

# Sauk River Watershed District

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Regular Meeting  
Approved  
September 4, 2007

President Kutter called the meeting to order. Managers present: Hetland, Hensley, Kral, Kuseske, Kutter, Rettig, Robinson and Mostad. Manager absent: Coughlin. Others in attendance were Brent Johnson and Mark Deutschman, Houston Engineering; Jim Klang, Kieser & Associates; Pat Shea, City of St. Cloud; Jim Hodgson, MPCA; Jerry VonKorfff, Attorney; Lowell Enerson, Administrator and Starla Arceneau, Recording Secretary.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

The minutes of the August 21<sup>st</sup> meeting were tabled until the September 18<sup>th</sup> meeting.

The board reviewed the treasurer's report. Manager Robinson made a motion to approve checks 16714 thru 16747. Manager Kuseske seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

Mark Deutschman, Houston Engineering and Pat Shea, City of St. Cloud gave a PowerPoint presentation on the City of St. Cloud Stormwater Nondegradation Plan.

Jim Klang, Kieser & Associates gave a PowerPoint presentation on Water Quality Trading & Ecoservice Credit Project. Jim Hodgson from the MPCA showed examples of how this process works. Manager Rettig made a motion to have the staff proceed in investigating and determining what efforts are needed to proceed with Water Quality Trading. Manger Hetland seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

Brent Johnson from Houston Engineering reported on the Eden Valley Project. There was considerable discussion on how to proceed with the public hearings. Manager Hensley made a motion to set the public hearing for November 20<sup>th</sup> to discuss only what is on Resolution #2007-18. Manager Kral seconded it. The motion passed with Manager Robinson opposing.

The calendar and activity report was reviewed.

The Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts (MAWD) Annual Conference is scheduled for November 29-December 1<sup>st</sup> and Starla Arceneau was asked to continue on as the recording secretary. Manager Mostad made a motion to approve Starla Arceneau's time needed to attend the conference and compile the minutes. Manager Kral seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

Administrator Enerson informed the Managers that there is a vacancy on the MAWD Board of Directors. Manager Mostad made a motion to recommend and support Manager Kuseske to submit an application for the vacant position. Manager Hetland seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

No Budget Committee Report.

No Nominating Committee Report

No Personnel & Salary Committee Report.

No Rules Committee Report.

Manager Hensley gave an update on the Weed Harvest. The staff passed out the 2007 Weed Harvest year end figures for the board to review.

Jerry VanKorff reported that he has been in contact with Tom Anderson the Douglas County Ditch Inspector regarding the process of establishing buffer strips along Judicial Ditch 2.

Manager Kral reported on the thistles near the JD2 sediment ponds. Manager Hensley made a motion to contact the creamery to spray the thistles. Manager Mostad seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

No Professional Services Committee Report.

Manager Robinson invited the Managers to the Friends of the Sauk River Annual Meeting on September 15<sup>th</sup> at the Melrose Community Park.

Administrator Enerson informed the board that Ray Bohn is working with the MAWD board to notify all Watershed District's to submit their pay equity reports.

Manager Robinson questioned several items in the activity report.

Manager Hensley questioned how long to retain board meetings recordings. Manager Hensley made a motion retain the recording of the board meetings on file indefinitely. Manager Rettig seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

Manager Hensley questioned if the letter requesting reimbursement for the damaged net was submitted to the individual. Administrator Enerson was unaware of a letter being sent but will check with staff and report back at the next regular meeting.

Administrator Enerson requested that the interns be allowed to continue working until further notice. Manager Hensley made a motion to allow the interns to continue on an as needed basis until freeze up. Manager Rettig seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

The meeting was adjourned.

Secretary, Virgil Rettig  
Recording Secretary, Starla Arceneau