

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

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

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

Members of Public Present: Darrel Bahn, Mary Lou Stursa, Sara Sayles, Charlie Peterson, Tom Oots, Jon Erichson and Marion Clennon, City of Austin.

President Steve Kraushaar called the meeting to order.

Approve Agenda

Gebhardt made a motion and was seconded by Kording to approve the agenda.

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

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 Regner with changes.

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

Opposed: None

Treasurer's Report

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

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

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

Opposed: None

Audit Report

Jones talked on the 2008 audit and suggested that approval of the audit be tabled until the final audit is prepared.

Environmental Services

Angie Knish, Environmental Services Director, is requesting a donation for a field day demonstration for livestock producers. Kraushaar made a motion and was seconded by Layman to donate \$200.00 towards the education project.

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

Opposed: None

Discussion and Updates

Monitoring Report

Matt Taylor gave some scenarios for the 2010 monitoring season that provided cost estimates for the 2010 budget.

2010 Budget

Nordby presented a working document for the 2010 Levy and budget. The board selected a budget committee to discuss this further. Layman, Regner, Jones and Nordby will be back a recommendation to the board in August.

10 year Plan

The CRWD will meet with the BWSR subcommittee in August and will go before the BWSR board in September for approval.

Potential Projects

Penkava stated that he will have more information at the August meeting that will include pinpointing sites, possible costs and practices used.

Nicholville Status

Penkava reported that the project has been put out for bids and the bids came under the Engineer's estimate. Construction is still planned for fall of 2009.

Rain Garden

Penkava mentioned some tweaking of the earth work and tile lines have taken place. Construction in spring of 2009.

Rules Process

Benda gave a short report on the work that the Rules process committee is working on. They will have more at the August board meeting.

Kording talked about his concerns about the railroad bypass that is possibly coming through Dodge County.

Last Month's agenda item

Nordby again gave out the comment letter and it was the consensus of the board to send the letter to those that have commented. The CRWD received comments from Mower County late Tuesday afternoon, 2 months after the deadline. They too will be responded to, but the response will first come to the board before being mailed out.

Website

Nordby stated that they have had some virus problems with the website.

Manager's Report

Presidents Report

Kraushaar brought a potential ditch bank erosion project in Freeborn County.

MAWD Summer Tour

The board members that attended gave a report.

SWCD/CRWD Agreement

Jones and Kraushaar met with SWCD board to discuss the 2010 services agreement. The SWCD board would like to see a longer commitment than one year at a time.

The meeting was adjourned.

The next regular board meeting will be held on the 19th of August at 7:00 PM.

Submitted by,

Al Layman, Secretary, brn