

Watershed District Meeting
MINUTES

Tuesday, May 18, 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:	Matt Symalla, Drew Kessler, Jerry Rapp, Cody Rogahn, John Funk, Randy Neumann, Dan Grundman, Todd Malecha, Bernie Herickhoff, Jason Lina, Tim Massmann, Mary Pfannenstein, Bryan Murphy, Robert Zabinski, Joe Lewis, Derek Ebertowski, Shantel Hecht, Larry Murphy, Joe Sieben, Tom Ardolf, Jen Schneider
Manager's Absent:	Emily Wolf

1. **Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order by President Becker at 6:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. **Additions/corrections to the agenda items** – President Becker asked for corrections or additions to the agenda. **Manager Barber made a motion to approve the agenda as modified. The motion was seconded by Manager Wittkop. Roll call vote was taken. The motion passed with all in favor.**
3. **Consent Agenda**
 - a. **Financial Reports/Meeting Minutes**
 1. Checks for April
 2. Receipt Book
 3. Revenue Guideline
 4. Cash Balances
 5. Expenditure Report
 6. April 20, 2021 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
 7. Permit Status

Manager Ladwig made a motion to approve the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by President Becker. 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. **Project 349 – Getchell Creek Stabilization**
 1. **Donor Funding** – Sarah Jo Boser, Water Resource Manager, informed the board that the District is working on a contract with Bonneville Environmental Foundation to secure \$50,000 in private funding. Their Change the Course program specializes in helping partners implement

water restoration and conservation programs by connecting them with cooperate funding. Coors Seltzer partnered with the Change the Course program to help ensure that rivers across America remain vibrant and sustainable, today and long into the future. The District's funding comes from this source. The District was selected due to the importance of the water quality in the Sauk River as well as the strong conservation partnerships in this area.

2. Engineering Report – Boser informed the board that she received an engineer's report for the Getchell Creek Stabilization Project that she will review and then organize an informational meeting before spending any of the donor money.
- ii. Project 2017-04 Osakis Lake Area TMDL Implementation Project – Crooked Lake – Boser shared the engineer's report with the landowner's that the District has easements with in the Crooked Lake area. She plans to reach out to them to get feedback.
- iii. Project 2001-01-JD 2 Sediment Ponds
 1. Inspection Report – Jon Roeschlein, Ditch & Permit Coordinator, explained to the board how the ponds are intended to operate as there was a question from Manager Hartmann.
 2. Funding Discussion Continued – Boser reminded the board that at a previous meeting of the Citizen Advisory Meeting, there was discussion of other options to fund the Sediment Pond Project. At a later date, the Water Quality/Projects committee also discussed funding options. There were 5 options given for discussion. Manager Hartmann asked for clarification on the 5th option. **Manager Barber made a motion to table discussion to the next meeting and have some scenarios ready. The motion was seconded by Manager Hartmann. Roll call vote was taken. The motion passed with all in favor.**

b. Committees

- i. Citizen Advisory Committee – No comments
- ii. Water Quality/Projects – Managers Hartmann, Becker, McKigney – No comments
- 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.

6. **Upcoming Meetings to be Announced**

a. Regular Board Meetings

1. Tuesday, June 15, 2021 – Regular Board Meeting
2. Tuesday, July 20, 2021 – Regular Board Meeting

b. Other Meetings

1. None

7. **Adjourn Regular Board Meeting – Manager Bautch made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 6:39 p.m. The motion was seconded by Manager Wittkop. Roll call vote was taken. The motion passed with all in favor.**

**Regular Drainage Authority Meeting
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1. **The Drainage Authority meeting was called to order by President Becker at 6:39 p.m.**
2. **Additions/corrections to the agenda item – President Becker asked if there were changes or additions to the agenda. There were none. Manager Bautch made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Manager Wittkop. Roll call vote was taken to approve the agenda. The motion passed with all in favor.**
3. **Reports**
 - a. Stearns County Ditch 17
 - i. Continuation of Redetermination of Benefits Hearing - President Becker reconvened the public hearing. Jon Roeschlein, Ditch and Permit Manager, presented the updated report with the re-examination of parts of CD 17 benefitted areas. Bryan Murphy from H2Overviewers and Joe Lewis from Houston Engineering presented their findings. Landowners were allowed public comment and expressed their concerns and dislike for the Redetermination of Benefits. Manager Barber asked Attorney Kolb to explain the process of abandoning a public ditch if that is what the landowners wish to do. Kolb also clarified that the hearing is to approve the redetermination of benefits and not anything to do with a repair. If the redetermination of benefits is not approved, the old benefitting role will be responsible for all of the costs accrued thus far. **Manager McKigney made a motion to approve the revisions made to the redetermination of benefits and to approve the final viewer’s report as presented. The motion was seconded by Manager Wittkop. Roll Call vote was taken: Barber – nay, Bautch-nay, Hartman-nay, Klatt-nay, Ladwig-nay, McKigney-aye, Becker-abstain, Wittkop-nay. The motion failed 6 to 1, with 1 abstention. Manager Hartman made a motion to dismiss the proceedings on CD 17. The motion was seconded by Manager Bautch. Roll Call vote was taken: Barber – aye, Bautch-aye, Hartman-aye, Klatt-aye, Ladwig-aye, McKigney-aye, Becker-abstain, Wittkop-aye. Motion passed 7 in favor, 1 abstention.**
 - b. Stearns/Pope JD 1, Pope CD 6 and CD 11
 - i. CSAH 33 and Krantz Lake Dike Repair – Jon Roeschlein, Ditch and Permit Manager, informed the board that the contract was awarded for the CSAH 33 south crossing and the Krantz Lake dike repair. Both costs came in lower than the engineer’s estimate. There was discussion on phasing the repair with stage 1 being the replacement of culverts. **Manager Ladwig made a motion to replace the culverts listed in the engineer’s final repair report on JD 1, CD 6**

and Pope CD 11. The motion was seconded by Manager Bautch. Roll Call vote was taken. The motion passed with all in favor.

- ii. Repair Future – This item was handled during the discussion of the CSAH 33 and Krantz Lake Dike Repair.

c. Stearns CD 9

- i. Private Tile Connection – John Funk – Roeschlein introduced landowner John Funk to the board and reminded them of the tile connection that couldn't be located and reconnected by the District last November. Funk was later able to find the tile and have it reconnected at his expense. Funk then came back to the board in January of 2021 and asked for reimbursement for that cost, the cost of rent and weed control. The board denied the request. Funk asked to speak with the board again as he doesn't feel he should have been responsible for that. **Manager Ladwig made a motion to pay Mr. Funk \$1,000. The motion was seconded by Manager Bautch. Roll Call vote was taken: Barber – nay, Bautch-nay, Hartman-nay, Klatt-nay, Ladwig-aye, McKigney-nay, Becker-aye, Wittkop-abstain. The motion failed 5 to 2, with 1 abstention. Manager McKigney made a motion to pay Mr. Fund \$787.00 for his lost crop. The motion was seconded by Manager Ladwig. Roll Call vote was taken: Barber – aye, Bautch-aye, Hartman-nay, Klatt-nay, Ladwig-aye, McKigney-aye, Becker-aye, Wittkop-aye. The motion passed with 6 in favor, 2 against.**

d. Ditch and Permit Manager

- i. Monthly Report-written report

4. **Items for Upcoming Meetings**

- a. Verbal on culvert replacements on Pope ditches.

5. **Upcoming meetings to be announced**

- a. Other Meetings

6. **Adjournment of Drainage Authority Meeting – Manager Bautch made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:41 p.m. The motion was seconded by Manager Wittkop. Roll call vote was taken. The motion passed with all in favor.**