

Sauk River Watershed District

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Regular Meeting
Approved
August 3rd, 2004

President Cook called the meeting to order. Managers present: Cook, Hensley, Hunstiger, Kanten, Kuseske, Kutter, Mostad, Rettig and Schmidt. No Advisory Board Members present. Also present: 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 Hunstiger seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

The board reviewed the minutes of the July 20th meeting. The board approved the minutes by general consent.

The board reviewed the treasurer's report. Manager Kuseske then made a motion to approve the treasurer's report comprised of checks 13135 through 13170. Manager Schmidt seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

The board reviewed the elevations that Mr. MacKenzie provided as requested at the July 20th meeting. The elevations show that Mr. MacKenzie's property is higher than Mr. Schmiesing's property, but is not enough to determine if the natural flow was altered. Administrator Klocker was instructed to try to obtain further information. If no other information is available she will write a letter to the landowners with the board's position that it looks as if there has been alteration, but there is no conclusive evidence and therefore we cannot take this issue any further.

The board reviewed Ron Ringquist's cost for appraisal service for the Sauk Lake Weed Harvest Project. Manager Mostad made a motion to hire Mr. Ringquist as per his estimate and temporary help for data entry for the Weed harvest Project. Manager Kutter seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

The board reviewed the proposed 2005-2006 budget. Manager Kutter made a motion to publish the proposed budget. Manager Hunstiger seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

The Sauk River Watershed District, Stearns SWCD, City of Melrose and the City of Sauk Centre will be honored with the Wenck River Friendly Community Award August 10th on the Harriet Bishop Paddleboat. Managers Kutter, Mostad and Schmidt along with the staff will attend.

The calendar of events was reviewed.

The Board and staff were invited to Neil and Kay Cook's for a tour of the Sauk River Chain of Lakes and supper before the August 17th board meeting in Eden Valley.

Administrator Klocker presented a request for a contribution of \$1000 to the Pope County Field Day scheduled for August 12th, 2004. The contribution will come from the Ashley/Hoboken Grant. We will be setting up a booth with Lynn and Jason Selvog, Pheasants Forever, working the booth and

providing information on the BMP Program. Manager Kanten made a motion to approve the \$1000 contribution. Manager Mostad seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

Attorney Kolb gave the Attorney's Report. Kolb told the board that it's appropriate to use public funds to send Managers and Staff to the award banquet since they will represent the District. Kolb also read Chapters 10A and 471 that directly affect the District and restrict the Board from accepting gifts from interested persons.

Manager Kuseske informed the board that within the next two weeks the ditches will be sprayed. The cost is approximately \$100/hour plus chemicals.

Manager Mostad will be going to Wisconsin with Union Dairy to look at manure handling equipment. Mostad will give a report at a future meeting.

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