstiger and Kral will attend.

Administrator Klocker has contacted Senator Fischbach and Representative Heidgerken whom have agreed to carry the bill to increase the District's General Fund.

The Attorney's Report was given by Kurt Deter. Deter gave an update on the proposed Shoreland Ordinances and how they can affect Watershed Districts. Deter also discussed the EIS for Dead Lake in Otter Tail County.

Manager Kuseske informed the board that he has been working with Pope County on the parcel splits for the District's County Ditches.

Manager Schmidt made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Manager Hunstiger seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

Secretary, Ed Hunstiger
Recording Secretary, Starla Arceneau