

Sauk River Watershed District

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Regular Meeting

Approved

May 1, 2007

President Kutter called the meeting to order. Managers present: Cook, Coughlin, Hensley, Kral, Kuseske, Kutter, Rettig, Robinson and Mostad. Others in attendance were Jason Weinerman, BWSR; Ed Mathiesen, Wench Associates; Wendy Cronell and David Wright, DNR; Mark Sakry, Stearns County Commissioner; Haven Wieggers and Richard Nelson, Osakis Residents; Richard Carlbom and Judy Weyrens, City of St. Joseph; Rick Packer, Arcon Development; Jerry VonKorff, Attorney; Lowell Enerson, Administrator; Noah Czech, Inspector and 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 with additions. Manager Rettig seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

The minutes of the April 17th, 2007 meeting were reviewed. Manager Robinson made a motion to approve the April 17th 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 checks 16278 thru 16308. Manager Kral seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

Administrator Enerson reviewed the Rivers Bend Development permit application. Ed Mathiesen reviewed the memorandum to approve the permit with conditions listed in the memorandum. Manager Robinson made a motion to approve the phase II permit under the condition requirements thru February 13, 2013 as presented in the memorandum. Manager Coughlin seconded it. The motion passed with Manager Robinson opposing. The applicant wished to add the language "The Watershed may extend the exemption period at the request of the Developer from time to time, such request for extension shall not be unreasonable denied." The Watershed's attorney stated that State Statute forbids Watershed Districts from making decisions that were arbitrary or capricious and hence, when presented a request, cannot unreasonably withhold approval if it meets the requirements in place. Mr. Enerson made comments to the applicant that the District is obligated under its rules to consider requests for extensions. The language sought to be added by the applicant seemed redundant and unnecessary in the attorney's opinion. The consensus of the board was to agree with the attorney's assessment and to let the motion to approve the permit stand as presented.

Noah Czech reviewed a permit application for a 76' x 48' house and a 40' x 30' garage in the Lakeridge development on Sauk Lake. Manager Robinson made a motion to approve the permit with Czechs recommended conditions. Manager Kuseske seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

Noah Czech reviewed an inspection report of several violations on the Sanctuary Development. Czech recommends the attorney send a second letter informing the developer of the violations.

Manager Rettig made a motion to have the attorney call/and or write a letter to the developer. Manager Coughlin seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

Noah Czech and Ed Mathiesen reviewed the memorandum for the St. Joseph School permit application. Manager Mostad made a motion to approve the permit subject to conditions spelled out in the memorandum. Manager Robinson seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

Noah Czech reviewed the upcoming permits that will be reviewed at the next regular meeting.

David Wright and Wendy Corwell from the Minnesota DNR attended the meeting to discuss the control of curly leaf pond weed on Lake Osakis thru the use of chemicals. There was considerable discussion and the Managers asked that the DNR inform the district when a permit request has been submitted to the DNR for the use of chemicals to control weeds within the watershed district. The Board thanked Wendy and David for an informational discussion.

Administrator Enerson discussed the 1st and 2nd tier landowners that need to be assessed for the Judicial Ditch 2 Sediment Ponds. The board discussed defining second tier. Manager Cook made a motion to assess 1st and 2nd tier around Lake Osakis in Todd and Douglas County and that the 2nd tier should only be property adjoining 1st tier. Manager Mostad seconded it. The motion passed with Manager Kral abstained. The public hearing for Douglas County residents will be held at the June 5th, 2007 board meeting.

The 2007 MAWD Summer Tour is scheduled for June 28-30 at the St. Paul, Ramsey Washington Metro District. All Managers should submit their registrations into the office if interested in attending.

The calendar was reviewed. The staff will be interviewing applicants to hire temporary positions for the Education and Monitoring coordinator.

Administrator Enerson reviewed the Wetland Conservation Act Amendments.

Administrator Enerson informed that board that the Pope County Engineer called and said the County Road #30 lowest culvert elevation is set at 1535.53 and that is what the ditch plans called for.

The board reviewed the SRF loan approval for the City of Osakis for their Stormwater Management. Manager Cook made a motion to allocate \$50,000 in SRF loan dollars to the City of Osakis. Manager Robinson seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

The budget committee has met and reviewed the 2008-2009 proposed budget. The committee will meet again before the next meeting.

No Personnel & Salary committee report.

The rules committee will meet to discuss the proposed changes to the draft rules.

The Professional Service committee will meet after the next regular meeting.

The weed crew is completing the finishing touches to the equipment before beginning the 2007 season.

Manager Coughlin handed out information on Pay Equity reports that are required to be submitted in January 2008. Coughlin volunteered his time to work with the committee to develop this report since he has just completed this report thru the city. Coughlin also recommended that the staff contact the

Citizen Advisory Board to see who is still interested in the position; and if they are inform them that the rules will be soon available for their review.

Manager Cook made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Manager Coughlin seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

Secretary, Virgil Rettig

Recording Secretary, Starla Arceneau