

**Minutes of the Cedar River Watershed District
Ruby Rupner Center – Hormel Nature Center
Wednesday, October 21, 2009**

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

Manager Absent: Dan Regner

Others Present: Bev Nordby, Mower SWCD
Matt Benda, Attorney

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

President Steve Kraushaar called the board meeting to order.

Agenda

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

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

Opposed: None

Public Input

There was no public input.

Action Items

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

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

Opposed: None

Treasurer's Report

Jones reviewed the Treasurer's report for October with the board. Kraushaar made a motion and was seconded by Peck to approve the treasurer's report.

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

Opposed: None

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

Affirmative: Kording, Layman, Jones, Gebhardt and Kraushaar

Opposed: None

10 Year Plan Adoption

Nordby stated that the Board of Water and Soil Resources has approved the proposed 10 year plan. The plan is now complete and the needs to be adopted. Layman made a motion and was seconded by Peck to adopt the 10 year plan for the Cedar River Watershed District.

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

Opposed: None

Watershed Boundary Challenge

Nordby updated the board on the petition that BWSR received for a 40 acre parcel to be withdrawal from the Watershed. The petition was not valid due to not enough signatures of residents from the CRWD had signed it. No action is needed.

Discussion and Updates

Funding Opportunities

Nordby reviewed avenues of different funding coming up this fall. At the November meeting will be details of items that the Watershed District will be applying for.

Dobbins Creek

Justin is working with the landowners of the feasibility sites for water retention.

Rules Process

The first meeting will be the 17th of November and will include having both the advisory committee as well as the technical committee. Dave Peterson will be facilitating.

Bonding Committee

Bev and Justin met with the bonding committee for the House of Representatives to request another 2 million earmark for RIM. It went well.

Other Items

Nordby handed out a NRCS watershed program that the Cedar River is being considered for. The Mississippi River Basin Healthy Watersheds Initiative is a new program that provides funding for upland treatment. This is an opportunity to work with Iowa on a watershed basis.

Manager Reports

No President's Report

Other Manager's Report

Al Kording stated that he attended a TMDL meeting in Rochester.

Mike Jones asked Bev to check on the status of Greg Eggers, DNR, for his modeling work with Dobbins Creek.

MAWD Annual Meeting

Bev talked about the annual conference. She asked who would be attending and to let Jeanne know if they will be attending.

Kraushaar made a motion and was seconded by Kording to adjourn the meeting.

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

Opposed: None

Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting will be Wednesday, November 18, 2009.

Submitted by,

Al Layman, Secretary, brn