

Sauk River Watershed District

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Regular Meeting
Approved
September 5, 2006

President Kutter called the meeting to order. Managers present: Cook, Kuseske, Hensley, Hermanutz, Kral, Kutter, Robinson, Rettig and Mostad. Also present were: Amy Trisko, Education/Monitoring Coordinator; Starla Arceneau, Recording Secretary.

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 August 15 meeting. Manager Robinson made a motion to approve the August 15th minutes. Manager Cook seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

The board reviewed the treasurer's report. Manager Kral made a motion to approve checks 15506 thru 15574. Manager Cook seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

Manager Hensley reported that the Personnel Committee met at Charlie's Café to review the ranking of Administrator candidates. The top candidates will be interviewed by the full board on September 7, 2006.

The regular meeting was recessed for the 2007-2008 budget public hearing. President Kutter asked for public comments. After no public comments the regular meeting was re-opened. Manager Robinson made a motion to approve the 2007-2008 budget. Manager Cook seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

Manager Hermanutz reviewed several projects he would like the Professional Service Committee to look into. The board tabled the discussion until after the interview.

The board interviewed Michel Sharp.

The board continued to review the special projects Manager Hermanutz addressed. President Kutter recommended a new committee be formed to look into Manager Hermanutz concerns since the Professional Services Committee is for Engineering, Lawyer & Financial Services for the upcoming year. President Kutter appointed Managers Hermanutz, Kral - (Chair) and Robinson to a new committee called the Special Project Issues Committee.

Manager Kuseske gave the ditch report. Manager Kuseske reviewed that the NRCS has issued exemption for the repair of County Ditch 26. Manager Kuseske also mentioned that the DNR has been issuing cease and desist orders on all projects within the ditch. Kuseske recommends that the permit application for maintenance on CD 26 be tabled until he can contact the County. The staff will contact the landowner and give him an update.

Dan Klukken attended the meeting to receive an update on the permit application he submitted for a Sauk River Shoreline restoration project which will consist of installing a soil earthen dam at the upstream extent of the erosion. Water will pool behind the berm and be directed into a 24" corrugated metal pipe to a rip rap plunge pool before entering the Sauk River. Lynn Nelson has received verbal agreement from Todd County SWCD in regards to silt fences being installed around the downstream portion of the grading limits and that the earthen dam will not result in the flooding of adjacent properties. Manager Cook made a motion to approve the permit with 4 special conditions consisting of installing silt fences around the downstream portion of the grading limits, written approval from Todd County SWCD that the earthen dam will not result in flooding of adjacent properties, install a larger inlet and place filter fabric down before rock is installed. Manager Hensley seconded it. The motion passed with Manager Hermanutz opposing.

The Calendar was reviewed. A MAWD resolution is due by October 15th and should be submitted to Manager Cook.

The board requested electronic copies of the TMDL's & Diagnostic reports.

On-site inspections reports from Chris Meehan were in the board packets for the board to review and discuss at the next regular meeting.

Manager Hermanutz asked if Chris Meehan could provide a drawing of the revised plan for the Garden of Peace Cemetery and a ball park figure of how much terabit water would come down the hill near Highway 2.

The board reviewed the SRF requests. Manager Kuseske made a motion to approve the applicants. Manager Rettig seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

The board discussed purchasing an enclosed trailer for 20 tents that were purchased for the Water Festivals. Amy Trisko mentioned that the tents weigh 123 lbs each and the District has no storage available. The tents are being stored in President Kutter's shed until further notice. Manager Cook made a motion to purchase a large enough enclosed trailer to accommodate the tents. Manager Mostad seconded it. The motion failed. Manager Hensley then made a motion to rent or borrow an adequate trailer until further research could be made. Manager Robinson seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

The City of Eden Valley has submitted a letter requesting the payback term for their special assessment for the petitioned stormwater study of \$23,173.55 be any where from 5-10 years. Manager Hermanutz made a motion to allow the City of Eden Valley a payback period of 5-10 years. Manager Robinson seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

Lynn Nelson submitted a memo requesting interest and Survey & Data Acquisition dollars be allocated to help finance the Paleolimnological (sediment history) study on Sauk Lake. The board tabled so that Lynn could seek alternative funding.

Manager Kral will attend the informational meeting on the ditch clean out of Todd County Ditch 33, and 2 on September 14, 2006.

President Kutter will sign the Independent Contractor Agreement for the Science Museum of Minnesota for the SRCL TMDL.

President Kutter informed the board that Manager Kuseske has submitted his letter of resignation effective October 1st. Manager Hensley thanked Manager Kuseske for his years of dedicated services and the tremendous loss his absence will bring.

Manager Kral gave an update on a dispute between two landowners and noted the District can't get involved. The Judicial Ditch 2 Sediment Ponds sites have been seeded and Manager Kral will purchase and install no trespassing signs.

President Kutter asked the board who would like to be on the trailer committee. Manager Kral volunteered and the staff will check with the weed crew to help load the tents for transfer to the September 22nd Water Festival.

The meeting was adjourned

Secretary, Virgil Rettig
Recording Secretary, Starla Arceneau