

Sauk River Watershed District

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Regular Meeting

Approved

March 8, 2006

President Hensley called the meeting to order. Managers present: Cook, Hensley, Hermanutz, Kral, Kuseske, Kutter, Mostad, Robinson and Rettig. Jerry VanKorff, Attorney; 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 Kutter 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 February 21st meeting. Manager Hermanutz requested the recorder to review the tape in regards to the letter submitted to Wal-Mart. The Manager Robinson made a motion to approve the February 21st minutes. Manager Kral seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

The board reviewed the treasurer's report. Manager Cook made a motion to approve the treasurer's report comprised of checks 14922 thru 14961. Manager Robinson seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

Manager Hermanutz gave the Weed Harvester Committee Report. The Committee recommends that the President sign the Big Sauk Lake Vegetation Management Plan. Manager Mostad made a motion to have the President sign the Management Plan. Manager Hermanutz seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

Administrator Klocker asked for clarification on how the shirts for the summer tour will be paid for. Manager Cook made a motion to have the shirts paid for out of the interest fund and if Manager's choose they can donate the cost of their items to the Scholarship fund. Manager Robinson seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

Manager Kutter reviewed the Personnel Policy Handbook. Administrator Klocker handed out the staff recommendations and comments on the policy. Manager Kral made a motion to have Sharen work with Sharon Hobbs from Rinke-Noonan review the policy. Manager Kuseske seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

Manager Kuseske suggested the three spouses heading up the spouses tour should have the shirts too. Manager Robinson made a motion to purchase shirts for the three spouses. Manager Cook seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

Manager Kuseske informed the board of possible ice ridges on several ditch culverts.

President Hensley asked if the District could help Todd County out with their ditches. There was considerable discussion that the District needs to address issues in the Stearns County ditches before adding more ditches. Administrator Klocker asked Manager Kuseske to contact Richard Held from County Ditch 17 and give him a status report.

The Calendar was reviewed.

The Legislative Breakfast is scheduled for March 23rd. Managers Cook, Mostad, Hensley, Hermanutz will be attending.

Administrator Klocker handed out the Monthly Board Task List.

The rules committee requested Administrator Klocker re-send the draft drainage policy to the rules committee.

Administrator Klocker reviewed a permit application for a transfer station for the City of Sartell. Manager Kutter made a motion to write a letter informing the city that no permit is required. Manager Kuseske seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

Administrator Klocker reported that the developer for the Saddleback Ridge Development may attend the next regular meeting to discuss storm water issues regarding this development.

Administrator Klocker gave an update on the Wal-Mart Super Center permit application. Klocker showed a design plan map that Wal-Mart has plans to have a fuel station on site, which was not included in their application. Klocker has been in correspondence with the Engineer for Wal-Mart and will keep the board informed.

Administrator Klocker informed the board that Mr. Klemenhagen has informed her that they will have the specs completed for the east side pond for board approval consideration at the 1st meeting in May.

Administrator Klocker reported that she has been communicating with Todd County Planning & Zoning on several issues in regards to the environmental review process for the Sanctuary development. These issues were noted in her comment letters to Todd County.

Administrator Klocker gave a power point presentation of an on-site visit to the construction site of the Lohrman Fish Pond Project. The pictures showed no erosion control measures and this project didn't acquire a Watershed District permit.

There will be an informational meeting on March 15th in regards to the proposed pipeline Project. There was considerable discussion on the depth of the pipelines. Manager Hensley then made a motion to have Managers Kutter and Kuseske attend the informational meeting. Manager Hermanutz seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor. Manager Kutter then made a motion to get an Engineer's opinion and share the cost with all Districts involved. Manager Mostad seconded it. The motion passed with Manager Kuseske abstaining.

Administrator Klocker reviewed a proposed bid to remodel the multi-purpose room. Manager Cook made a motion to approve the remodeling project. A roll call vote was taken: Hermanutz-aye, Rettig-aye, Cook-aye, Kuseske-aye, Kutter-aye, Kral-aye, Robinson-aye, Mostad-aye and Hensley-aye. The motion passed with all in favor.

Administrator also reviewed a proposed bid for an Environment Assessment over flight of Lake Osakis Watershed. Manager Cook made a motion to complete the Assessment flyover for \$22,497. Manager Mostad seconded it. The motion passed with President Hensley opposing.

Administrator Klocker requested attending a one and one-half day leadership workshop. There was discussion on the need for Administrator Klocker to attend this workshop. President Hensley mentioned that the board recommended Administrator Klocker get leadership training and should approve this workshop. Manager Kutter made a motion to have Administrator Klocker attend the workshop. Manager Cook seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor. The motion passed with Manager Hermanutz opposing.

Administrator Klocker gave an update on the Eden Valley Project. The Final Engineers Report is completed and they will be setting up an information meeting soon to present their findings. Manager Hermanutz requested that all Managers should receive copies of all reports and permits. There was extensive discussion on printing out the large documents for board 's information. Several managers felt that they didn't need to see every document but each Manager should request copies of documents they're interested in. Managers Hermanutz, Mostad, Kuseske and Hensley requested copies of the Eden Valley final report for their review. The staff will copy and send the report out. The managers recommended Administrator Klocker writes a short description of correspondence received and send out to the Managers via email.

Administrator Klocker reviewed the memo on the Lower Sauk Project update.

Administrator Klocker mentioned that the SRCOL TMDL workplan is in its final draft.

The TMDL meeting for Lake Pepin is scheduled for March 14th.

Manager Cook mentioned that the Protect our Water at the Capital is scheduled for March 14th.

Manager Hermanutz had concerns over the comment letter and Engineers comments in regards to the EAW for the Proposed River Bats Stadium.

Manager Robinson mentioned that he has talked with his local Legislators in regards to Managers being appointed vs. elected.

The meeting was adjourned.

Secretary, Virgil Rettig
Recording Secretary, Starla Arceneau