

**Minutes of the Cedar River Watershed District  
Ruby Rupner Center – Hormel Nature Center  
August 20, 2008**

Public Hearing on 2009 Levy

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

Manager Absent: Dan Regner

Others Present: Bev Nordby, Administrator  
                         Steve Penkava, JHS Engineering  
                         Justin Hanson, SWCD  
                         Dave Livingston, Advisory Committee  
                         Commissioner Dave Hillier

Vice Chair Jim Gebhardt convened the 2009 levy hearing. Gebhardt turned the hearing over Mike Jones, Treasurer.

Jones went through the proposed 2009 budget with the board and public. There were a few questions from the public.

Peck made a motion to close the public hearing and was seconded by Layman.

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

Opposed: None

Vice Chair Gebhardt called the regular monthly meeting to order.

Approve Agenda

Nordby wanted to add a Lidar update and Boundary Update from Steve Penkava.

Kaushaar made a motion and was seconded by Jones to approve the agenda with those additions.

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

Opposed: None

Public Input

There was no public input.

Action Items

Secretary's Report

Kraushaar presented the July 16<sup>th</sup> board minutes. Layman a motion to approve the minutes and was seconded by Peck.

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

Opposed: None

Kraushaar presented the August 6<sup>th</sup> special board meeting. Kording made a motion and was seconded by Gebhardt.

Affirmative: Jones, Kording, Layman, Kraushaar Peck, Gebhardt  
Opposed: None

#### Treasurer's Report

Jones presented the reviewed the payables for August. Layman made a motion to approve and was seconded by Kraushaar.

Affirmative: Jones, Kording, Layman, Kraushaar, Gebhardt, Peck  
Opposed: None

Jones than reviewed the finance reports with the board. Layman made a motion and was seconded by Kording to approve the finance reports for July.

Affirmative: Jones, Kording, Layman, Kraushaar, Gebhardt, Peck  
Opposed: None

#### Approve 2009 Levy

Jones approved the resolution/motion for an administrative levy in 2009 for \$250,000.00 and was seconded by Peck.

Affirmative: Jones, Kording, Layman, Kraushaar, Gebhardt, Peck  
Opposed: None

#### Discussions and Updates

##### Ag Restoration Grant

Hanson gave an update on the status of the BWSR Ag Restoration Grant.

##### RIM Funding

Hanson stated that out of the 2 million dollars in WRP/RIM funding 1.6 has been allocated in the Cedar River and Turtle Creek Watersheds for 345 acres

##### Boundary Adjustment

Steve Penkava gave an update. All resolutions and petitions are complete and being sent to BWSR. The hearing will probably take place after harvest.

##### Lidar

Steve Penkava stated that several local partners have contributed to the project. TCWD has also committed \$25,000.00 to the project.

##### 10 Year Plan

Nordby gave a quick update and referenced the email that Barr had sent out. The board asked to check with the timeframe. If the PAG meets before harvest it needs to be done in the next 30 days.

#### Manager's Report

##### Berm Discussion –

Al Kording discussed that possibility that old railroad beds be used for flood reduction/retention.

Mike Jones wanted to know the status of the modeling from DNR, Greg Eggers.

Next meeting will be the 17<sup>th</sup> of September at 7:00 PM.

Submitted by,

*Steven Kraushaar, Secretary, brn*