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Regular Meeting
Approved Minutes
July 6th, 2004

President Cook called the meeting to order. Managers present: Cook, Hunstiger, Kanten, Kuseske, Kutter, Mostad, Rettig and Schmidt. Manager absent: Hensley. Advisory Board Member present: Otte. Also present: John Kolb, Attorney; Starla Arceneau, Office Administrator.

Managers Cook, Kuseske, Rettig and Schmidt read and signed their Oath of Offices.

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

The board reviewed the minutes of the June 15th meeting. The board approved the minutes by general consent.

The board reviewed the treasurer's report. Manager Kanten then made a motion to approve the treasurer's report comprised of checks 13015 through 13090. Manager Rettig seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

Attorney Kolb reviewed the Memorandum outlining the next steps required in the Weed Harvest Project. There was considerable discussion on different viewing options. Manager Kanten made a motion to follow Attorney Kolb's recommendation to hire a real estate appraiser. Manager Rettig seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor. Manager Rettig then made a motion to appoint Managers Kuseske and Mostad as volunteer viewers and for them to look at appraisers and give their recommendations at the next board meeting. Manager Hunstiger seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

The contract for the Accelerated Buffer Strip Program with Pheasant Forever was reviewed. Manager Hunstiger made a motion to have Administrator Klocker sign the contract. Manager Kanten seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

The calendar of events was reviewed.

The board reviewed Permit 04-04 in regards to the Sunny Meadows development in Eden Valley. Manager Kuseske made a motion to approve permit 04-04. Manager Mostad seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

Attorney Kolb gave the Attorney's Report. The 2004 MAWD award programs applications are due by October 11th. Kolb reported on the Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts Summer Tour. Kolb gave an update that the Department of Natural Resources is trying to open up the Drainage Code. Kolb will inform the board when more information becomes available.

Manager Mostad will attend the Minnesota Viewers Association Seminar on July 15th, 2004.

The Visioning Session for Osakis Area Drainage Basin Visioning meeting is scheduled for July 24th.

President Cook has been in contact with the City of Osakis Mayor in regards to the City of Osakis Permit.

Managers Kuseske and Mostad attended the June 23rd meeting to establish the Middle Crow Watershed District.

Commissioner Otte reported that they initiated a transfer of a Ditch to the City since it's not located in a Watershed District.

The board welcomed Manager Schmidt.

Manager Kuseske asked if Stearns County will be reviewing floodplain mapping. Commissioner Otte will ask the County and report back to Manager Kuseske.

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

Secretary, Sharen Kutter
Recording Secretary, Starla Arceneau