

**Minutes of the Cedar River Watershed District  
Ruby Rupner Center – Hormel Nature Center  
Wednesday, December 16, 2009**

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

Others Present: Bev Nordby, Administrator  
Matt Benda, Attorney  
Justin Hanson, Mower SWCD  
Dave Livingston, Dodge SWCD

Members of Public Present: Mary Lou Stursa, Charlie Peterson, Sara Sayles, Mark & Barb Owens

President Steve Kraushaar called the board meeting to order.

**Agenda**

Kording made a motion to approve the agenda with the additions on it. Regner seconded it..  
Affirmative: Kording, Layman, Jones, Kraushaar, Peck and Regner, Gebhardt  
Opposed: None

**Public Input**

There was no public input.

**Action Items**

**Secretary's Report**

Layman presented the minutes. Peck made a motion to approve the minutes and was seconded by Kording.  
Affirmative: Kording, Layman, Jones, Kraushaar, Peck and Regner, Gebhardt  
Opposed: None

**Treasurer's Report**

Jones reviewed the Treasurer's report for December. Our levy has been received from all Counties. He reviewed the financial reports. Layman made a motion and was seconded by Gebhardt to approve the treasurer's report.  
Affirmative: Kording, Layman, Jones, Kraushaar, Peck and Regner, Gebhardt  
Opposed: None

Jones reviewed the payables with the board. Peck made a motion and was seconded by Kraushaar to approve the payables for December.  
Affirmative: Kording, Layman, Jones, Regner, Peck, Gebhardt and Kraushaar  
Opposed: None

**2010 Budget**

Jones reviewed the budget for 2010 with the board. Kraushaar made a motion and was seconded by Peck to approve the 2010 budget.  
Affirmative: Kording, Layman, Jones, Peck, Gebhardt and Kraushaar  
Opposed: Regner

## **2010 Levy**

After reviewing the 2010 budget, certification of the 2010 Levy was discussed. Peck made a motion to certify the levy for 2010 at \$250,000.00. Peck made a motion and Layman seconded it.

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

Opposed: Regner

## **Designation of Fund Balance**

The board was given financial detail and showed \$191,504,68 available. Mike added up the two previous years of projects funds and recommended the board designate \$71,000.00 for watershed projects. Peck made a motion and Layman seconded to approve to designate \$71,000.00 for watershed projects.

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

Opposed: None

## **Red Rock Township**

Matt Benda explained that Red Rock Township is requesting an extension on their loan. Because the project hasn't been started due to land acquisition challenges, funding will become available in June for repayment. Al Layman made a motion and was seconded by Regner to approve the agreement.

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

Opposed: None

## **Discussion and Updates**

### **Dobbins Creek**

Tabled for a future meeting.

### **City of Austin request for Tree Removal**

The City of Austin is requesting funding to help them remove 142 trees between Interstate 90 and the bridge by the Nature Center. This area was hit hard by the tornado from last summer. The board discussed this at length and talked about other areas that have been hit hard on the Cedar by Royal Manor and Mapleview. With other areas that are also in need and the high dollar amount for removal of all downed trees they could not support the clean up until they had a policy in place. Peck made a motion and was seconded by Kording to deny the request at this time.

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

Opposed: None

### **Funding Opportunities**

Nordby gave a short report on the different funding opportunities they are applying for. The clean water amendment funding was very competitive and more dollars in applications than in what was available. The Healthy Watershed Initiative program has selected the Upper Cedar to be a focus area. We will be putting together a Request for Proposal in January.

## **Manager's report**

Regner talked about a rain garden he is designing for 4<sup>th</sup> Street and 18<sup>th</sup> Ave project. He would like to bring it to the board in January. It could be a great partnership with the Watershed District and County.

## **MAWD Annual Meeting**

Harlan, Steve, Bev and Justin attended the MAWD annual meeting on December 3, 4 and 5<sup>th</sup>. It was very informative and well worth attending.

Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting will be Wednesday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

Submitted by,

*Al Layman, Secretary, brn*