Sauk River Watershed District

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Regular Meeting Approved July 1, 2008

President Kral called the meeting to order. Managers present: Coughlin, Hensley, Kral, Kuseske, Kutter, Rettig and Mostad. Also present: Jason Weinerman, BWSR; Kay Cook and Bob Bjork, CAC Managers; 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 Coughlin to approve the agenda with additions. Manager Kuseske seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

After reviewing the items on the consent agenda, a motion was made by Manager Coughlin and seconded by Manager Kutter and carried unanimously to approve the following items on the said agenda: the minutes of June 17th regular meeting, the Treasurer's Report, State Revolving Funds and Approval of Permit 08-10. The motion passed with all in favor.

The Activity Report was reviewed. Arceneau informed the board that County Ditch 9 maintenance work will begin on Wednesday, July 2nd. Arceneau asked the board for directions on a complaint of ATV's activities destroying the vegetation along Judicial Ditch 1. Manager Hensley made a motion to have Manager Kuseske complete an inspection and bring back to the next regular meeting. Manager Mostad seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor. Arceneau also brought to the boards attention of a compliant about the position of the Do Not Mow Buffer Area sign on Grand Lake. The board directed the staff to remove the sign.

Manager Hensley questioned why the board was not informed of cost share dollars being allocated to the City of Sauk Centre to put up a building around their salt storage area. Arceneau explained that the City of Sauk Centre cost share dollars were approved over a year ago prior to the Board's direction of approving cost share dollars. The staff will put together a list of prior approved cost share dollars for the board.

The Attorney's Report was given by John Kolb. Kolb discussed setting up a Lake Community Wastewater Management Workshop. Manager Hensley made a motion to setup two workshops in Osakis and Cold Spring. Manager Kutter seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

Kolb discussed the distribution of Sharon Klumpp's memo. Manager Mostad made a motion to have a follow up meeting with Sharon Klumpp. Manager Coughlin seconded it. The motion passed with Manager Hensley against. Manager Coughlin made a motion to distribute the memo to all County Commissioners. Manager Mostad seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

The board reviewed the status on the Eden Valley Project. Manager Coughlin made a motion to have Attorney Kolb visit with the Eden Valley Representatives. Manager Kutter seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

Attorney Kolb gave a status report on the Lower Sauk Project

Attorney Kolb updated the board on the Open meeting law requirements.

Manager Coughlin gave the Budget Committee Report. Coughlin handed out the draft budget for the board to review and if they had any questions they were to call Arceneau. Bob Bjork gave the Citizen's Advisory Committee report. Bjork mentioned that the CAC unanimously moved to support the draft 2009-2010 budget as a minimum baseline for the organization.

No Nominating Committee Report.

No Personnel and Salary Committee Report.

Attorney Kolb reviewed the proposed Rules.

The Professional Services Committee discussed looking for an auditor for the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Audit. Manager Mostad made a motion to have staff work with Attorney Kolb on sending out Request for Proposals. Manager Kutter seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

No Weed Harvest Project Committee Report.

No Water Quality Trading Report.

No Pay Equity and Comparable Worth Report.

Managers Kuseske and Mostad gave a report on the Minnesota Association of Watershed District's Summer Tour.

The meeting was adjourned.

Secretary, Virgil Rettig Recording Secretary, Starla Arceneau