

# Sauk River Watershed District

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Regular Meeting

Approved

July 19, 2005

Vice-President Kuseske called the meeting to order. Managers present: Hensley, Hermanutz, Kral, Kuseske, Kutter, Mostad, Rettig and Robinson. Manager Absent: Cook. Others present were Jerry Von Korff, Attorney; Lynn Nelson, Environmental Quality Technician; Starla Arceneau, Office Administrator.

Election of Officers was held: Vice-President Kuseske turned the meeting over to Lynn Nelson. Nelson asked for nominations for President. Manager Kuseske made a motion to nominate Chub Hensley as President. It was seconded by Manager Rettig. Nelson called 3 times for any other nominations for President. Manager Rettig made a motion to cease. Manager Robinson seconded it. After there being no further nominations, Manager Kuseske made a motion to cast the ballot for Chub Hensley as President. The motion passed with all in favor.

The meeting was turned over to President Hensley.

President Hensley asked for nominations for Vice-President. Manager Kutter made a motion to nominate Allan Kuseske as Vice-President. It was seconded by Manager Kral. President Hensley called 3 times for any other nominations for Vice-President. Manager Mostad made a motion to cease. Manager Hermanutz seconded it. After there being no further nominations, Manager Mostad made a motion to cast the ballot for Allan Kuseske as Vice-President. The motion passed with all in favor.

President Hensley asked for nominations for Secretary. Manager Kuseske made a motion to nominate Virgil Rettig as Secretary. It was seconded by Manager Kral. President Hensley called 3 times for any other nominations for Secretary. After there being no further nominations, Manager Kuseske made a motion to cast the ballot for Virgil Rettig as Secretary. The motion passed with all in favor.

President Hensley asked for nominations for Treasurer. Manager Kuseske made a motion to nominate Sharen Kutter as Treasurer. It was seconded by Manager Rettig. President Hensley called 3 times for any other nominations for Treasurer. After there being no further nominations, Manager Kuseske made a motion to cast the ballot for Sharen Kutter as Treasurer. The motion passed with all in favor.

The board reviewed the bank resolution for new officer's signatures. Manager Kuseske made a motion to have the officer's sign the signature cards. Manager Kral seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

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

The board reviewed the minutes of the July 5th meeting. Manager Rettig made a motion to approve the July 5th minutes. Manager Hermanutz seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

The minutes of the July 11th special meeting were reviewed. Manager Kutter made a motion to approve the July 11<sup>th</sup> special meeting minutes. Manager Mostad seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

The board reviewed the treasurer's report. Manager Kral made a motion to approve the treasurer's report comprised of checks 14232 – 14290. Manager Kuseske seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

President Hensley handed out a blank committee form and asked Manager's to sign up for the Committees they wish to take part in and at the end of the meeting he would appoint committees.

The board discussed changing the regular meeting to once per month instead of twice per month. After considerable discussion the board agreed to leave the meetings as is until further notice.

Manager Rettig discussed changing the Manager's per diem rate. Attorney Von Korff informed the Manager's that there needs to be written notification to the Manager's before the Board can change the District's By-Laws. Notification will be sent out prior to the next meeting.

No reports from Committees

Manager Kuseske reviewed beaver removal authorization and Reimbursement Application forms. Manager Rettig made a motion to approve the form. Manager Mostad seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

Lynn Nelson discussed problems with debris blocking the flow on several of the district's monitoring sites.

On July 20<sup>th</sup> Manager Kral will attend the Todd County Ditch Committee meeting and Manager Mostad and Kuseske will attend the MAWD Committee meeting.

Manager Kuseske mentioned that there have been complaints of "weed scum" in the ditches that restricts the flow.

Lynn Nelson reviewed the calendar. The Stearns County Fair is scheduled to be held on July 28-31. Managers are encouraged to sign up to work at the District's booth.

Lynn Nelson reviewed Houston Engineering's contract for the Eden Valley Comprehensive Stormwater Study. Manger Kutter made a motion to sign the contract. Manager Kuseske seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

Lynn Nelson reviewed parcel mapping in Todd County. There was discussion on how much the District should financially support the effort. Manager Kutter made a motion to send a support letter along with a \$7,500 contribution. Manager Kuseske seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

The board reviewed SRF Loan requests. Manager Kutter approved the allocated SRF dollars. Manager Kuseske seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor. Manager Kuseske suggested including the project number.

Jerry Van Korff gave the Attorney's report. Von Korff has met with Attorney Kolb and reviewed the July 11<sup>th</sup> special meeting. Von Korff is working on water project ditch law.

Lynn Nelson reviewed a permit application for a 22 home development in the City of Melrose. There was considerable discussion on whether all permits have been attained. Manager Kutter made a motion to approve the permit as long as all other permits have been attained. Manager Robinson seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

President Hensley asked who installs the green signs identifying the name of creeks. Nelson said the Department of Public Works is the agency who takes care of these types of signs.

Lynn Nelson informed the Board that Eurasian Watermilfoil has been found in Little Birch Lake. The staff will keep a close eye on this and keep the board informed.

Lynn Nelson informed the board that there has been considerable complaint of Curly Leaf Pondweed on Lake Osakis

Lynn Nelson reviewed the application process for Best Management projects. There was discussion on how the process could be more effective. The board suggested that the projects with signed contracts should have first priority.

President Hensley appointed the 2005-2006 committees.

Manager Kutter suggested the board tabled the professional service appointment documents until Julie Klocker and Kay Cook are present.

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

Secretary, Virgil Rettig  
Recording Secretary, Starla Arceneau