

Sauk River Watershed District

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Regular Meeting
Approved
August 17, 2004

President Cook called the meeting to order. Managers present: Cook, Hensley, Hunstiger, Kanten, Kuseske, Kutter, Mostad, Rettig and Schmidt. Advisory Board Members present: Johnson and Raschke. Also present: City of Eden Valley City Clerk, City Employee, Council Members and Eden Valley Planning and Zoning members; Joe Roelike, Landowner; Stan Hanson, Bonestroo; John Harren, Melrose Public Works Director; John Kolb, Attorney; Julie Klocker, Administrator; Starla Arceneau, Office Administrator.

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

The board reviewed the minutes of the August 3rd meeting. The board approved the minutes by general consent.

The board reviewed the treasurer's report. Manager Hunstiger then made a motion to approve the treasurer's report comprised of checks 13172 through 13226. Manager Rettig seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

The board tabled the Committee Membership and update on MacKenzie/Schmiesing drainage issue until the September 7th meeting. The Board requested that Administrator Klocker contact Mr. MacKenzie and ask him to the September 7 Board meeting.

Administrator Klocker and Attorney Kolb gave a power point presentation to inform the Eden Valley City Clerk, City Council Members, Planning and Zoning members on the District's programs and how the District can help address their water issues.

The calendar of events was reviewed.

Administrator Klocker informed the board that the Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts annual meeting is just around the corner and resolutions need to be turned in. Klocker asked for volunteers for the Resolutions Committee. Managers Schmidt, Kanten, Kutter will meet with Klocker at the District's office on September 7th at 5:30 p.m.

Administrator Klocker reviewed a permit application from the City of Melrose to develop the I-94 Industrial Park. Administrator Klocker reviewed the specifications for this project and recommended to approve the permit. Joe Roelike addressed his concerns that the private ditch and his land cannot handle any new runoff. Stan Hanson from Bonestroo Rosene Anderlik reviewed the Engineers Report and how the model demonstrates that the post development flow will be less than current rates. Manager Mostad made a motion to approve the permit with a request to check on what the dewater process might do. Manager Kutter seconded it. The motion passed 8 in favor and 1 opposed.

Administrator Klocker reviewed a permit application to develop the Morningside acres in St. Joseph. Manager Rettig made a motion to approve the permit. Manager Kuseske seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

Administrator Klocker read a letter from David Michaels stating the reasons why he would not participate in the Michael's Ravine Project also known as the 210th Ravine Project. Manager Hensley suggested Administrator Klocker meet with three local landowners to review the project. Manager Hensley was asked to setup the meeting.

Attorney Kolb gave the Attorney's Report. Rinke Noonan has hired a Natural Resources Attorney and will be introduced at the next meeting. There was discussion on future seminars the board would like Kolb to organize.

The Personnel committee gave their recommendations for staff's compensation. Increases are Arceneau and Trisko .40/per hour, Nelson .60/per hour, Bromenshenkel 1.05/per hour and Klocker from 50,600 to 55,000/per year. Manager Mostad made a motion to approve the committee's recommendations. Manager Kanten seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

Manager Mostad received a call from a member of the McDean Cluster on Lake Osakis who was asked to be removed from cluster. The cluster was funded by the State Revolving Fund (SRF) and each landowner has signed loan contracts with the District to pay for their portion of the cluster. The board will review when more information becomes available.

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