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Regular Meeting

Approved

June 7, 2005

President Cook called the meeting to order. Managers present: Cook, Hensley, Hunstiger, Kral, Kuseske, Kutter, Mostad, Schmidt and Rettig. Others present were Randy Neumann, Todd County Commissioner; Newman Olson, Osakis Landowner; Rick Packer, Arcon Development; Brian Klocker, Kurt Deter, 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 Kutter seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

The board reviewed the minutes of the May 17 meeting. A motion was made by Manager Schmidt to approve the minutes. Manager Hunstiger seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

The board reviewed the treasurer's report. Manager Mostad questioned check 14063 for 10% of consulting fees and a leadership book. Manager Mostad made a motion to have staff acquire an itemized statement from the consultant. Manager Hensley seconded it. A roll call vote was taken: Hensley-Aye, Rettig-Aye, Schmidt-Nay, Kuseske-Aye, Cook-Nay, Kutter-Nay, Hunstiger-Nay, Kral-Aye, and Mostad-Aye. The motion passed with 5 in favor and 4 opposed. Manager Hensley also questioned invoices 14058 and 14608. The invoices were for supplies and monthly contract fees for office equipment. Manager Kral then made a motion to approve the treasurer's report comprised of checks 14004 through 14085 except check 14063. Manager Kuseske seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

Manager Hensley mentioned that the solar panel on the District equipment near the outlet of Judicial Ditch 2 was missing. Administrator Klocker will check with staff.

President Cook handed out a proposal on how the Manager's fund memorials. Manager Hensley commented that Commissioner Otte mentioned that no tax dollars to be used for memorial. The board approved by general consent President Cook's recommendations.

Manager Mostad gave an update on the work completed on the Weed Harvester's new truck.

Administrator Klocker informed the board that the DNR has been contacted in regards to maintaining the satellite on the north side public access. The DNR will have the satellite maintained. A satellite on the south side access was delivered and will be maintained once a week. Administrator Klocker asked if the board would still like a satellite delivered to the north end. The board felt that since the DNR will maintain the satellite that they will put the other satellite on hold.

Rick Packer from Westwood Professional Services attended the meeting to discuss the permit application for Brentwood Hills Development. Administrator Klocker has reviewed the application and recommends approving the permit. Manager Rettig made a motion to approve the permit from the Brentwood Hills Development. Manager Mostad seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

Manager Kutter informed the board that the personnel committee hired Attorney Mark Hansen. Mr. Hansen will be meeting with the staff on Thursday, June 9th.

The pre-construction meeting for the JD2 Sediment Pond was held on Friday June 3rd. Administrator Klocker, Managers Mostad and Hensley met with Barr Engineering and Riley Brothers to discuss pushing back construction until drier conditions. Administrator Klocker then reviewed the Judicial Ditch 2 change order #1 allowing the construction timeframe to be extended with an erosion control and seeding completion date of September 15 and a total site completion of October 15. Manager Kral made a motion to approve change order #1. Manager Rettig seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

The board reviewed the 2005-2006 revised budget. Administrator Klocker also reviewed the process to increase the billable rate. Manager Hensley expressed concerns about increasing the rate since it will increase the total project costs. Manager Kutter made a motion to approve the process to amend the work plans to increase the billable rate. Manager Hunstiger seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor. Manager Hunstiger then made a motion to approve the 2005-2006 revised budget. Manager Rettig seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor. Manager Kutter reminded the board that the capital improvements were approved with the revised budget and that staff can proceed with approved items.

Administrator Klocker read a petition requesting maintenance on County Ditch 17. Manager Hensley questioned if all benefited landowners cover the cost of the project. Attorney Deter explained that all benefited landowners will cover the cost if the maintenance is approved. Manager Hunstiger made a motion to have the Ditch Inspector do an inspection and give a repair report at the June 21st meeting. Manager Kutter seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor. Manager Kuseske abstained.

Manager Kuseske reported that Grove Lake Township abandoned the road near Judicial Ditch 1. Kuseske will be working with a landowner for an easement to maintain access to the ditch.

Manager Hensley addressed his concerns regarding the legal council. There was considerable discussion on conflict of interest of the legal council representing the District and the Ditch Authority. Attorney Deter handed out several documents from 2001 disclosing issues of conflict of interest.

Manager Mostad and Hensley reported on a meeting with Stearns County Commissioner Schaeffer. Todd County Commissioner attended the meeting to observe and listen to report back to the Todd County Commissioners. Manager Hensley commented that Commissioner Schaeffer had given several suggestions such as having one member from each county on a committee and the other suggestions Manager Hensley will go over at a later date.

Managers Cook, Kutter, Hensley, Rettig and Mostad will be attending the Minnesota Association of Watershed District's summer tour scheduled for June 23-25.

Administrator Klocker gave an update on the District's two summer interns.

Administrator Klocker reported that the District's bill has been passed and is waiting Governor Pawlenty's signature.

Administrator Klocker reviewed a request for a permit extension on work to be completed on County Road 138. Manager Schmidt made a motion to approve the extension. Manager Kuseske seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

Administrator Klocker reviewed the permit application for the west side pond in Osakis submitted by MNDOT. There was discussion on whether to split the permit between the City of Osakis and MNDOT. Manager Hensley made a motion not to split the permits. Manager Kral seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

Administrator Klocker reviewed permit application for culvert replacement on CSAH4 between TH27 and CR57. Manager Kutter made a motion to approve the permit for culvert replacements. Manager Hunstiger seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

There was discussion on parcels on the Judicial Ditch 2 sediment pond assessments that received assessments from the City of Osakis and the District. The City of Osakis and Douglas County Auditor's office will be working on adjusting the landowner's tax roles.

President Cook complemented Administrator Klocker on a wonderful presentation at the Sauk River Chain of Lakes Annual Meeting. Tom Weber also told President Cook to give Administrator Klocker a compliment on a job well done.

There was no Attorney's Report.

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

Secretary, Ed Hunstiger
Recording Secretary, Starla Arceneau