

Sauk River Watershed District

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Regular Meeting
Approved
June 5, 2007

President Kutter called the meeting to order. Managers present: Cook, Coughlin, Hensley, Kuseske, Kutter, Rettig, Robinson and Mostad. Manager Absent: Kral. Others in attendance were Tom Klemnhagen, Landteam; Kurt Deter, Attorney; Lowell Enerson, Administrator; Noah Czech, Inspector; 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 Rettig to approve the agenda with additions. Manager Coughlin seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

The minutes of the May 15th, 2007 meeting were reviewed. Manager Coughlin made a motion to approve the May 15th minutes. Manager Cook seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

The board reviewed the treasurer's report. Manager Rettig made a motion to approve checks 16361 thru 16423. Manager Robinson seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

The board reviewed a request for a design change in the City of Osakis Industrial Improvement Project. Manager Robinson made a motion to approve the design change. Manager Cook seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

Noah Czech, Inspector; reviewed several permit applications as follows:

The Blue Heron Heights 3rd addition permit application. Manager Cook made a motion to approve a permit for the Blue Heron Heights 3rd addition. Manager Kuseske seconded it. The motion passed with Manager Robinson abstaining.

The County Ditch 26 Maintenance on branch 1. Manager Robinson made a motion to approve a permit with special conditions. Manager Rettig seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

The Unnamed Creek Bridge Replacement permit renewal. Manager Cook made a motion to approve the permit renewal. Manager Robinson seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

The regular meeting was recessed at 7:15 PM for the JD2 Sediment Pond hearing. There were two landowners in attendance who read the notice in the local paper but were not affected by the assessment. Manager Robinson made a motion to recess the public hearing until the July 17th regular meeting at 7:15 PM. Manager Mostad seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

The regular meeting was reconvened.

An update was given on the Sanctuary Development.

The Galeon addition to the Community Memorial Home in Osakis was reviewed. Manager Robinson made a motion to approve the permit. Manager Cook seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

Noah Czech gave an update on the removal of beaver dams on County Ditch 17.

Lynn Nelson gave a PowerPoint presentation on the status of the Lower Sauk Project.

The Personnel Committee recommended hiring Heather Lehmkuhl as the Temporary Assistant Monitoring Coordinator. Manager Rettig made a motion to hire Heather Lehmkuhl at \$13.00 an hour. Manager Coughlin seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

The calendar and activity report was reviewed.

The State Revolving Funds were reviewed. Manager Robinson made a motion to approve applicant ID numbers 07-01, 07-02, 05-204, 05-205 & 05-206 for State Revolving Funds. Manager Cook seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

The Budget Committee met prior to the meeting and will meet with the Personnel Committee after the meeting to review the 2008-2009 proposed budget.

No Personnel & Salary committee report.

The rules committee met to discuss the changes to the draft rules. The committee had several questions that the board needs to consider and felt that Manager Cook should send the questions to each board member and the staff to think about before addressing at the June 19th meeting. Manager Cook questioned if the District could initiate an EIS in the draft rules. Attorney Deter will research and bring the results to the June 19th regular meeting.

The Professional Service committee met after the May 15th meeting. Request for Proposals were sent to several auditing firms for completing the 2006-2007 audit.

The winds have slowed the weed harvest operation on Sauk Lake but they've managed to remove 7 loads of weeds per day.

Manager Robinson attended the Friends of the Sauk meeting and they will be contacting the District about their annual meeting on September 15 and to choose a portion of the Sauk River that they could cleanup on their annual River Cleanup day on September 29th.

President Kutter asked Manager Cook to set up a dinner date to thank her for many years of service. The staff will contact Stearns County to verify Manager Cook's expiration date.

The meeting was adjourned.

Secretary, Virgil Rettig
Recording Secretary, Starla Arceneau