

Sauk River Watershed District

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Regular Meeting

Approved

September 20, 2005

President Hensley called the meeting to order. Managers present: Cook, Hensley, Hermanutz, Kral, Kuseske, Mostad, Rettig and Robinson. Manager absent: Kutter. Others present Julie Klocker, Administrator; Starla Arceneau, Office Administrator.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

The board reviewed the minutes of the September 6 meeting. Manager Rettig made a motion to approve the September 6th minutes. Manager Kuseske seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

The board reviewed the treasurer's report. Manager Rettig made a motion to approve the treasurer's report comprised of checks 14451 - 14491. Manager Kral seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

Administrator Klocker reviewed the Judicial Ditch 2 Change Order #2 from Barr Engineering to delay work on the Judicial Ditch 2 Sediment Ponds. There was considerable discussion on changing Change Order #2 to include a clarification of a substantial completion date and that the site has the proper erosion control measures in place. Manager Cook made a motion to have Administrator contact the Engineer and contractors regarding the erosion control. Manager Cook withdrew her motion. Manager Kuseske then made a motion to reject the change order in its present state and to have Barr Engineering rewrite the change order to address the board's concerns requiring a statement of a substantial completion date and to have the Engineer direct the contractor to insure temporary erosion control measures are in compliance. Manager Rettig seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor. The board requested Managers Hensley and Kral meet with Steve Klein on Friday to review the board's recommendations.

Manager Hermanutz reported that the Weed Harvest Project committee met with Bob Bjork and other Lake Association members to discuss chemical treatments as an alternative to removing weeds from Sauk Lake. Bob Bjork and Patrick Selter, Professional Lake Management, will attend the October 4th meeting to discuss the other alternatives with the full board.

The weed harvest committee recommended to wait one year before purchasing additional equipment and that a levy of \$60,000 be certified to cover the 2006 harvest season. Manager Kuseske made a motion to certify the \$60,000 levy. Manager Mostad seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

Manager Hermanutz reviewed the weed harvest storage agreement. Manager Hermanutz made a motion to approve the agreement with a correction to have the payment due October 1st. Manager Robinson seconded it. The motion passed with Manager Mostad abstaining.

Administrator Klocker reviewed the District's resolution to MAWD regarding reimbursement of permit fees was approved by MAWD, but not acted on by the legislature. The board approved by general consensus leaving this Watershed District's resolution in the MAWD resolution process.

Manager Mostad reported that the personnel committee has met to discuss Employee Health Insurance stipends, eliminating comp time and restoring over-time for working over 40 hours and to look into purchasing a time clock. The committee will setup a meeting with staff within the next two weeks.

Manager Cook gave an update on the planning the 2006 Summer Tour. The committee will meet with the staff to have them participate in the planning process. Minnesota Association of Watershed District has selected the Alexandria Holiday Inn for next year's tour.

Manager Cook also reported that the rules committee has established a schedule to layout the completion of the rules. There was discussion of the open meeting law in regards to emailing committee members. The members on the committee can email each other but cannot forward to any other Manager. Administrator Klocker mentioned that she has met with Attorney Deter to update him on the drainage policy and the rules.

Manager Kuseske also gave an update on grant dollars available for beaver control. Manager Kuseske suggested a Manager be appointed to sit in the Beaver Control Program Joint Powers Board. Manager Mostad made a motion to appoint Manager Kral. Manager Robinson seconded it. The motion passed with Manager Kral and Kuseske abstaining. Manager Kuseske also reported that he has contracted thistles to be sprayed on Judicial Ditch 1.

The upcoming calendar was reviewed.

Administrator Klocker updated the board on a possible grant to remodel the office for more room and to make the office more handicap accessible.

Administrator Klocker has met with Kurt Deter and Dave Meyers in regards to the Lakeridge Addition Conservation Easement.

Starting September 1, 2005 the IRS standard mileage rate was increased to .485¢ per mile.

Administrator Klocker reported that the Fecal Coliform and E. Coli levels on Mill Creek are significantly higher than water quality standards. Administrator Klocker has informed Stearns County Environmental Services, SWCD, MPCA, MDNR, MN Department of Health and the City of Rockville of the contamination.

The board reviewed two requests for State Revolving Funds. Manager Cook made a motion to approve the allocated State Revolving Fund dollars. Manager Rettig seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

The Engineering Service requests are due Friday, September 23rd. The Professional Service Committee will review and determine the top two firms to give a presentation to the full board.

Manager Robinson handed out USGS publication in regards to the study on the Sauk River and a summary of the efforts of St. Paul, Minneapolis and St. Cloud completed on source water protection.

Manager Cook informed the board that she would like to attend a Storm Water conference in Chicago and was wondering if the district could cover part of the cost. There was discussion on how to fund Managers attending conference. Manager Hermanutz made a motion to allow \$300 for Manager Cook to attend the conference. The motion died with a lack of a second. Manager Cook thanked the board for their consideration.

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

Secretary, Virgil Rettig
Recording Secretary, Starla Arceneau