

**Minutes of the Cedar River Watershed District
Ruby Rupner Center – Hormel Nature Center
Wednesday, August 19, 2009**

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

Others Present: Bev Nordby, Mower SWCD
Justin Hanson, Mower SWCD
Matt Taylor, Mower SWCD
Matt Benda, Attorney
Dave Livingston, Advisory Committee and Dodge SWCD

Members of Public Present: Mary Lou Stursa, Sara Sayles, Charlie Peterson

President Steve Kraushaar called the 2010 levy hearing to order.

Mike Jones went through the budget committee's recommendation to the board. It included some reductions in several areas including the administrative levy.

Public input on the administrative levy was received.

Charlie Peterson, resident, was concerned about rising taxes. He asked if the 3/8 funding could be utilized in our area and therefore lower the administrative levy.

Sara Sayles also would support a lower levy.

Peck made a motion and was seconded by Regner to close the hearing on the proposed 2010 levy.

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

Opposed: None

President Steve Kraushaar called the regular board meeting to order.

Agenda

Additions to agenda included SWCD contract for 2010 and separate an account for programs and practices.

Public Input

There was no public input.

Action Items

Secretary's Report Layman made a motion to approve the minutes and was seconded by Regner with changes.

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

Opposed: None

Treasurer's Report

Jones reviewed the treasurer's report for August with the board. Layman made a motion and was seconded by Kording to approve the treasurer's report.

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

Opposed: None

Jones reviewed the payables with the board. Layman made a motion and was seconded by Gebhardt to approve the payables for July.

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

Opposed: None

Audit Report

Jones talked on the 2008 audit and Layman made a motion and was seconded by Peck to approve the 2008 Audit.

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

Opposed: None

2010 Proposed Levy

The board discussed the budget options for 2010. There was discussion on cost share programs that the CRWD could possibly implement and the importance of fiscal responsibility. Peck made a motion and was seconded by Kraushaar to approve the proposed levy for 2010 at \$250,000.00.

Affirmative: Layman, Jones, Kraushaar, Peck and Gebhardt

Opposed: Regner and Kording

Final Adoption Date for Certified Levy

The board announced that the 2010 levy would be certified on December 16th, 2009. Jones made a motion to approve and Peck seconded it.

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

Opposed: None

Rules Process

Kraushaar and Benda presented a packet of materials that the rules process committee developed. Included in the material was a flow chart of the rules process, communication plan and application for committee selection on the rules advisory committee. Jones made a motion and was seconded by Peck to approve the information.

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

Opposed: None

A workshop will be held on Wednesday, September 16th at 4:00 PM prior to the monthly meeting.

Program/Project Line item in Budget

Jones wants to develop a line item that is set aside for projects/programs. Layman made a motion and was seconded by Jones to develop this line item. Staff and Jones will look at the numbers and bring projected dollars to the board meeting.

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

Opposed: None

SWCD Contract

The SWCD contract was discussed. Jones made a motion to enter into a two year agreement starting in 2010 with the SWCD at \$60,000.00 each year. Peck seconded it.

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

Opposed: Regner

Discussion and Updates

Signs for River

Angie Knish, Environmental Services Director, discussed with staff about the potential of having “no wake” signs on the Cedar above the Ramsey Dam. Due to increased boat traffic there is increased streambank erosion. The board directed staff to look into the cost and bring a proposal back.

10 Year Plan

Mower County comment letter was discussed and the board made one change in the letter before it was sent out.

BWSR subcommittee meeting to approve the 10 year plan was discussed. The meeting will be held at the CRWD office and some of the board members will attend the meeting

Nicolville

The board heard from Charlie Peterson on the status of the project. It appears that there is some challenges. Nordby will request Red Rock township to attend the next meeting.

Manager's Report

Kraushaar discussed the importance of the CRWD to start moving forward with project implementation. He talked about different cost share programs he would like to see. Staff was directed to no reinvent the wheel, but look at cost share programs that other WD do and learn from their programs what might work for us. Staff will bring some ideas back at the November meeting.

Kording talked about the manure application workshop he attended that the CRWD co-sponsored. It was well attended and informative.

MAWD leadership training

Peck and Kording will be attending the leadership training in Alex.

Layman asked the board to consider financing and educational sign for the rain garden at the Nature Center. The board agreed and Nordby will contact the Nature Center.

Peck made a motion and Jones seconded it to adjourn the meeting.

Next meeting will be September 16, 2009 at 7:00 PM at the Nature Center.

Submitted by,

Al Layman, Secretary, brn