

**Minutes of the Cedar River Watershed District
Ruby Rupner Center – Hormel Nature Center
Wednesday, April 15, 2009**

Managers Present: Steve Kraushaar Jim Gebhardt
 Al Kording Al Layman
 Steve Kraushaar Mike Jones
 Harlan Peck

Manager Absent: Dan Regner

Others Present: Bev Nordby, Mower SWCD
 Justin Hanson, Mower SWCD
 Matt Taylor, Mower SWCD
 Steve Penkava, JHS
 Dave Livingston, Advisory Committee and Dodge SWCD

Members of Public Present: Darrel Bahn, Mary Lou Stursa, Sara Sayles, Tom Oots, Charlie Peterson

Call to Order by Chairman Steve Kraushaar

Approve Agenda

Kording made a motion and was seconded by Gebhardt to approve the agenda adding a shoreland buffer initiative discussion.

Affirmative: Gebhardt, Kording, Kraushaar, Layman, Peck, Jones

Opposed: None

Public Input

There was no public input.

Action Items

Secretary's Report

Layman made a motion to approve the minutes and was seconded by Gebhardt.

Affirmative: Gebhardt, Kording, Kraushaar, Layman, Peck, Jones

Opposed: None

Treasurer's Report

Jones reviewed the payables with the board. Peck made a motion and was seconded by Kraushaar to approve the payables for April.

Jones reviewed the financial reports with the board. Peck made a motion to approve and Kording seconded it.

Affirmative: Gebhardt, Kording, Kraushaar, Layman, Peck, Jones

Opposed: None

Audit

There are two quotes from local auditing firms. Hill and Larson for \$5000.00 and Lawco for \$2300.00. Peck made a motion and was seconded by Kording to approve Lawco to audit 2007 and 2008 financial records.

Affirmative: Gebhardt, Kording, Kraushaar, Layman Peck and Jones

Opposed: None

Discussion and Updates

Red Rock Township – John Mueller

John Mueller, supervisor from Red Rock Township briefed the board on the Nicollville community wastewater project. He requested \$30,000.00 in a short term (6 months) low interest loan for the Nicolville project. The board discussed it, and the challenges of funding the request because the Watershed District is so new. The board will put this on the agenda in May.

Rain Garden – Justice Center

Steve Penkava gave the Board of Managers 3 different scenerios for a rain garden at the north east corner of the courthouse. The managers selected the first option that would the County and Watershed District doing the work ourselves. Penkava and Regner will meet with the County Board and put in a formal request.

Shoreland Buffers

Al Layman talked about an article that he had seen on shoreland buffers in the Herald.

Farm Bureau Presentation

Dave Livingson talked about a Farm Bureau meeting in Dodge County similar to the meeting in Mower County. He would give Bev the contact name and she could set it up this summer.

Manager's Report

Presidents Report

Kraushaar had a couple of news articles he copied for the board on Variability in weather and reducing impact of ag drainage.

Adjourn

Kraushaar adjourned the meeting.

The next regular board meeting will be held on the 20th of May at 7:00 PM.

Submitted by,

Al Layman, Secretary, brn