

# Sauk River Watershed District

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Regular Meeting

Approved

July 5, 2006

President Hensley called the meeting to order. Managers present: Cook, Hensley, Kuseske, Kutter Hermanutz, Kral, Robinson and Mostad. Manager Absent: Rettig Also present were: Kurt Deter, Attorney; Chris Meehan, Engineer; Julie Klocker, Administrator; Starla Arceneau, Recording Secretary.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attorney Deter read the Oath of Office for Managers Hensley, Kutter and Mostad. The Managers signed their Oath of Office.

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

The board reviewed the minutes of the June 20<sup>th</sup> meeting. Manager Robinson made a motion to approve the minutes. Manager Kral seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

The board reviewed the treasurer's report. Manager Kral made a motion to approve checks 15305 thru 15364. Manager Robinson seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

Chris Meehan reviewed explained how the phosphorus removal rate was calculated. Manager Hermanutz still questioned the difference in pounds of phosphorus that were removed from Sauk Lake. The board felt that the only way to determine the phosphorus amount is to have the next years weed crew take a sample of the weeds and submit to DHIA Lab for an actual amount of phosphorus being removed from Sauk Lake.

Jason Weinerman from the Board of Water Soil Resources attended the meeting to ask the board what topics they would like to focus on at the Board's workshop. The Managers and staff should submit their comments directly to Jason no later than July 18<sup>th</sup>. Weinerman will have the results at the August 1<sup>st</sup> meeting.

Manager Cook thanked the staff and Managers for a successful summer tour. Cook asked if there were funds available for a celebration. The Board felt that a celebration was not necessary.

Administrator Klocker reviewed the proposed budget. The Managers should review it so that it can be approved on August 1<sup>st</sup>.

The professional service committee recommends that the district reappoint the same Engineering Firms and Attorney and hold off on appointing an auditor until more quotes can be pursued. The board asked Chris Meehan and Kurt Deter to step outside until a decision was made. There was considerable discussion on Engineering Firms. Manager Kutter made a motion to reappoint the Engineering Firms and the Attorney for one year. Manager Kral seconded it. The motion passed with Manager Hermanutz opposing due to his belief that the

current engineer gives misleading information. Manager Mostad highly recommended Barr Engineering.

Manager Kutter gave the personnel committee's recommendations for this years increase are: Arceneau .53¢, Roelike .50¢, Nelson .56¢, Trisko.51¢, Harren.75¢, Hoffman and Zenzen.50¢ and the Administrator's raise will be determined at a later date and that hours for the summer tour should be 10 hours for Thursday, 8 hours for Friday and 4.5 for Saturday. Manager Hermanutz made a motion to approve the committee's recommendations. Manager Mostad seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

Manager Kuseske gave the ditch report. The ditches were sprayed and there is some maintenance needed before they can be sprayed again.

The Calendar was reviewed. Managers Mostad and Kuseske will be attending the Viewers meeting. Manager Cook will be attending the MAWD meeting on July 14<sup>th</sup> for Manager Mostad. Administrator Klocker will determine how many tickets the district has before determining who will attend River Night.

Administrator Klocker gave an update on the Lower Sauk Project. The Collaborative Group met on Tuesday, June 28<sup>th</sup> to review the priorities for the Diagnostic Study.

The board reviewed the SRF requests. Manager Kutter made a motion to approve the applicants. Manager Kuseske seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor. The board asked for more information on what kind of project is being approved.

The board reviewed a possible position for a Stearns County Urban Conservationist. Manager Robinson made a motion to ask Dennis Fuchs from Stearns County SWCD to attend a meeting to give more details on this position. Manager Cook seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

Administrator Klocker reviewed the US Army Corp of Engineering Cooperative Research Development Agreement contract for the SRCL TMDL. Manager Robinson made a motion to sign the contract. Manager Mostad seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

Administrator Klocker handed in her two week resignation. Manager Kral made a motion to accept Administrator Klocker's resignation. Manager Hermanutz seconded it. The motion passed with Manager Cook opposing.

President Hensley appointed Managers Kral, Kuseske and Mostad to look into the Judicial Ditch 2 Sediment Pond assessments.

The meeting was adjourned.

Recording Secretary, Starla Arceneau