

**Minutes of the Cedar River Watershed District
Ruby Rupner Center – Hormel Nature Center
Wednesday, April 20, 2011**

Managers Present: Steve Kraushaar Al Layman
 Mike Jones Jim Gebhardt
 Harlen Peck Richard Fuller
 Mike Merten

Others Present: Bev Nordby, Administrator
 Jeanne Crump, Mower SWCD
 Justin Hanson, Mower SWCD
 Tim Ruzek, Outreach Coordinator
 Dave Livingston, Dodge SWCD
 Matt Peterson, Austin Daily Herald

Members of Public Present: 7 members of the public were present

President Mike Jones called the board meeting to order.

Agenda

Kraushaar made a motion to approve the agenda. Gebhardt seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Layman, Jones, Peck, Gebhardt, Fuller, Kraushaar, Merten

Opposed: None

Welcome New Board Manager

Mike Merten is the newly appointed board member. The rest of the board welcomed him.

Public Input

There was no public input.

Action Items

Secretary's Report

Fuller presented the minutes from the March 16, 2011 board meeting. Kraushaar made a motion to approve the minutes. Jones seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Layman, Jones, Peck, Gebhardt, Fuller, Kraushaar, Merten

Opposed: None

Treasurer's Report

Peck reviewed the Treasurer's report for April. Layman made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Gebhardt seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Layman, Jones, Peck, Gebhardt, Fuller, Kraushaar, Merten

Opposed: None

Peck reviewed the payables with the board. Crump explained that Check #2367 for Mower Soil & Water is the wrong amount and needs to be Voided. Jones made a motion to approve the payables for April minus check #2367 which will be voided. Kraushaar seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Layman, Jones, Peck, Gebhardt, Fuller, Kraushaar, Merten

Opposed: None

Discussion and Updates

Austin High School

Hanson informed the board on the cost share committee meeting that was held before the board meeting to discuss the Austin High School rain garden project. AHS is requesting cost share on their project. Hanson suggested applying for a CWF grant this fall. The board held discussion. The board recommended that Hanson try for the grant.

Presentation on Amendment Funding

Hanson gave a presentation on possible future Amendment Funding.

Review Project Construction for 2011

Hanson updated the board on the upcoming projects for Spring and Summer.

2011 Workplan

The board discussed the 2011 -2012 workplan.

Adopt a River

Tim Ruzek updated the board on the Adopt a River project. He has gotten a lot of response for it. Layman suggested a possible banquet for the end of the summer for participants.

State Water Trail

Hanson updated on the State Water Trail bill for the Cedar River. He stated that he and Ruzek went to the Capitol to testify before the legislature and then he went again by himself.

RIM/WRP

Hanson talked about the RIM/WRP signup and explained that out of 11 applications (9 of which were in the Cedar Watershed) for Mower County, none of them were funded.

Flood Plain Legislature

Hanson talked about asking for more Flood Plain funding at the legislature.

Rain Barrels

Hanson updated the board on the Rain Barrel distribution that will take place on June 18th.

Manager's Reports

President's Report

Jones updated on the meeting that he attended in Minneapolis with BARR Engineering and SEH Engineering in regards to the City of Austin North Main Project.

Other Manager's Report

Layman asked about the Austin Medical Center addition and if they would have to get permits. This will be checked into.

Peck made a motion to adjourn the board meeting. Merten seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Layman, Jones, Peck, Gebhardt, Fuller, Kraushaar, Merten

Opposed: None

Next meeting will be Wednesday, May 18, 2011.

Submitted by,

Richard Fuller, Secretary, jkc