

**Minutes of the Cedar River Watershed District  
Ruby Rupner Center – Hormel Nature Center  
April 16, 2008**

President Regner called the monthly meeting for the CRWD to order.

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

Others Present: Bev Nordby, Administrator  
                         Steve Penkava, Engineer  
                         Justin Hanson  
                         Dave Livingston, Advisory Committee  
                         Commissioner Dick Cummings, Mower County  
                         Mike Bustad, Contractor  
                         Several Residents

Nordby asked to discuss a DNR presentation and adding a member from the CRWD board to the Mower County Water Advisory Committee. Gebhardt made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition and was seconded by Peck.

Affirmative: Regner, Gebhardt, Kording, Layman, Kraushaar,  
Opposed:        None

Public Input

Regner asked if the public had any comments or concerns. Bob Clark suggested that work needs to be done in watershed for flood reduction instead of buying out homes. There was no other public input.

Action Items

Secretary's Report

Kraushaar presented the March board minutes. Kording asked that John Schmeling, be added to the list of attendees at the last board meeting. Regner made a motion to approve the minutes with the change and was seconded by Peck.

Affirmative: Regner, Gebhardt, Kording, Layman, Kraushaar  
Opposed:        None

Treasurer's Report

Gebhardt presented the Treasurer's report for March that included payables and finance information. Gebhardt made a motion to approve and was seconded by Kraushaar.

Affirmative: Regner, Gebhardt, Kording, Layman, Kraushaar,  
Opposed:        None

2008 Amended Budget

Nordby reviewed the amended 2008 budget. The monitoring funding has been incorporated into the budget as well as new line items added with changes in existing line items. Peck made a motion and was seconded by Kording to approve the 2008 amended budget.

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

Opposed: None

#### Promissory Note

Jones explained the promissory note with the SWCD. The SWCD will loan the CRWD \$20,000.00 at a rate of 3.5% interest to be paid in full by August 1<sup>st</sup>. This note will allow the CRWD to continue to operate until they receive their 2008 levy. Layman made a motion and was seconded by Kraushaar to approve the promissory note with the SWCD.

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

Opposed: None

#### Discussion and Updates

##### Boundary Update

Steve Penkava gave the board an update on the boundary changes. All parcel numbers have been received and the attorney has a draft of a petition complete. We are on track for a hearing in this summer.

##### Rain Gardens

Regner explained the rain garden project at the Nature Center. Mower County, City of Austin, many volunteers and contractors have stepped up to donate time and materials for this demonstration project. He gave the citizens an explanation on the purpose of rain gardens and the benefit the Nature Center will see. He also explained the design to the board and introduced Mike Bustad, Contractor that will be donating equipment and time. Regner asked Nordby to talk to Larry Dolphin from the Nature Center on timeframe that would be good for him.

##### Mower County Advisory Committee

Commissioner Cummings described the Advisory Committee for the Mower County Water Plan. This committee is appointed by the County Commissioners. A CRWD board member has the opportunity sit on this committee. Al Layman is interested. Commissioner Cummings will forward his name to the full County Board.

##### Presentation on Computer Modeling

DNR has offered to give the Board of Managers a presentation on modeling a small watershed in the Cedar River Watershed. Gregg Eggers will give a presentation to the watershed district on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of April at 9:30 at the Mower County Highway Department.

##### 10 Year Plan Update

Karen Chandler is asking for the board's input on items that they want to see in the plan besides what has been discussed at the PAG meetings. Nordby asked the board to submit their ideas to Karen directly or send them to her and she will pass on.

### Meetings with Counties

The board discussed their meeting with the County Commissioners. The appointments from the Counties are the following:

Al Kording	May 2008 to April of 2011
Steve Kraushaar	May 2008 to April 2011
Al Layman	May 2008 to April 2009
Harlan Peck	May 2008 to April 2009
Jim Gebhardt	May 2008 to April 2010
Dan Regner	May 2008 to April 2011
Mike Jones	May 2008 to April 2010

Kording stated that he will stay on the board until Dodge County can appoint a replacement for him. The time commitment and other personal reasons is preventing him from serving as long as he would like.

Jones gave an update of a meeting in Dodge County with participants of a ditch system. Jones, Kording and Nordby attended giving a brief history of the watershed district and what the watershed district is working on.

### Manager's Report

Regner had no report, but asked the citizens if they had additional comment.

Layman talked about the 2 million dollars in bonding that is earmarked for the TCWD and CRWD. He wants to make sure that the WD takes full advantage of the funding. Nordby and Hanson talked about the 2 million dollars. It is a Reinvest in Minnesota Program funding for wetland restorations. RIM is a program that is implemented through the SWCD offices. All the details have not been written or passed down to the SWCD offices. Hanson will bring more details to the next board meeting.

Layman suggested the Watershed District should have a list of projects, prioritize them and then go after funding for each project.

The MAWD summer tour was discussed. More discussion at the next meeting.

Next board meeting will be the 21<sup>st</sup> of May. Agenda items will include: Insurance, Rain Garden Planning, Working agreement for TMDL, 2 million in bonding, MAWD summer session and other items.

Submitted by,

Steve Kraushaar, Secretary