

Sauk River Watershed District

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Regular Meeting
Approved
September 7, 2004

President Cook called the meeting to order. Managers present: Cook, Hensley, Hunstiger, Kanten, Kuseske, Kutter, Mostad, Rettig and Schmidt. Advisory Board Member present: Wiegers. Also present: Union Dairy Representatives, Tim Weir, Stearns Electric; John Kolb, Attorney; Julie Klocker, Administrator; Starla Arceneau, Office Administrator.

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

The board reviewed the minutes of the August 17th meeting. The board approved the minutes by general consent.

The board reviewed the treasurer's report. Manager Rettig then made a motion to approve the treasurer's report comprised of checks 13227 through 13283. Manager Schmidt seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

The 2004/2005 Committee Membership was announced.

Attorney Kolb gave an update on MacKenzie/Schmiesing drainage issue. MacKenzie has agreed to restore a portion of the depression on his side of the property line. The board asked Administrator Klocker to send a letter to all interested parties to summarize the issue.

The 210th Ravine Project was reviewed. There was discussion regarding liability if the project is completed near the Townships road. Discussion was tabled until after the public hearing on the Budget.

Manager Kutter made a motion to close the regular meeting and open the Public Hearing for the 2005-06 Proposed Budget. Manager Kanten seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

The 2005-2006 Proposed Budget was read. There being no public comments on the budget Manager Rettig made a motion to approve the proposed 2005-2006 Budget. Manager Hunstiger seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor. Manager Hunstiger then made a motion to adjourn the budget hearing. Manager Rettig seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

The regular meeting was reopened.

The 210th Ravine Project discussion was continued. Manager Mostad made a motion to have staff setup a meeting with the Townships and Landowners to determine new options. Manager Rettig seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

The board reviewed Osakis Lake Phase III (Resolution 04-11) and Sauk River Chain of Lakes (Resolution 04-12) grant agreement amendments. Manager Mostad made a motion to approve Resolution 04-11. Manager Kanten seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor. Manager Kutter made a motion to approve 04-12. Manager Rettig seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

Administrator Klocker reviewed a cost estimate of \$1500 for 2 carp traps for the Judicial Ditch 2 Sediment Basins. There was discussion on reusing the traps we already have. Manager Hensley will contact Gene Harren to discuss reusing the old traps.

Administrator Klocker gave a presentation on the Districts new website. The board was impressed with the final version.

Manager Mostad gave a power point presentation on his tour to Wisconsin farms using manure digesters on their dairy farm. Several representatives from Union Dairy and Stearns Electric attended the meeting to see Mostad's presentation. Union Dairy is looking into using these digesters on their farm.

The calendar of events was reviewed.

The board reviewed allocated State Revolving Funds for Best Management Practices. Manager Rettig made a motion to approve the State Revolving Funds. Manager Hunstiger seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

The Resolution committee met to discuss the district's resolutions. Administrator Klocker will prepare the committee's recommendations to be presented at the October 4th meeting.

Administrator Klocker reviewed the 2004 Taxable Market Values.

Administrator Klocker requested approval to purchase LCD projector and screen equipment using Ashley Hoboken grant dollars. Manager Schmidt made a motion to approve the purchase of equipment. Manager Hunstiger seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

On September 19th there will be a banquet honoring the Douglas County SWCD for 50 years of service. The board asked staff if they would be interested in attending and send a card congratulating them on their many years of service.

Attorney Kolb gave an update on the landowner asked to be removed from McDean Cluster on Lake Osakis. Kolb recommended updating the Best Management Practices loan and grant agreements.

Kolb also gave an update on the CD 17 Request for Partial Abandonment. Denny Kruhn from Stearns County will survey the area. Kolb will schedule a pre-hearing meeting in October or November.

Haven Wiegers mentioned that the old diversion berm was removed and a new berm was installed between Lake Osakis and Long Prairie.

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

Secretary, Ed Hunstiger
Recording Secretary, Starla Arceneau