

Sauk River Watershed District

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Regular Meeting

Approved

May 16, 2006

President Hensley called the meeting to order. Managers present: Hensley, Kral, Kuseske, Kutter, Hermanutz, Mostad, Rettig and Robinson. Manager Absent: Cook. Also present were: Jason Weirnerman, BWSR; Chris Meehan, Wenck Engineering; Randy Neuman, Osakis Resident; Ken Weber, Land Team; Lynn Nelson, Amy Trisko, Melissa Roelike, SRWD Staff; 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 Kuseske to approve the agenda with additional items. Manager Rettig seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

The board reviewed the minutes of the May 2nd meeting. Manager Kral made a motion to approve the minutes. Manager Kutter seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

The board reviewed the treasurer's report. Manager Kutter made a motion to approve checks 15114 thru 15165. Manager Kral seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

Melissa Roelike and Amy Trisko gave a presentation on the Volunteer Monitoring Program. The board thanked Melissa and Amy for a very informative presentation.

Lynn Nelson gave a presentation on the Data Analysis Program. The board thanked Lynn for a very informative presentation.

The board congratulated and thanked Lynn Nelson for working for the District for 12 years.

Administrator Klocker reviewed a permit application from the Stearns County Highway Department for an extension until 2007. Manager Robinson made a motion to approve the permit extension until 2007 for the Stearns County Highway Department. Manager Kutter seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

Administrator Klocker and Chris Meehan gave a brief update on the status of the Sanctuary development. Ken Weber from Land Team attended the meeting and will work with Meehan to review his recommendations before the June 6th meeting.

Administrator Klocker reviewed a permit application for Tri-Quality Development in Melrose. Meehan is working with the Engineer on addressing concerns of the capacity to hold their stormwater runoff.

Administrator Klocker and Chris Meehan are reviewing the River Links in Cold Spring for a road infrastructure into the development. Administrator Klocker and Chris Meehan are waiting for additional plans before recommending approval.

The District has been reviewing Todd County Planning and Zoning preliminary plats prior to Todd County approval but the district should not be starting review procedures without a District permit application.

Administrator Klocker and Manager Kral gave a status report on the blocking of a natural waterway near Osakis. The landowner has agreed to remove the blockage when they can get access to the field. Manager Kral made a motion to have the blockage removed by November 1st. Manager Rettig seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor. The board asked Mr. Neumann to relay a message to the landowner that money is available for them to install buffer strips where the blockage is.

Administrator Klocker gave an update on the Osakis TH27 permit. The City and DOT permit will expire on June 17th and as of today no plans have been submitted for an extension. President Hensley relayed Manager Cook's comment that a few Managers meet with the City of Osakis to get a status update. Manager Kutter made a motion to have Administrator Klocker write a letter to the City of Osakis reviewing the permit requirements and requesting an update on plans to meet the permit requirements. Manager Kuseske seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

Manager Kuseske gave an update on the summer tour. The summer tour committee met with the staff prior to the meeting to review the task list.

President Hensley recommends all Committee Chairs personally contact all members of their committee for upcoming meetings to insure the message is received. President Hensley has received several complaints that Managers have not received their notification in time for the meetings.

Ken Robinson gave the rules committee report. There was discussion on if the rules should be delayed until further notice. Manager Mostad made a motion to delay the hiring of an engineering firm to review the rules until December 1st and in the meantime have the rules committee meet and put together a plan and have the staff set up an informational meeting with Agencies. Manager Kral seconded it. The motion passed with Manager Robinson opposing.

Manager Kuseske reported the water level is extremely high due to beaver dams upstream of Swan and Westport Lake.

The Calendar was reviewed. The Cold Spring Water Festival was a huge success and the Middle Sauk River Water Festival is scheduled for Friday, May 19.

The board approved by general consensus the timeframe for the proposed budget.

The board reviewed the SRF requests. Manager Mostad made a motion to approve the applicants. Manager Kutter seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

Administrator Klocker reviewed a quote for a rugged laptop for field work. Manager Mostad made a motion to purchase a rugged laptop but have the staff acquire a quote from Long Prairie computers prior to purchasing the laptop. Manager Kuseske seconds it. The motion passed with Manager Hermanutz opposed due to the high price of the laptop and that he felt a standard laptop would be adequate.

Administrator Klocker informed the board that the Osakis Phase III grant expires on May 21st and that a landowner was not able to complete his project before the expiration date so there will be additional money that will need to be spent prior to the May 21st deadline. Administrator Klocker will contact President Hensley for approval of the remaining grant funds.

Randy Neumann informed the board that there will be maintenance work on County Ditches 33 and 43. Administrator Klocker has already requested all profiles and erosion control plans from the County.

Jason Weinerman introduced himself as the District's new Board of Water and Soil Resources Representative. Weinerman mentioned that BWSR has a Beaver Control grant. Manager Kuseske said that the district was awarded the grant but has not received the contract. Weinerman will check on the status of the grant.

The meeting was adjourned.

Secretary, Virgil Rettig
Recording Secretary, Starla Arceneau