

**Minutes of the Cedar River Watershed District
Ruby Rupner Center – Hormel Nature Center
Wednesday, March 18, 2009**

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

Manager Absent: Mike Jones

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

Members of Public Present: Darrel Bahn, Mary Lou Stursa, Mark Owens and Jim Stiles and others

Call to Order by Chairman Steve Kraushaar

Approve Agenda

Kording made a motion and was seconded by Regner to approve the agenda adding Matt Benda.

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

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 Peck.

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

Opposed: None

Treasurer's Report

Nordby reviewed the monthly reports and the payables with the board. Peck made a motion and was seconded by Regner to approve the finance reports for February.

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

Opposed: None

2009 Workplan

Nordby reviewed the draft work plan for 2009 that the staff put together. It included Streambank Restoration sites, rain gardens, Dobbins, possible river float, 10 year plan, rules, list of projects, TMDL, and monitoring. These are items that we would like to work towards, but time constraints might not allow all. Kording would like to pursue a rain garden at Oaks Golf Course.

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

Opposed: None

Discussion and Updates

Justice Center Rain Garden

Kraushaar briefed the board on the meeting with Mower County on a possible rain garden at the Justice Center site. Penkava talked about the meeting with the architect and showed the board maps of the site and potential areas. Nordby informed the board of funding the SWCD has for the native grasses. The board directed Steve to do a preliminary design and cost estimates. After that work is done, the watershed will make a formal request to the County. Peck made a motion to approve and was seconded by Regner.

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

Opposed: None

Annual Report for 2008

Nordby gave a brief overview of the annual report for 2008.

2008 Monitoring Work

Matt Taylor talked about the monitoring done in 2008 and answered questions that the board had from the monitoring report that was sent out.

Conservation Success in the Watershed

Rick Morrison from the SWCD talked to the board about the Conservation practice implementation in the Watershed in 2008.

Wetland Restoration Tour for April

Justin Hanson addressed the board on a possible wetland restoration tour in April prior to their next monthly meeting. The board supported the idea and staff will set it up.

10 Year Plan

Nordby went through the next stages of the plan process.

Boundary Challenge

Matt Benda, Attorney addressed the board on a potential boundary challenge from a landowner in Mower County. Benda was instructed to write a letter to the landowner giving him the process that would need to be taken to remove the 40 acres from the watershed.

Manager's Report

Presidents Report

No report provided Kraushaar

Other Items

Kording had some questions regarding ditches in the watershed.

Adjourn

Motion made by Peck to adjourn the meeting. Second by Kording

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

Opposed: None

The next regular board meeting will be held on the 15th of April at 7:00 PM.

Submitted by,

Al Layman, Secretary, brn