

# Sauk River Watershed District

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Regular Meeting

Approved

February 21, 2006

President Hensley called the meeting to order. Managers present: Hensley, Hermanutz, Kral, Kuseske, Mostad, Robinson and Rettig. Managers Absent: Cook & Kutter. Others present Bob Bjork, BSLA Association; 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 Kral to approve the agenda with additional items. Manager Kuseske seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

The board reviewed the minutes of the February 7th meeting. Manager Kuseske made a motion to approve the February 7th minutes. Manager Hermanutz seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

Administrator Klocker informed the board that Bob Bjork has just submitted the DNR Sauk Lake Aquatic Vegetation Plan with the final corrections. Administrator Klocker has not had the opportunity to review the corrections, but the Lake Association has requested the President's signature at tonight's meeting. Manager Hermanutz requested that the Weed Harvest Committee review the plan before approval. The committee will meet before the March 8<sup>th</sup> meeting to review the plan.

The board reviewed the treasurer's report. Manager Rettig made a motion to approve the treasurer's report comprised of checks 14884 thru 14921. Manager Hermanutz seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

Administrator Klocker reviewed the new memorandum from Steve Klein (Barr Engineering) in regards to the remaining costs to complete the JD2 Sediment Project. The memorandum quoted the remaining cost will not exceed \$800. Manager Kral requested the gate entering the sediment ponds from the JD2 Easement be removed immediately. Manager Kral made a motion to have Kurt Deter write a letter to the Ditch Authority requesting the gates be removed immediately. Manager Mostad seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

The board discussed raising the cost share dollars from 50% - 75% for shoreland restoration project on the MPCA list of nutrient impaired waters. Manager Rettig made a motion to raise the cost share to 75% for shoreland projects on nutrient impaired waters. Manager Hermanutz seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

Administrator Klocker reviewed an invoice for a sediment core study on lakes near Osakis. Manager Hermanutz had questions on how the procedure would be completed. Administrator Klocker will have Lynn Nelson call Barr Engineering and get back to Manager Hermanutz to answer any questions he may have. Manager Mostad made a motion to approve the core study. Manager Hermanutz seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

Administrator Klocker requested a letter of support for the Sauk River Canoe Route. Manager Kral made a motion to write a support letter. Manager Mostad seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

Administrator Klocker informed the board that landowners have met with the Department of Natural Resources in regards to the 20ft alley way on Big Fish Lake. Administrator Klocker will keep the board informed on this issue.

The board reviewed the draft Personnel Policy Handbook. The board went thru the handbook and highlighted several issues needing to be addressed by the committee. The staff will also review the handbook and submit their concerns to the Personnel committee.

The Weed Harvest committee will meet before the next board meeting.

Manager Kuseske reported on a meeting he attended in Padua in regards to the NRCS 1026.

The Calendar was reviewed. Klocker stated that she will be in vacation one of the last two weeks in March and asked if there were any concerns. None were given.

Administrator Klocker mentioned that the district will need two interns again this year and that an intern that worked for Rinke-Noonan is interested in the position. This gentleman could help with projects as well as monitoring.

Administrator Klocker informed the board that Jeff Hrubes has resigned from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency and has accepted a position with the Board of Water & Soil Resources.

Manager Robinson questioned if Administrator Klocker considered herself as an exempt or non exempt employee. The Personnel Committee has discussed drafting a handbook just for the Administrator. There were considerable discussions on benefits of and for salaried employees.

Bob Bjork thanked the board for their letter of support.

Manager Hermanutz questioned the Walmart permit application and the letter that was submitted to the President of Walmart. Manager Hermanutz felt that the letter to President should have been reviewed by the full board and then signed by the President.

The meeting was adjourned.

Secretary, Virgil Rettig  
Recording Secretary, Starla Arceneau