

Sauk River Watershed District

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Regular Meeting

Approved

June 19, 2007

President Kutter called the meeting to order. Managers present: Cook, Coughlin, Hensley, Kral, Kuseske, Kutter, Rettig, Robinson and Mostad. Others in attendance were Emily Wolfe, Teacher; Brent Johnson, Houston Engineering; Jerry VonKorff, Attorney; Lowell Enerson, Administrator; Adam Hjelm, Education Coordinator; Lynn Nelson, Environmental Project Coordinator and Starla Arceneau, Recording Secretary.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

The minutes of the June 5th, 2007 meeting were reviewed. Manager Robinson made a motion to approve the June 5th minutes with a correction of the minute's date. Manager Cook seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

The board reviewed the treasurer's report. Manager Coughlin made a motion to approve checks 16442 thru 16485. Manager Rettig seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

Emily Wolf, Osakis Science Teacher; gave a presentation on the 8th grade Earth Science class project in which the students learned the water quality of the Sauk River. They then determined if real-estate development is necessary or possible, what water life the Sauk River can support and how to check mineral and dissolved oxygen concentration. The board thanked Emily for an informative presentation.

Administrator Enerson and Brent Johnson reviewed the Eden Valley Project. The board reviewed the Order # 07-13 initiating the Eden Valley Stormwater Project. After considerable discussion on how the project will be financed; Manager Robinson made a motion to initiate the Eden Valley Project. Manager Cook seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

The CRP Promotion and Implementation Agreement with Stearns County SWCD and Pheasant Forever was reviewed. Manager Cook made a motion to sign the agreement. Manager Robinson seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

An update was given on the Sanctuary project.

Lynn Nelson gave an update on a landowner's concern of livestock in Lake Sylvia. Nelson has been in contact with the County and they're aware of the problem.

An inspection was completed on the Judicial Ditch 2 Sediment ponds that showed significant reduction in vegetation due to the cutting by a nearby landowner. Managers Hensley and Kral will

contact the landowner and address the staff's concerns and Administrator Enerson will send a follow-up letter also addressing the staff's concern's to the landowner.

The calendar and activity report was reviewed.

The State Revolving Funds were reviewed. Manager Cook made a motion to approve applicant ID number 05-207 for State Revolving Funds. Manager Mostad seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

Manager Robinson gave a brief update on the 2008-2009 proposed budget. The committee questioned the board's intent on a percentage of increase to the general levy. The board recommended the Budget Committee use a 5% increase and bring the budget back for the board to review at the July 3rd meeting.

Manager Kral gave the Nominating Committee Report. The committee agreed to leave all official position the same.

No Personnel & Salary committee report.

Manager Cook reviewed several questions regarding the draft rules. The changes will be added to the rules and a new draft will be sent out for board review.

Manager Mostad gave an update on the Weed Harvest Project. Adam Hjelm, Education Coordinator sent him pictures and information on the total phosphorus removed from Sauk Lake.

Request for Proposals have been received from several auditing firms to complete the 2006-2007 audit. The Professional Service Committee will meet before the next regular meeting to review the submitted proposals.

Manager Coughlin addressed concerns that the Request of Proposals were sent out without the board's approval and that the function of the committee members and staff needs to be defined more clearly.

Manager Hensley commented that he would like the board to research contract services.

Manager Kuseske discussed contracting Kay Cook's services to complete the rules. After considerable discussion the board requested this be added to the next agenda for further discussion.

The meeting was adjourned.

Secretary, Virgil Rettig
Recording Secretary, Starla Arceneau