

Sauk River Watershed District

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Regular Meeting

Approved

June 15, 2004

President Cook called the meeting to order. Managers present: Cook, Hensley, Hunstiger, Kanten, Kuseske, Kutter, Mostad, and Rettig. No Managers were absent. Advisory Board Member present: Wiegers. Also present: Jeff Hrubes, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA); John Kolb, Attorney; Julie Klocker, Administrator; Starla Arceneau, Office Administrator.

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

The board reviewed the minutes of the June 1st meeting. The board approved the minutes by general consent.

The board reviewed the treasurer's report. Manager Kutter then made a motion to approve the treasurer's report comprised of checks 12951 through 13013. Manager Kuseske seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

As directed by the Board, Administrator Klocker, John Kolb and Jeff Hrubes have been working on finding the best alternative to study run-off and stormwater issues as it pertains to intermittent and perennial streams in the Osakis watershed. They reviewed several necessary steps to implement a proposed study of stormwater runoff in the Osakis Management District. Manager Mostad made a motion to complete the Osakis Management District Study. Manager Kuseske seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

Administrator Klocker gave an update on the Weed Harvest Project. The Board of Water and Soil Resources and the Department of Natural Resources are reviewing the Engineer's Report.

The board reviewed the repairs that were completed on Judicial Ditch 2. The board also discussed carp traps to remove and eliminate carp in the ponds.

Manager Mostad gave the Personnel Committee recommendations. The Weed Harvest Crew salary increase recommendations were: Gene Harren - \$13.50 to \$15, Roger Hoffman – \$11.50 to \$12, Lee Mortiz – \$11 to \$11.50 and Gerald Zenzen - \$11. - \$12. Manager Mostad made a motion to approve the committee's recommendations. Manager Hunstiger seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

Jeff Hrubes reported that the MPCA has had an interoffice conference in regards to Mr. Gruene's commercial use of SRF funds and that the SRWD's distributed the funds on that manner. Hrubes reported on the several different directions the MPCA could take and how it could affect the District. After some discussion the Board decided that although it was a misuse of funds, the actions that have resulted are positive and steps have been taken to make sure that no funds are used for commercial purposes.

The board reviewed SRF allocated dollars for Best Management Practices. Manager Kuseske made a motion to approve the allocated dollars. Manager Rettig seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

Administrator Klocker reviewed the calendar of events.

Administrator Klocker reviewed a permit application from a landowner in Getty Township whose neighbor has blocked the natural flow of his feedlot's drainage and the blockage is now affecting his livestock. Manager Hensley made a motion to have Administrator Klocker write a letter notifying the landowner of a possible violation of the Districts rules and to ask Mr. MacKenzie to come and talk to the Board about what has occurred. Manager Hunstiger seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

Attorney Kolb gave the Attorney's Report. Kolb will be giving a presentation on June 25th at the Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts Summer Tour.

Haven Wiegers mentioned that the Osakis Lion's and Sportsmen's Club will be donating to the Educational Kits.

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

Secretary, Sharen Kutter
Recording Secretary, Starla Arceneau