

Sauk River Watershed District

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Regular Meeting

Approved

August 1, 2006

President Hensley called the meeting to order. Managers present: Cook, Kuseske, Hensley, Hermanutz, Kral, Kutter, Robinson, Rettig and Mostad. Also present were: Kurt Deter, Attorney; Chris Meehan, Engineer; Peter Ebnet, Intern, Starla Arceneau, Recording Secretary.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Nominating Committee recommended Manager Sharen Kutter for President, Manager Kral for Vice-President, Manager Hensley for Secretary and Manager Rettig for Treasurer.

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

President Hensley turned the meeting over to the new President.

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

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

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

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

The board reviewed the minutes of the July 18 meeting. Manager Mostad made a motion to approve the minutes. Manager Kral seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

The board reviewed the treasurer's report. Manager Kral made a motion to approve checks 15422 thru 15458. Manager Hermanutz seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

Jason Weinerman from the Board of Water & Soil Resources attended the meeting to gather more information from the board on topics that need to be addressed at the Board's workshop. Weinerman asked the board and staff to fill out a quick survey and return it to Jason within the 2 weeks.

The board reviewed the 2007-2008 Fiscal Year Budget. There was discussion on raising the Manager's per diem. Manager Rettig made a motion to raise the Managers Per-Diem to \$75. Manager Hensley seconded it. The motion passed with Manager Cook opposing. Manager Kuseske made a motion to raise the extra per diem to \$20 an hour. Manager Rettig seconded it. The motion passed with Manager Cook opposing. Manager Kuseske made a motion to amend the rules with the new per diem rates starting August 1st. Manager Kral seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor. Manager Cook made a motion to publish the budget with the additional per diem increases. Manager Robinson seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor. Manager Kuseske made a motion to hold the public hearing at 7:15 PM on September 5th. Manager Robinson seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

The Board reviewed the request for proposal on completing the 2005-2006 Fiscal Year Audit. Manger Robinson made a motion to hire Muggli Accounting with the stipulation that the audit will be completed by December 19th, 2006. Manager Rettig seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

Manager Kuseske gave the ditch report. Kuseske reviewed a permit application for maintenance work on CD 26. Kuseske will review and give his recommendations at the next regular meeting. CD6 has been sprayed for thistles. Kuseske gave an update on the lowering of a culvert on County Road 33.

Chris Meehan reported on the on-site inspections he completed on the Districts permits. Meehan also reviewed a Variance and a Supplement to Conservation Easement and Deed Restrictions for Lakeridge Lot 5 Block 1. Meehan recommended signing the Supplement to Conservation and Deed Restrictions but deny the variance. Manager Hensley made a motion to deny the variance. Manager Mostad seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor. Manager Mostad made a motion to sign the Supplement to Conservation Easement and Deed Restrictions. Manager Cook seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

The Calendar was reviewed.

Peter Ebnet gave an update SRCL TMDL. Ebnet along with The Minnesota Science Museum have scheduled core samples on the Sauk River Chain of Lakes on Tuesday, August 15. Ebnet is finalizing the Lower Sauk report and has been working on the River Cat to collect high flows. The board thanked Peter for his dedicated services.

The Board asked the Office Administrator to check with the interns on staying on and bring their schedules to the next meeting for approval.

The board reviewed the SRF requests. Manager Cook made a motion to approve the applicant. Manager Kral seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

The Office Administrator reviewed a landowners request for cost share funds to cover the cost of closing of his earthen basin. Manager Kral made a motion to allocate \$4500 of Cost Share dollars for the closure of the earthen basin. Manager Rettig seconded. The motion passed with all in favor.

The Office Administrator reviewed a permit application for a 2 acre fisheries pond. The staff recommended the following special provisions be added to the permit. 1) That the construction

project is not to exceed 150'x200' without written consent from the SRWD. 2) That the discharge from the proposed pond shall complete through a siphon type system, therefore no alteration of the pond without written consent from the SRWD. Manger Robinson made a motion to table the permit until the next meeting. Manager Hermanutz seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

A landowner has requested an on-site inspection of an intermittent stream that has been identified as a drainage ditch. According to the district boundaries this site is very close to being out of the district. The board asked Manager Kral to determine if this is a private or county ditch and if it's in the District Boundaries.

The President will need to sign the \$1500 Initiative Foundation Grant for the Lower Sauk Water Festival.

Attorney Deter reported on changes to the Wetland Conservation Act.

Manager Kuseske questioned if the District has been contacted in regards to the MidCam pipeline permits. The office has not been notified as of the meeting date.

Manager Kuseske was contacted by Steve Klein from Barr Engineering who has completed an inspection on the Judicial Ditch 2 sediment ponds.

Manager Kral will be working with the contractor to repair the road near the sediment ponds.

Manager Hermanutz has asked an Engineer from Houston Engineering to give a presentation on innovative Stormwater ideas. The board granted Manager Hermanutz permission to ask Houston Engineering to do a presentation. Manager Hermanutz has also requested that Houston Engineering be added to the Engineering list. Manager Hermanutz made motion to add Houston to the Engineering list. Manager Robinson seconded it. The motion failed 4 to 3 with Manager Mostad abstaining.

Manager Hensley thanked the Managers, Attorney, and Engineer & Staff for their support while he was President.

The board was asked to sign up for 2006-2007 committees and President Kutter will review and appoint the committee members at the next meeting.

The Office Administrator informed the board that several ditches will need to have assessments certified to the County. This process will take time to go thru the files and add the benefited landowners. Manager Hensley made a motion to allow the staff the hours needed to complete the assessments. Manager Mostad seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

The Office Administrator gave an update on the Judicial Ditch 2 Sediment Assessment.

Manager Robinson questioned if an interim Administrator is necessary so that the staff can address concerns too. Manager Robinson made a motion to have the chair be the contact person on issues the staff is not comfortable with. Manager Mostad seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

The meeting was adjourned

Secretary, Virgil Rettig
Recording Secretary, Starla Arceneau