

Sauk River Watershed District

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Regular Meeting

Approved

February 7, 2006

President Hensley called the meeting to order. Managers present: Hensley, Hermanutz, Kral, Kuseske, Kutter, Mostad, Robinson and Rettig. Manager Absent: Cook. Others present Kurt Deter, Attorney; Jeff Hrubes, MPCA; Travis DeGroot, Tech Sales; Amy Trisko, Monitoring Coordinator; Julie Klocker, Administrator; Starla Arceneau, Office Administrator.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

The board reviewed the minutes of the January 17th meeting. Manager Kutter made a motion to approve the January 17th minutes. Manager Hermanutz seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

The board reviewed the treasurer's report. The board tabled the treasurer's report until discussion on the Judicial Ditch Sediment Ponds Engineering cost can be reviewed later in the agenda.

Amy Trisko gave a brief description of the current monitoring equipment used to collect flow measurers during the monitoring season. Trisko introduced Travis DeGroot who demonstrated a River Surveyor System (RiverCat) that can be used on the rivers and streams that cannot be gauged with the current equipment. Manager Rettig made a motion to purchase the RiverCat with interest funds for \$23,995 which includes training but not shipping and handling. Manager Kral seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

Roger Hermanutz questioned why Managers cannot communicate with engineers. The board told Manager Hermanutz that he can talk to anyone he wants to as long as he does not accrue expenses without Board approval.

Administrator Klocker gave a presentation on several management options for the board to consider on County Ditch 17 including petitioning for the transfer from a Ditch Authority to a Water Management Authority. Administrator Klocker suggested putting together a Tech Panel of Agencies to review the options. Manger Robinson made a motion to designate \$5000 from Survey & Data Acquisition fund to establish the Tech Panel. Manager Kutter seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

Administrator Klocker reviewed the memorandum from Steve Klein (Barr Engineering) in regards to the cost that has well exceeded their contract. The board felt that Managers Hensley and Kral should meet or conference call with Steve Klein and Administrator Klocker to review the overages and determine a concrete amount to finalize this project. Manager Kutter

made a motion to approve the treasurer's report comprised of checks 14834 thru 14883 except check # 14856 (Barr Engineering). Manager Robinson seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

No reports from Committees.

No Ditch Inspector Report.

The Calendar was reviewed.

The Minnesota Association of Watershed District Legislative Breakfast is scheduled for March 23rd. Managers attending should submit their registration to the office no later than March 7th.

Administrator Klocker reviewed the list of issues the board has yet to resolve.

Administrator Klocker handed out and reviewed the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency Impaired Waters list. Administrator Klocker and Jeff Hrubes (MPCA) have been working on the draft workplans for the Sauk River Chain of Lakes and Big Sauk Lake.

Administrator Klocker reviewed a list of surplus/obsolete equipment and has asked for the board to develop a policy for selling used equipment. Manager Kuseske made a motion to advertise for silent bid on equipment over \$100 and sell on a first come basis all that is valued under \$100. Manager Rettig seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

Administrator Klocker reviewed a permit application from Todd County Public Works for repaving the Highway from Osakis to Sauk Centre. Manager Rettig made a motion to approve the permit. Manager Kral seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

Administrator Klocker reviewed a permit application for a Wal-Mart Supercenter to be built in Sauk Centre. Wenck Engineering has reviewed the application and identified several issues that need to be addressed before approving the permit. Manager Hermanutz made a motion to write a letter to the President of Wal-Mart. Manager Hensley seconded it. After considerable discussion the motion was withdrawn. Manager Kutter then made a motion to address the recommendations from Wenck Engineering in regards to the permit application and which includes a letter to the President of Wal-Mart. Manager Hermanutz seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

Administrator Klocker informed the Board that the mediation for the Lake Maria Project is on hold. Administrator Klocker will keep the board informed as things develop.

Kurt Deter gave the Attorney's Report. Deter has been in contact with Ray Bohn on the status of the Legislative concerns regarding the Eminent Domain.

Manager Kral had concerns of safety in regards to the gate entering the sediment ponds. The board recommended that Manager Kral contact the Ditch Authority regarding his concerns.

Manager Mostad asked if he could pay a portion for the Legislators breakfast. The board agreed that Manager Mostad could not pay for the Legislators breakfast.

The board reviewed the status of the Osakis Sediment Ponds.

The meeting was adjourned.

Secretary, Virgil Rettig
Recording Secretary, Starla Arceneau