

Sauk River Watershed District

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Regular Meeting
Approved
March 21, 2006

President Hensley called the meeting to order. Managers present: Cook, Hensley, Hermanutz, Kral, Kutter, Mostad, Robinson and Rettig. Manager Absent: Kuseske. Chris Meehan, Wenck Engineering; Charles Ashley, Glen Wright, Chet Harrison and Dave Sellergren, representing Wal-mart; 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 Cook to approve the agenda with additional items. Manager Kral seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

The board reviewed the revised minutes of the February 21st meeting. The Manager Cook made a motion to approve the February 21st minutes. Manager Robinson seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

The board reviewed the minutes of the March 8th meeting. The Manager Rettig made a motion to approve the March 8th minutes. Manager Kral seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

The board reviewed the treasurer's report. Manager Cook made a motion to approve the treasurer's report comprised of checks 14965 thru 14997. Manager Mostad seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

Several individuals representing Wal-mart attended the meeting to review their permit application for the proposed Walmart. Administrator Klocker and Chris Meehan had met with two of the representatives to review their concerns in regards to containing the stormwater from the gas station and proper emergency management plans. The representatives described to the board their plans to address these concerns. They will send the final plans to Administrator Klocker and Chris Meehan for their review. Manager Hermanutz felt that the design does not conform to the District's Rules 4.5A. The board tabled the permit application until Chris Meehan and Administrator Klocker can give their recommendations at the April 4th meeting.

Chris Meehan and Administrator Klocker reviewed the status on the Saddleback Ridge Permit application. Manager Hermanutz questioned if the retention ponds could be built to contain the run-off water so that pipes draining the water into the lake could be eliminated. Chris Meehan believed it could be done. The board tabled the permit until the final plans are reviewed.

Chris Meehan is reviewed the submittal for the Sauk River Estates. Manager Hermanutz questioned how much pollution is expected to go into the river. Chris Meehan said post-development runoff does not exceed pre-development runoff. The board tabled the permit until further notice.

Lynn Nelson gave a power-point presentation on the Incentive Program. The board thanked Lynn for an informational presentation.

Manager Hermanutz showed pictures of snow piled up along the banks of the Sauk River in Cold Spring. Administrator Klocker has been in contact with the City Administrator and they are in the process of developing a stormwater pond that will be constructed to address this problem. Manager Hermanutz still has concerns that our rules state that no untreated waters shall be discharged into the Sauk River. There was considerable discussion on the same problem throughout the District. Manager Robinson commented on the requirements of the City of St. Cloud's plant in regards to phosphorus reductions and why these reductions are going to be required or requested. The Board agreed to continue to address this issue through educational programs and information on proper snow disposal. The Board directed Administrator Klocker to arrange an educational program prior to next winter for cities to address this issue.

Manager Cook gave an update on the progress of planning the Summer Tour. Manager Cook made a motion to sign the transportation contract and a \$200 down payment for 3 buses. Manager Robinson Seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor. Manager Cook then made a motion to issue a \$100 for an educational room at the Alexandria Holiday Inn. Manager Mostad seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

Manager Kutter gave the Personnel Committee Report. Kutter has met with Attorney Hobbs and reviewed the two legal recommendations for the Health Insurance Policy. Manager Mostad made motion to let the employee's choose which Policy recommendation they choose as long as it doesn't exceed the \$250.

The April 4th regular meeting will be moved to Sauk Centre City Hall due to remodeling the Multi-purpose room.

Administrator Klocker, Managers Robinson and Cook will be attending the Healthy Organization workshop on April 19th, 2006.

Administrator Klocker reviewed the Legislative Update and Alert issued by the Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts. Manager Cook made a motion to oppose the bill # HF 2846 in regards to Eminent Domain. Manager Mostad seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor. Manager Mostad then made a motion to not support the bill # HF3478 where a Managers position could be terminated. Manager Kutter seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

The board reviewed a State Revolving Fund request for a Best Management Project. Manager Cook made a motion to approve the SRF request. Manager Kutter seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

Manager Robinson gave an update on the TMDL meeting for Lake Pepin he attended on March 14th.

Manager Robinson questioned the status of putting together a contract for the Administrator. Manager Hensley then addressed the compensation time and felt that over-time should be reinstated. Manager Kutter made a motion to eliminate all compensation time for all staff including the Administrator and re-instate overtime for the hourly employees who work over 40 hours per week and to consider looking into a contract for the Administrator. Manager Robinson seconded it. A roll call vote was taken: Hermanutz-Aye, Rettig-Aye, Cook-Nay, Hensley – Aye, Kutter-Aye, Kral-Aye, Robinson-Nay and Mostad –Aye. The motion passed with two opposing.

The meeting was adjourned.

Secretary, Virgil Rettig

Recording Secretary, Starla Arceneau