

Sauk River Watershed District

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Regular Meeting

Approved

May 17, 2005

President Cook called the meeting to order. Managers present: Cook, Hunstiger Kral, Kuseske, Kutter, Mostad, Schmidt and Rettig. Manager absent: Hensley. Others present were John Kolb, Attorney; Julie Klocker, Administrator; Starla Arceneau, Office Administrator.

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

The board reviewed the minutes of the May 3 meeting. A motion was made by Manager Schmidt to approve the minutes with corrections for clarifications. Manager Kuseske seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

The board reviewed the treasurer's report. Manager Kral then made a motion to approve the treasurer's report comprised of checks 13963 through 14003. Manager Mostad seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

The Legal appointment and memorial fund will be addressed at a future regular meeting.

President Cook handed out a summary of the NALMS Conference she attended.

The board reported on the May 15 Special Meeting where they dismissed Bruce Miles from our agreement. The Board agreed they should seek another consultant. Manager Rettig made a motion to have the personnel committee find a new facilitator not to exceed \$5000. Manager Hunstiger seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

The meal reimbursement was tabled until a later meeting.

Manager Mostad recommended renting two satellites for the weed harvest project. Manager Schmidt made a motion to rent two satellite units for 3-4 months. Manager Kuseske seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

There was nothing to report in ditches.

Administrator Klocker reminded the board that she will be on vacation from May 23 – May 30.

The Minnesota Association of Watershed District's summer tour is scheduled for June 23-25. Managers interested should turn their registrations into the staff.

Administrator Klocker gave an update on the Eden Valley Project. Houston Engineering has submitted an estimate of \$33,300 to complete the Eden Valley Study. Eden Valley City Council will review the report at their next meeting. Currently, the watershed is contributing \$10,000 from a grant to this study since it will help identify pollution contribution from the second headwaters to the chain. The board discussed the availability of survey and data acquisition funds to assist in the expenses of the study project. Manager Kutter made a motion to approve contributing up to 50% in combined grant and Survey and data acquisition funds. Manager Schmidt seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

Administrator Klocker reported that the District's bill in both the House and Senate Omnibus Bill.

The budget committee will meet at the office June 7th at 5:30 p.m.

The board reviewed a memo in regards to parcel mapping in Todd County. Manager Hunstiger made a motion to support the effort for parcel mapping but wait until further notice to discuss funding. Manager Mostad seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

Administrator Klocker received a call from Barr Engineering stating that Riley Brothers are ready to start construction on the repairs on Judicial Ditch 2 sediment ponds because Riley's are over their capacity. There was considerable discussion regarding the timing and on dewatering due to high water. Administrator Klocker has left messages for Tom Anderson to determine if he has any concerns about proceeding at this time, but has not heard back from him. Manager Kral made a motion to give permission to start construction immediately. Manager Mostad seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

The board reviewed allocating 75% cost share dollars for a shoreland projects on Lake Osakis. Manager Hunstiger made a motion to approve 75% in cost share dollars. Manager Rettig seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

Administrator Klocker gave a presentation at the Stearns County Commissioners meeting. The commissioners will be interviewing 5 applicants on May 31st for the two terms that will expire June 30, 2005.

Managers Schmidt and Hunstiger attended the 2nd Annual Water Festival and were impressed with how organized and successful the whole event was. The staff also thanked President Cook for taking care of the office the day of the festival.

The Attorney's Report was given by John Kolb. Kolb reviewed the Lower Sauk project plans. Kolb also reviewed that he has put together a memo reporting on the status of Judicial Ditch 2 liabilities. The board approved by general consent for Attorney Kolb to distribute the memo to the Managers for their review.

Manager Kutter made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Manager Schmidt seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

Secretary, Ed Hunstiger
Recording Secretary, Starla Arceneau