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Regular Meeting

Approved

May 6, 2008

President Kral called the meeting to order. Managers present: Coughlin, Hensley, Kral, Kuseske, Kutter, Rettig, Robinson and Mostad. Also present: Jason Weirnerman, BWSR; Kay Cook, Richmond; Clay Watson, Golden Plump; Haven Wiegers, Osakis; Bob and Jan Bjork, BSLA 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 Rettig to approve the agenda with additions. Manager Coughlin 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 Mostad and carried unanimously to approve the following items on the said agenda: the Treasurer's Report to approve checks #17397-17446, Appropriations/Transfers/Purchase Requisitions, permit 07-05 extension, Administrator's job description and amendment of the Monitoring Assistants job title.

The minutes of the April 15th regular meeting and the purchase of Microsoft Office software were taken off the consent agenda for further discussion. Clarification was made regarding the salary at which the interim Administrator's unused vacation be paid out at. For easier bookkeeping, the unused vacation time should be paid out at current rate. Then there was discussion on the cost of purchasing the Microsoft version upgrades. Manager Robinson made a motion to purchase the 12 upgrades and to pay the interim administrator's unused vacation at the current salary when vacation is used. Manager Kutter seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

Clay Watson from Gold'n Plump Poultry gave an update on future expansion of their facility. The Board thanked Watson for keeping them informed.

The Activity Report was reviewed. The Interim Administrator and Managers Coughlin, Robinson and Mostad attended the Stearns County Commissioners meeting to present the District's 2007 Annual Report. Manager Robinson informed the Commissioners that he will not be eligible to be reappointed to the Board.

There was discussion on allocating \$500 to a landowner who needs an outdoor facility. The board approved by general consent that no cost share dollars were available and that Stearns County should be notified.

Arceneau suggested that a stamp be made of Manager Rettig's signature for use on any checks needed prior to the board meeting and then have President Kral or Manager Hensley sign the

checks when necessary. Manager Mostad made a motion to purchase a stamp for Manager Rettig and have either President Kral or Manager Hensley sign the checks. Manager Coughlin seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

The Budget Committee Report was given by Manager Coughlin. The committee met and has requested further information before presenting the proposed 2009-2010 budget to the full board.

No Nominating Committee Report.

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 has the equipment in the water and is now awaiting the weeds.

Manager Robison gave the Water Quality Trading Report. The committee met on May 1st at the Stearns County Soil and Water Conservation District. Manager Robison told the Board that if this program is funded, it will be a major undertaking and 2 full time employees would have to be hired to complete the work load.

The Pay Equity and Comparable Worth Committee is working with Kathleen Murphy to finalize the report.

The Attorney's Report was given by Attorney Kolb. Kolb handed out the Springsted report from the April 3rd Managers Workshop to the Board for review and discussion at a regular meeting in the near future. Kolb also gave a status report on the District's proposed rules.

Manager Robinson handed out pictures from the Friends of the Sauk River cleanup day. The board asked the staff to write a thank you letter for an exceptional job to the Friends of the Sauk's President.

Manager Hensley asked for direction on how to obtain information on installing water and sewer around Lake Osakis. Attorney Kolb will hold an informational workshop at the July 1st regular meeting.

The Board suggested a certificate of appreciation be given to Jerry Zenzen for his dedicated service to the District.

The meeting was adjourned.

Secretary, Virgil Rettig
Recording Secretary, Starla Arceneau