

# Sauk River Watershed District

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Regular Meeting

Approved

February 15, 2005

Vice-President Kuseske called the meeting to order. Managers present: Kral, Kuseske, Mostad, Schmidt and Rettig. Managers absent: Cook, Hensley, Hunstiger and Kutter. Others present were Don Otte, Stearns County Commissioner; 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 February 1 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 Rettig then made a motion to approve the treasurer's report comprised of checks 13727 through 13767. Manager Schmidt seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

Administrator Klocker gave an update on the Lower Sauk Project. Stearns County SWCD has appointed Dennis Fuchs to be on the committee. Klocker has met with Rena Weber from the City of Rockville. The first committee meeting will be on February 24<sup>th</sup>.

Administrator Klocker discussed with the Board that she asked Chris Meehan to determine a budget for reviewing the Corp of Engineer's Report and updating the alternatives for Sauk Lake nutrient and nuisance plant issues. Administrator Klocker requested Board's approval to fund this review which will result in Chris Meehan producing a technical memo regarding the alternatives. Manager Schmidt made a motion to approve \$7000 from grants and the additional dollars from the Survey and Data Acquisition Fund Account. Manager Mostad seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

Administrator Klocker asked the board to complete the R.I.V.E.R. award survey and submit to Lynn Nelson on or before March 1<sup>st</sup>. Manager Kuseske asked for a map marking the project areas to see what affect they had on surface water. The staff will prepare a map and send it out within the next week.

The Sauk Lake Weed Harvester Final Hearing was held at 7:30P.M. Manager Kuseske reviewed the committee's changes on the Determination of Benefits report. The board reviewed the Resolution Adopting Findings and Order establishing the project. Manager Schmidt made a motion to adopt the Resolution Adopting Findings and Order establishing the project. Manager Rettig seconded it. A role call vote was taken Kral-Aye, Kuseske-Aye, Mostad-Aye, Rettig-Aye and Schmidt-Aye. The motion passed with all in favor. After no public comments Manager Rettig made a motion to adjourn the Final Hearing. Manager Kral seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor. Administrator Klocker asked if Gene Harren, Crew Chief, could start obtaining pricing information for a different truck. The board approved by general consent to have the Crew Chief obtains several quotes and report to the committee for approval.

The board reviewed the Middle Sauk Loan Request. Manager Mostad made a motion to approve the \$30,000 for the approved over runs on the Cyril Felling feedlot project. Manager Rettig seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

Administrator Klocker requested purchasing a Laptop computer with a docking station to free up the old laptop for staff. Manager Schmidt made a motion to purchase a new laptop and 2 docking stations. Manager Rettig seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

The calendar was reviewed. The Legislative Breakfast was changed to March 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Administrator Klocker has been in contact with Ray Bohn regarding the legislation to request an increase of the District's General Fund. Senator Fischbach and Representative Heidgerken will carry the bill.

Administrator Klocker informed the board she will be taking vacation April 7-8 and May 23-27.

Administrator Klocker reviewed two EAW's for the Heid Herges and the Brentwood Developments. Klocker attended a meeting in Waite Park with the City, Developers, MPCA, DNR and Stearns County regarding the Heid Herges Development. This development is a major concern due to the proposed plan for excavating between 600,000 and 800,000 cubic yards of soil from the floodway and moving it to the floodplain. Klocker also met with the contractors and the City of Rockville regarding the Brentwood Development to address the District's concerns particularly since this development will discharge to County Ditch 17. There was discussion regarding how the Board will handle development discharges along this ditch which is in an area experiencing development pressure. There are questions regarding the performance capacity of the ditch in its current condition. The Board will need to develop a plan for addressing development and requests for an outlet on the ditch.

The Attorney's Report was given by John Kolb. Kolb reviewed an email to the Board of Managers from Steve Klein regarding previous Judicial Ditch 2 project consultants.

Manager Kuseske reviewed a drainage request for access to the property north of Judicial Ditch 1.

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

Acting Secretary, Bob Mostad  
Recording Secretary, Starla Arceneau