

# Sauk River Watershed District

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Regular Meeting

Approved

March 4, 2008

President Kral called the meeting to order. Managers present: Coughlin, Hetland, Hensley, Kral, Kuseske, Kutter, Rettig, Robinson and Mostad. Also present: Kay Cook and Jim Egan, SRCL Lake Association; Joe Rueter, Kings Lake; Bob and Jan Bjork, Big Sauk Lake Association; Don Otte, Stearns County Commissioner and CAC member, Adam Hjelm, Education Coordinator; Brian Sanoski, Ditch Inspector, Lynn Nelson, BMP Coordinator and Starla Arceneau, Interim Administrator and Recording Secretary.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

The proposed agenda was reviewed. A motion was made by Manager Kutter to approve the agenda with additions. Manager Kuseske seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

After reviewing the items on the consent agenda, a motion was made by Manager Coughlin and seconded by Manager Rettig and carried unanimously to approve the following items on the said agenda: the Treasurer's Report to approve checks #17279-17302 and the Appropriations/Transfers/Purchase Requisitions.

The minutes of February 19<sup>th</sup> were reviewed and corrections were added for clarification. Manager Rettig made a motion to approve the minutes with recommended corrections. Manager Coughlin seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

Jim Hodgson, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency and Pat Welle, Bemidji State University gave a progress report on the Willingness to Pay Survey.

Brian Sanoski reviewed a permit application for three fish rearing ponds. Manager Rettig made a motion to approve a permit with the recommended special provisions. Manager Kutter seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

The Activity Report was reviewed.

The Budget Committee Report was given by Manager Coughlin. The Annual Budget Priority Survey will be sent out to gather more information before the budget committee meets on the upcoming budget.

No Nominating Committee Report

No Personnel and Salary Committee Report

Manager Kuseske gave the Rules Committee Report. Kuseske gave a report on the February 28<sup>th</sup> meeting with the Local Stakeholders. After considerable discussion Manager Kutter made a motion to compare the District Rules with the Stearns County Environmental Services rules. Manager Coughlin seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

No Professional Services Committee Report.

No Weed Harvest Project Committee Report.

Jim Egan, President of the Sauk River Chain of Lakes reported that they received a \$130,000 grant to complete a septic system survey.

Manager Hensley handed out a letter of request from the City of Freeport for the use of their facility. Manager Kutter made a motion to donate \$500 to the City of Freeport. Manager Coughlin seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

Manager Kutter asked how the viewing process is going on County Ditch 26 and 15. Sanoski is working with the landowners and a proposed meeting is scheduled for March 19<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting was adjourned.

Secretary, Virgil Rettig  
Recording Secretary, Starla Arceneau