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Regular Meeting

Approved

September 19, 2006

President Kutter called the meeting to order. Managers present: Cook, Kuseske, Hensley, Hermanutz, Kral, Kutter, Rettig and Mostad. Manager absent: Robinson, Also present were: Lowell Enerson, Administrator; Lynn Nelson, BMP Coordinator; 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. Manager Rettig seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

The board reviewed the minutes of the September 7th special meeting. Manager Kuseske made a motion to approve the September 7th special meeting minutes. Manager Mostad seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

The board reviewed the minutes of the September 5th regular meeting. Manager Cook made a motion to approve the September 5th regular meeting minutes. Manager Kuseske seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

The board reviewed the treasurer's report. There were questions on whether the staff's net wages could be itemized or does it need to continue as a lump sum. Manager Mostad made a motion to get legal council advice. Manager Rettig seconded it. Manager Kral then made a motion to approve checks 15575 thru 15619. Manager Cook seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

Jason Weirnerman from the Board of Water & Soil Resources (BWSR) attended the meeting to review the Managers input on a manager/staff development workshop. Weirnerman handed out the results and asked the Managers to rank the top three topics and send them back by October 17th.

Ron Shelito, also from the BWSR, gave an update on the progress of the Big Fish Lake alleyway. The landowners have agreed to the conditions but have not applied for assistance thru the county. The staff was directed not to put any additional hours towards this project until directed by the board.

Manager Hensley gave the Personnel Committee Report. Manager Mostad made a motion that September 18th will be Lowell Enerson date of hire. Manager Hensley seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor. The Managers agreed in writing to the compensation package for Lowell. Manager Cook made a motion to accept the newly adopted compensation package as stated in the letter to Lowell. Manager Hensley seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor. Manager Hensley reviewed

Lowell's monthly insurance package. Manager Hensley made a motion to reimburse Lowell \$600 per month for Insurance. Manager Rettig seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

Manager Cook suggested the rules be addressed sooner than December. The rules will be left until December to review.

Manager Mostad informed the board that a battery was stolen from the Weed Harvest Truck. The staff has reported the stolen battery.

Manager Kuseske gave the ditch report. Manager Kuseske has met with Greg Bechtold on the repairs requested for County Ditch 26. There will be a meeting in Westport regarding the culvert under County Road 33 adjacent to County Ditch 6 and Judicial Ditch 1. Manager Kuseske and Administrator Enerson will attend.

Chris Meehan reviewed the Lakeside Addition Development. Greg Nathe, Landteam Engineer for this project, just submitted the final specs. Meehan suggested that the permit be tabled until he has time to review the specs. Manager Hensley made a motion to not approve the permit until Meehan has had time to review the submitted specs. Manager Kral seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

Chris Meehan updated the board on the Peace Lutheran Cemetery site. Meehan has worked with the developer on several drainage options. Meehan will keep the board informed when more information comes in.

The Calendar was reviewed.

Lynn Nelson informed the board that she would like to submit a grant for the Middle Sauk Restoration project focusing on Getchell Creek. Manager Cook made a motion to send the grant application. Manager Mostad seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

Lynn Nelson handed out pictures of an Osakis bluff that Todd County Environmental Services issued a cease and desist due to not following the permit requirements. Manager Hensley made a motion to have the staff write a letter to the County with the boards concerns. Manager Hermanutz seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

The Office Administrator reviewed a letter from Ron Ringquist in regards to updating the lake access benefits on a resort that is now split into 10 individuals parcels. Manager Cook made a motion to update the benefits and send a letter to the benefited landowners informing them of the change. Manager Rettig seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

The board reviewed the need to certify another maintenance fund for the Sauk Lake Aquatic Project. Manager Mostad made a motion to certify a \$50,000 maintenance assessment. Manager Cook seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

Administrator Enerson is looking into options for improving office space for storage.

Manager Cook will not be at the October meetings.

Manager Kral has posted no trespassing signs on the Judicial Ditch 2 sediment ponds.

Manager Hensley has asked permission for hunting access on the Judicial Ditch 2 Ponds property. Manager Kral made a motion to allow Manager Hensley and 3 hunting partner's access for hunting. Manager Mostad seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

Manager Hermanutz asked Jim Hogdson from MPCA to send all the discharge permits that discharges directly or indirectly into the Sauk River. Hogdson said that if the board requested the information in writing he would send the reports at no additional cost. Manager Hermanutz then made a motion to have the staff request in writing a copy of all the discharge permits. Manager Mostad seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

Manager Kuseske thanked the board and staff for supporting him over the years and reminded the board to work together to reach the District's goals. The board thanked Manager Kuseske for his many years of dedicated services, and noted that he will be truly missed.

Manager Kuseske adjourned his final meeting.

Secretary, Virgil Rettig
Recording Secretary, Starla Arceneau