

Sauk River Watershed District

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Regular Meeting

Approved

April 4, 2006

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

The board reviewed the minutes of the March 21st meeting. The board discussed that if a board member would like specific comments to appear in the minutes that they should ask for their statement to appear in the minutes as they make the statement. The minutes were corrected and tabled until the April 18th meeting for Manager Hermanutz to review the additional comments he would like to be inserted in the minutes.

The board reviewed the treasurer's report. Manager Mostad made a motion to approve the treasurer's report comprised of checks 14998 thru 15035. Manager Kral 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 have reviewed the plans and recommend the permit be approved. Manager Cook made a motion to approve the Wal-mart permit. Manager Kutter seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

Chris Meehan reviewed the permit application for the Sauk River Estates. Manager Cook made a motion to approve the permit with the condition that we receive verification from the City of St. Cloud that they will maintain the stormwater ponds. Manager Kuseske seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

Administrator Klocker gave pictures and updated the Board on the Lohrmann Fish Pond Project. Klocker met with Mr. Lohrmann and completed an on-site inspection to review the erosion control measures.

Manager Kutter reviewed the personnel committee's recommendations for Health Insurance. Their recommendation is to pay the staff a taxable amount of \$270 a month on a separate line item on the payroll and to remove the previous pay increase for certain staff members. Manager Rettig made a motion to pay the staff \$270 on a separate line item that is taxed and remove the pay increase of the staff members for Health Insurance. Manager Mostad seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor. The employees do not have to show proof of insurance since it's considered a stipend and taxed.

The Personnel Committee recommends the board approve the personnel handbook. Manager Mostad made a motion to approve the personnel handbook. Manager Rettig seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

The Personnel Committee also recommends that \$4000 be given to Administrator Klocker to distribute for staff yearly increase. Administrator Klocker will give her recommendations to the personnel committee before the 1st meeting in May and the personnel committee will bring the recommendations to the full board for approval the second meeting in May.

Manager Cook gave a brief update on the Summer Tour. Cook recommended that the staff get quotes to purchase a color copier. The staff have the quotes and will bring them to the next regular meeting.

Manager Kuseske reported that the Board of Water and Soil Resources have approved a \$13,000 beaver control grant for two years.

Attorney Deter reported that the district is able to take out the fence on Judicial Ditch 2 Sediment Ponds. Manager Kral reported that the chain fence has been removed.

The Calender was reviewed. Administrator Klocker has met with Stearns, Pope and Todd County Commissioners. The Viewer's meeting is scheduled for April 6th. The Shoreland Design Workshop is scheduled for April 7th and 28th in Melrose.

The board reviewed the new Board Task list.

Administrator Klocker gave the project update. The final public meeting in Eden Valley is scheduled for April 17, 2006. Administrator Klocker will be meeting with the Engineer for the Lower Sauk project next Thursday. There's a little problem with the SRCOL TMDL due to the increase of costs. Administrator Klocker will be working with the MPCA on finding dollars to cover the additional costs.

Attorney Deter will be attending the Viewers Meeting.

Manager Rettig asked what needs to be done to fix the road into the JD 2 ponds. The board approved by general consensus to have Manager Kral get quotes on material needed to fix the road.

Attorney's Report was given by Attorney Deter. Deter will be working with Manager Kuseske on the Ditch Inspector's contract and the Drainage Policy to be completed by the first meeting in June. Administrator Klocker will send Attorney Deter a copy of the Drainage Policy.

Manager Cook has already received requests for community parades. Anyone interested in attending parades should let Manager Cook know. Cook also thanked Administrator Klocker for a wonderful job presenting at Stearns County Commissioners meeting. Cook will be attending the Shallow Lakes Forum in Willmar.

The proposed pipeline information has been submitted to Chris Meehan to review.

The meeting was adjourned.

Secretary, Virgil Rettig
Recording Secretary, Starla Arceneau