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Regular Meeting

Approved

June 17, 2008

President Kral called the meeting to order. Managers present: Coughlin, Hensley, Kral, Kuseske, Kutter, Rettig, Robinson and Mostad. Also present: Dave Bailey, Karl Larson, Don Leiser, Joe Peters, Heather Lehmkuhl; 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 Kuseske to approve the agenda with additions. Manager Mostad seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

The minutes of June 3rd were reviewed. Manager Coughlin made a motion to approve with corrections. Manager Rettig seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

The Financial Report was reviewed. Manager Kutter made a motion to approve the Financial Report. Manager Coughlin seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

The SRF funds were reviewed. Manager Kuseske made a motion to approve SRF 08-06 thru 08-08. Manager Kutter seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

The board reviewed endorsing the \$2000 check that the District returned to Joe Peters in January 2007. Manager Mostad made a motion to endorse the check. Manager Kutter seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

The Activity Report was reviewed.

Arceneau reviewed the need to hire a high school student to help in the office when needed. Arceneau mentioned her daughter was interested but with the conflict of interest, brought it to the board for discussion. After discussion on nepotism, Manager Kutter made a motion to advertise the position. Manager Kuseske seconded it. A role call vote was taken: Coughlin–Nay, Rettig–Nay, Robinson-Nay, Hensley-Aye, Kuseske-Aye, Kutter-Aye and Mostad-Aye. The motion passed.

The Attorney's Report was given by John Kolb. Kolb reviewed the quote from MBC Drainage to complete the maintenance work on County Ditch 9. Manager Hensley made a motion to have MBC Drainage do the work on County Ditch 9. The motion passed with all in favor.

There was discussion on hiring a Ditch Inspector to inspect all the ditches. Manager Kutter made a motion to advertise for a Ditch Inspector. Manager Coughlin seconded it. After further discussion Manager Coughlin tabled the motion until the Board's Educational Workshop. Manager Rettig seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

Attorney Kolb reviewed the next step in completing a Re-determination of Benefits on County Ditch 26 and 15. Manager Kutter made a motion to send a letter to the Minnesota Viewers Association asking for Viewers to give a cost estimate on a Re-determination of Benefits. Manager Kuseske seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

No Budget Committee Report.

No Nominating Committee Report.

No Personnel and Salary Committee Report.

No Rules Committee Report.

No Professional Services Committee Report.

No Weed Harvest Project Committee Report.

No Water Quality Trading Report.

No Pay Equity and Comparable Worth Report.

The board discussed whether Professional Services are needed at the Educational Workshop. After considerable discussion; Manager Hensley made a motion to only have Board Members present at the workshop. Manager Rettig seconded it. A roll call was taken: Coughlin-Nay, Rettig-Aye, Robinson-Abstained, Hensley-Aye, Kuseske –Nay, Kutter-Abstained and Mostad-Nay. After discussion Manager Kutter voted Aye and with a tie vote President Kral voted –Aye. The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned.

Secretary, Virgil Rettig
Recording Secretary, Starla Arceneau