

# Sauk River Watershed District

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Regular Meeting  
Approved  
July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2004

President Cook called the meeting to order. Managers present: Cook, Hensley, Hunstiger, Kanten, Kuseske, Kutter, Mostad, Rettig and Schmidt. Advisory Board Member present: Withers. Also present: Andrew McKenzie, Landowner; John Kolb, Attorney; Starla Arceneau, Office Administrator.

The nominating committee recommendations for officers were Manager Cook as President, Manager Kuseske as Vice President, Manager Hunstiger as Secretary and Manager Kutter as Treasurer. Manager Hunstiger made a motion to approve the new officers. Manager Rettig seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

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

The board reviewed the minutes of the July 6<sup>th</sup> 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 13092 through 13134. Manager Hunstiger seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

Andrew MacKenzie gave a power point presentation in regards to a possible blocking the natural drainage flow in Getty Township. There was considerable discussion whether the natural flow has been altered when Manager Hunstiger made a motion to have Mr. MacKenzie shoot evaluations to determine if the natural flow has been altered. Manager Rettig seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor. The board tabled until the evaluation is available.

Managers Kuseske and Mostad will meet with Ron Ringquist to review estimates on determining benefits for the Weed Harvest Project. Managers Kuseske and Mostad will bring the estimates to the next regular board meeting.

The budget committee reviewed the proposed 2005-2006 budget. The staff will send the revised budget to the board for their approval at the August 3<sup>rd</sup> board meeting.

The Personnel Committee would like the board to consider rescinding the Compensation Policy. After lengthy discussion Manager Mostad made a motion to rescind the current policy and go back to the old policy. Manager Hensley seconded it. A roll call vote was taken. Hensley-Aye, Rettig-Aye, Schmidt-Nay, Mostad-Aye, Cook-Nay, Hunstiger-Nay, Kutter-Aye, Kanten-Nay and Kuseske-Aye. The Motion passed 5 to 4. The personnel committee will meet on August 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5:30p.m for the annual staff compensation review. Administrator Klocker will provide recommendations to the Committee at that time. Then the Administrator will meet with each staff member to review the recommendations before bringing it to the full Board meeting on August 17.

The calendar of events was reviewed. The August 17 Board meeting will be at Eden Valley City Hall.

The Sauk River Chain of Lakes technical committee presented their information to the SRCOL planning committee on Monday, July 19. The SRCOL Planning Committee will meet again in August. The Osakis Visioning session is scheduled for July 24.

The board reviewed a permit application to remove the diversion ditch between Lake Osakis and the Long Prairie River. Manager Hensley made a motion to approve the permit. Manager Kanten seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

The board reviewed SRF allocated dollars for Best Management Practices. Manager Kuseske made a motion to approve the allocated dollars. Manager Kutter seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

Attorney Kolb had no Attorney's Report.

Manager Kuseske reported that there is maintenance needed on Judicial Ditch 1. Kuseske will bring cost estimates to the August 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting.

Manager Mostad would like the staff to research having a bus tour.

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

Secretary, Ed Hunstiger  
Recording Secretary, Starla Arceneau