

**Watershed District Meeting
 MINUTES**

Tuesday, March 16, 2021

Located at: Sauk River District Office, Sauk Centre, MN, 6:00 p.m.

Managers Present:	Gary Barber, Larry Ladwig, Donavon McKigney, Bill Becker, Scott Klatt, Paul Hartmann, Lee Bautch, Scott Wittkop
Staff Present:	Scott Henderson, Administrator; John Kolb, Attorney; Sarah Jo Boser, Water Resource Manager; Jon Roeschlein, Ditch & Permit Coordinator
Guests Present:	Tim Massmann, Doug Fredrickson, Ralph & Rose Inderrieden, Scott Mehr, David Berdan, Matt Symalla
Manager's Absent:	Emily Wolf

1. **Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order by President Becker at 6:00 p.m.
2. **Additions/corrections to the agenda items** – President Becker asked for corrections or additions to the agenda. **Manager Bautch made a motion to approve the agenda as modified. The motion was seconded by Manager McKigney. Roll call vote was taken. The motion passed with all in favor.**
3. **Consent Agenda**
 - a. **Financial Reports/Meeting Minutes**
 1. Checks for February
 2. Receipt Book
 3. Revenue Guideline
 4. Cash Balances
 5. Expenditure Report
 6. February 16, 2021 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
 7. Permit Status

Manager Barber made a motion to approve the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Manager Ladwig. Roll call vote was taken. The motion passed with all in favor.
4. **Reports – Action Items, Reports and Project Updates** – *Administrator Henderson and staff*
 - a. **Projects and Programs**
 - i. Sauk River Comprehensive Water Management Plan Update- Administrator Henderson informed the board that 8 out of the 9 entities that were a part of the 1W1P Comprehensive Management have approved with resolutions to send it on to the Board of Water and Soil Resources. Stearns County will have a meeting on March 23rd and are expecting no issues with approval.
 - b. **Administration**
 - i. **Permit Fees** – Jon Roeschlein, Ditch and Permit Manager, updated the board on discussions that the Rules Committee had regarding permit fees. The

recommended fee changes for stormwater and erosion control permit fees are based on project size to make the fees more equitable. The recommended change for drainage permit fee would be a flat fee of \$100 for work within the Right of Way of a public drainage system. The last recommended change was to place a \$100 general permit inspection fee to administer and inspect these permits. **Manager Barber made a motion to approve the new Permit Fee and Performance Surety Schedule with review annually. The motion was seconded by Manager Wittkop. Roll call vote was taken. The motion passed with all in favor.** By consensus of the board, the new rates take effect immediately.

- ii. MAWD 20214 Dues – Administrator Henderson presented a memo to the board explaining what MAWD is and what they do and don't do for the District. The dues are \$7,500 per year and there has been disappointment with what the District receives in return for that money. If the District would decide not to pay dues, staff and managers are still able to attend MAWD functions at the same price. **Manager Bautch made a motion not to pay MAWD dues in 2021. The motion was seconded by Manager Hartmann. Roll call vote was taken. The motion passed with all in favor.**

c. Committee

- i. Citizen Advisory Committee – Administrator Henderson informed the board that the Advisory Committee met on February 21st. They discussed drainage assessments, funding and redetermination of benefits.
- ii. Water Quality/Projects – Managers Hartmann, Becker, McKigney –
- iii. Rules – Managers Klatt, Ladwig, Wolf – No comments
- iv. Education/Outreach – Managers Bautch and Wolf – No comments
- v. Budget – Managers Barber, Becker, McKigney – No comments

5. **Items for Upcoming Meetings or of Interest**

- a. Sauk River Chain of Lakes TMDL Notice for Comments

6. **Upcoming Meetings to be Announced**

- a. Regular Board Meetings
 1. Tuesday, March 23, 2021 – Special Meeting – Buffer Violation
 2. Tuesday, April 20, 2021 – Regular Board Meeting
- b. Other Meetings and Events
 1. None

7. **Adjourn Regular Board Meeting – Manager Bautch made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 6:56 p.m. The motion was seconded by Manager Barber. Roll call vote was taken. The motion passed with all in favor.**

1. **The Drainage Authority meeting was called to order by President Becker at 6:56 p.m.**
2. **Additions/corrections to the agenda item** – President Becker asked if there were changes or additions to the agenda. Administrator Henderson added discussion on Krantz Lake. **Manager Barber made a motion to approve the agenda as modified. The motion was seconded by Manager Hartmann. Roll call vote was taken to approve the agenda. The motion passed with all in favor.**
3. **Reports**
 - a. Stearns CD 9
 - i. Ralph and Rose Inderrieden – Landowners Ralph and Rose Ann Inderrieden spoke to the board about issues they have with water ponding on a portion of their land after the CD 9 repair. They feel that part of the ditch is out of repair and the District should fix it. Jon Roeschlein, Ditch and Permit Manager, shared a profile of that portion of the ditch that shows that the actual ditch bottom is below the as-built design of the ditch. A discussion was had about bringing the ditch bottom up to as-built design, but then the private ditches coming into the public ditch would be below this design elevation and would not drain. Attorney Kolb stated that the board cannot change the elevation of the tile in the portion of the ditch without a petition.
 - b. Stearns CD 17
 - i. Continuation of Redetermination of Benefits – Administrator Henderson reminded the board that at the January Regular Meeting, the board asked the viewers to go back and look at certain lands, utilizing some engineering. They are still working on that and will have it available at the April meeting. **Manager Bautch made a motion to continue the Redetermination of Benefits hearing to April 20th at 7 p.m. at the District Office and via teleconference. The motion was seconded by Manager McKigney. Roll Call vote was taken. The motion passed with all in favor.**
 - c. 2020 Annual Drainage System Inspection Report
 - i. Review of the Inspection Report – Jon Roeschlein, Ditch and Permit Manager, presented the 2020 Annual Drainage System Inspection to the board. He asked them to review it and let him know if there are any questions. The report will be put on the website and mailed out.
 - d. Ditch and Permit Manager
 - i. Monthly Report-written report
 - e. Krantz Lake – Attorney Kolb gave the board a history of Krantz Lake.
4. **Items for Upcoming Meetings**
 - a. Continuation of Stearns CD 17 ROB Hearing.

5. **Upcoming meetings to be announced**
 - a. Other Meetings

6. **Adjournment of Drainage Authority Meeting – Manager Ladwig made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 p.m. The motion was seconded by Manager Wittkop. Roll call vote was taken. The motion passed with all in favor.**

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