

# Sauk River Watershed District

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Regular Meeting  
Approved  
May 15, 2007

President Kutter called the meeting to order. Managers present: Cook, Coughlin, Hensley, Kral, Kuseske, Kutter, Rettig, Robinson and Mostad. Others in attendance were Jerry VonKorff, Attorney; Lowell Enerson, Administrator; Adam Hjelm, Education Coordinator and Starla Arceneau, Recording Secretary.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

The minutes of the May 15, 2007 meeting were reviewed. Manager Robinson made a motion to approve the April 15<sup>th</sup> minutes with Manager Coughlin's amendment. Manager Kuseske seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

The board reviewed the treasurer's report. Manager Coughlin made a motion to approve checks 16309 thru 16360. Manager Kuseske seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

Administrator Enerson reviewed the Sartell Partners Hwy 15 Gravel Pit Fill permit application. Manager Cook made a motion to approve a permit for the Sartell Partners Hwy 15 Gravel Pit Fill. Manager Rettig seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

Administrator Enerson reviewed the Galeon permit application. Manager Coughlin made a motion to table until Staff and Legal Council can further review. Manager Robinson seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

Administrator Enerson reviewed the Mill Creek Bridge Replacement Plan permit application. Manager Robinson made a motion to approve a permit for the Mill Creek Bridge Replacement with special conditions. Manager Cook seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

Permit currently being reviewed is the Blue Herron Heights 3<sup>rd</sup> edition. This permit will be reviewed at the June 5<sup>th</sup> regular meeting.

The Board reviewed a request for funding for the ROCORI water festival. Manager Coughlin made a motion to approve \$500 as requested by the Water Festival. Manager Robinson seconded it. The motion passed with Manager Cook abstaining.

The calendar was reviewed. The Middle Sauk Water Festival is scheduled for May 16<sup>th</sup> at the Sinclair Lewis Park. Administrator Enerson is working with the City of Eden Valley on their stormwater system.

Administrator Enerson introduced Adam Hjelm as the temporary Education/PR Coordinator.

Administrator Enerson is in the process of checking references for a monitoring assistant.

Manager Coughlin requested that Administrator Enerson put together a brief description about the new employees in the next Administrator Report.

Manager Robinson made a motion to hire Adam Hjelm as the temporary Education Coordinator at \$13.50 an hour. Manager Kral seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

The budget committee has met and reviewed the 2008-2009 proposed budget. The committee recommended the staff to look for a ¾ ton pickup with less than 50,000 miles for under \$20,000. The committee also recommended looking into moving the financial year to a calendar year. There was discussion on discrepancy in the actual wages in the fiscal year budget that budget and personnel committees will need to be addressed.

Manager Cook made a motion to look into purchasing a ¾ ton pickup with the needs to pull the trailer with less than 50,000 miles for under \$20,000. Manager Robinson seconded it. After further discussion the motion died. Manager Rettig then made a motion to purchase a ½ ton pickup with less than 50,000 for under \$20,000. Manager Kuseske seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

No Personnel & Salary committee report.

The rules committee will meet to discuss the proposed changes to the draft rules.

The Professional Service committee will meet after the meeting.

The weed crew has been out cutting weeds on Sauk Lake and has removed 4 loads of weeds today.

Jerry VonKorff gave an update on the violation on the Long Lake Development. VonKorff has issued a summons of compliance on the developer but has not heard from them prior to the meeting. Manager Cook made a motion to authorize staff to consult with the attorney to approach the erosion problem to prevent any more degregation. Manager Kuseske seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

Manager Robinson talked with Administrator Enerson about turning the district's conference area into office space and having the regular meetings at another location. The staff will do research and bring quotes back to the board.

Manager Robinson also mentioned that other lakes beside Osakis have permits to apply chemicals to control Curley Leaf Pond Weed.

Manager Rettig was reappointed until June of 2010.

Manager Hensley mentioned that the Todd County Commissioners approved not to require an EIS regarding the Copperfield Development since no local government has requested one. There was considerable discussion on the district's response letter regarding the Copperfield Development EAW showing intent to request an EIS. Manager Mostad made a motion to have the attorney write a letter

to the Todd County Commissioners recommending an EIS. Manager Kral seconded it. The motion passed with Manager Coughlin opposing and Manager Hensley abstaining.

Manager Cook reported that the BWSR has asked the Stearns County Water Plan committee to attend their meeting and report on how they worked together to accomplish an exceptional plan.

The meeting was adjourned.

Secretary, Virgil Rettig  
Recording Secretary, Starla Arceneau