

Sauk River Watershed District

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Regular Meeting

Approved

April 15, 2008

President Kral called the meeting to order. Managers present: Coughlin, Kral, Kuseske, Kutter, Rettig, Robinson and Mostad. Manager absent: Hensley. Also present: Jason Weinerman, BWSR; Jason Selvog, Pheasant Forever; Pat Selter, PLM Lake & Land Corp; Bob Loften and Larry Baufield, Osakis Lakeshore owners, Bob Bjork, BSLA; Adam Hjelm, Education Coordinator; 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 Robinson 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 Kutter and seconded by Manager Coughlin and carried unanimously to approve the following items on the said agenda: the minutes of April 1st regular meeting, the Treasurer's Report to approve checks #17363-17395, Appropriations/Transfers/Purchase Requisitions, State Revolving Funds, Friends of the Sauk River Clean Up.

Jason Selvog gave a presentation on the 2007 Buffer strip program and thanked the board for their continued support. Selvog asked if funding would be available for the next three years. Manager Kutter made a motion to allocate \$10,000 to Pheasants Forever for 2008 season. Manager Mostad seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

Pat Selter gave a PowerPoint Presentation on chemical spraying on Osakis and Big Sauk Lake. The Board thanked Selter for an informative presentation.

Adam Hjelm gave a presentation on the proposed native planting around the District office. Manager Robinson made a motion to approve the proposed cost of \$2,700. Manager Kuseske seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

The Activity Report was reviewed.

The board reviewed the Interim Administrator's unused vacation hours. Manager Coughlin made a motion to allow the Interim Administrator to carry over any unused vacation hours and use within 60 days after a permanent Administrator is hired. Manager Rettig seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

The Interim Administrator asked for clarification on a dollar limit without authorization. Manager Rettig made a motion to allow \$1000 limit with out authorization. After discussion Manager Coughlin

amended the motion to allow \$1500 limit with out authorization. Manager Rettig seconded it. The motion passed with Manager Kutter opposing.

The interim Administrator asked the board to allow the District to work with Sarah Morton from the City of Sauk Centre to help prepare GIS maps. Manager Coughlin made a motion to work with Sarah Morton from the City of Sauk Centre. Manager Robinson seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

The board reviewed the Districts grant funds and how the Board would like a request for approval for each element. The board suggested that the staff put together a worksheet showing allocated grant dollars and to get approval for all monitoring equipment.

The board reviewed a contract with Amy Trisko to work with the District from April 24, 2008 thru June 24, 2008 to help with the 2008 monitoring. Manager Robinson made a motion to sign the contract. Manager Kutter seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

The Budget Committee Report was given by Manager Coughlin. The committee will meet after the meeting to start the 2009-2010 budget.

The Nominating Committee will meet a half hour before the next regular meeting.

No Personnel and Salary Committee Report.

No Rules Committee Report.

No Professional Services Committee Report.

The Weed Harvest Project Committee Report was given by Manager Mostad. The Weed Crew met prior to the CPR and First Aid certification. The crew is awaiting the Department of Natural Resources permit. One of the crew members was asked if the weed harvester could harvest weeds on other lakes beside Big Sauk. The Interim Administrator will contact the Army Corp of Engineering.

The next Water Quality Trading meeting is scheduled for May 1st at the Stearns County Soil and Water Conservation District.

The Pay Equity and Comparable Worth Committee will meet with Kathleen Murphy on April 29th, 2008 in Richmond.

No Attorney's Report was given.

Adam Hjelm is writing an Initiative Foundation grant to fund the Three River Water Festival. Manager Kutter made a motion to support the Initiative Foundation Grant. Manager Coughlin seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

Lynn Nelson mentioned that the District is working with Stearns County Soil and Water Conservation District to write a Board of Water and Soil Resources Grant.

The meeting was adjourned.

Secretary, Virgil Rettig
Recording Secretary, Starla Arceneau