

Sauk River Watershed District

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Regular Meeting

Approved

November 21, 2006

President Kutter called the meeting to order. Managers present: Cook, Hensley, Hermanutz, Kral, Kuseske, Kutter, Rettig, Robinson and Mostad. Also present were: Mary Schrumel, Big Fish Lake resident; Lowell Enerson, Administrator; Starla Arceneau, Recording Secretary.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

The board reviewed the minutes of the November 8th regular meeting. Manager Robinson made a motion to approve the November 8th regular meeting minutes. Manager Cook seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

The board reviewed the minutes of the November 21st rules meeting. Manager Robinson made a motion to approve the November 21st rules meeting minutes. Manager Hermanutz seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

The board reviewed the treasurer's report. Manager Hensley made a motion to approve checks 15789 thru 15828. Manager Cook seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

Administrator Enerson reviewed the Big Fish petition. Enerson informed the board that the Stearns County Recorder's Office shows the Township has ownership of the alleyway and his recommendations would be for the district to decline the petition. Manager Mostad made a motion to table the petition until Attorney Deter could be present to discuss the legalities. Manager Hermanutz seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

Manager Hensley gave the Personnel Committee Report. The committee met on November 15th at Charlie's café in Freeport and November 21st at the SRWD office. The committee will meet in the future to revisit some of the agenda items of the November 15 meeting.

There was no Budget Committee Report.

There was no Nominating Committee Report.

Manager Cook mentioned that the rules meeting was successful and that the Agencies comments will be reviewed and the necessary changes will be made for the board to review. Cook also mentioned that the rules committee will also be working on the Conflict of Interest and the Drainage Inspector Policies in 2007.

There was no Weed Harvest Committee Report.

There was no Professional Services Committee Report.

There was no Special Project Committee Report.

The calendar was reviewed.

On December 8th, Administrator Enerson will be meeting with representatives from Collin Peterson's office and Union Dairy officials to further discuss the possibility of a digester to produce methane gas for drying or producing electricity.

Administrator Enerson reviewed the final invoice for the closing of a feedlot near Clifford Lake. Manager Mostad made a motion to approve the \$16,308 invoice. Manager Kral seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

Administrator Enerson recommended paying the engineer cost to re-design the wetland restoration project near Rockville. Manager Mostad made a motion to approve up to \$1800 for re-designing the restoration project. Manager Rettig seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor. Manager Cook mentioned that the Stearns County Water Plan might have funds available. Administrator Enerson will check into the funds.

Administrator Enerson informed the board that Dennis Fuchs from the Stearns County Soil & Water Conservation District had grant money available and has purchased the portable stream velocity meter for the District.

The board reviewed the MAWD resolutions. Administrator Enerson will contact Ray Bohn with the Board's recommendations.

The board reviewed Barr Engineering invoices. Manager Cook made a motion to pay Barr Engineering \$966.50. Manager Robinson seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

Manager Robinson questioned the MAWD conference workshops. All Managers are encouraged to attend the workshops.

Manager Kral mentioned that there is an ideal spot near Osakis to restore wetlands. Administrator Enerson will research this area with Barr Engineering.

Manager Kral suggested that the District look into purchasing garbage bags to install on Public docks. Administrator Enerson will bring this up to the Education Coordinator.

Meeting was adjourned.

Secretary, Virgil Rettig
Recording Secretary, Starla Arceneau