

**Minutes of the Cedar River Watershed District
Ruby Rupner Center – Hormel Nature Center
Wednesday, May 20th, 2009**

Managers Present: Al Kording Al Layman
Mike Jones
Harlan Peck Dan Regner

Manager Absent: Steve Kraushaar and Jim Gebhardt

Others Present: Bev Nordby, Mower SWCD
Justin Hanson, Mower SWCD
Steve Penkava, JHS
Matt Benda, Attorney
Dave Livingston, Advisory Committee and Dodge SWCD
John Mueller, Red Rock Township Supervisor

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

Call to Order by Vice Chairman Harlan Peck

Approve Agenda

Jones made a motion and was seconded by Kording to approve the agenda, moving Red Rock Township into the action items.

Affirmative: Regner, Kording, 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 Kording with changes.

Affirmative: Regner, Kording, Layman, Peck, Jones

Opposed: None

Treasurer's Report

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

Affirmative: Regner, Kording, Layman, Peck, Jones

Opposed: None

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

Affirmative: Regner, Kording, Layman, Peck, Jones

Opposed: None

Discussion and Updates

Red Rock Township – John Mueller

John Mueller, supervisor from Red Rock Township gave a status of funding for the Nicolville community wastewater system. A \$30,000.00 short term (6 months) low interest loan is still needed. Matt Benda, attorney, talked on the authority of watershed districts and the legality of a loan to Red Rock Township. Several residents supported the project. The board discussed it and

Jones made a motion and was seconded by Regner to approve financing \$30,000.00 to Red Rock Township for 6 months at 0% interest.

Affirmative: Regner, Kording,, Layman, Peck, Jones

Opposed: None

Jones made a motion and was seconded by Regner to have Matt Benda, attorney, draft a contract, by June 9th for the Red Rock Township Board meeting.

Affirmative: Regner, Kording, Layman, Peck, Jones

Opposed: None

Rain Garden at the Justice Center

Steve Penkava gave an update of the Justice Center rain garden. The cost will be \$1630.00 and will be built and planted late fall and early spring.

Project List

Nordby explained she is working with Barr Engineering and JHS to pinpoint a couple of Flood Reduction projects that we can put on our project list for future funding. Bev discussed this with both engineering firms along with Steve Kraushaar. The plan will be to have both firms put together a quote for a feasibility study on two sites of their choosing that includes cost, benefits and a preliminary design. With lidar it will make the preliminary engineering much easier. We will then use this information to apply for funding when it becomes available. It was a consensus of the board to continue to work at this.

10 Year Plan

The comment period is over and 3 comments have been sent in, nothing controversial. The board discussed 3 options they need to consider: hold a public hearing, schedule a PAG meeting and hold a informational hearing. The board agreed that at 6:30 PM, prior to the next meeting they would give the public an opportunity to publicly comment on the plan. BWSR will include this in their "Notice of Filing" that will be put in as legal notices in the 4 county newspapers. The board will also review the comments along with the response letters from Barr.

Other Items

Kording updated the board on the Lanning bill at the legislative session.

Administrators Report

Nordby stated that Al Layman and Harlen Peck had been reappointed by the Mower County Commissioners for 3 year terms.

Manager's Report

There was no President's report.

MAWD Summer Tour –

Will be held in Albert Lea. Nordby asked board members to call the office and Jeanne will do the registration.

Meeting adjourned

Layman made a motion and Kording seconded it to adjourn the meeting.

The next regular board meeting will be held on the 17th of June with the public comment on 10 year plan at 6:30 and regular board meeting at 7:00 PM.

Submitted by,

Al Layman, Secretary, brn