

**Minutes of the Cedar River Watershed District
Ruby Rupner Center – Hormel Nature Center
Wednesday, August 18, 2010**

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

Others Present: Bev Nordby, Mower SWCD
Jeanne Crump, Mower SWCD
Steve Penkava, Jones-Haugh & Smith, Inc.
Dave Livingston, Dodge SWCD
Tim Ruzek, CRWD Outreach

Members of Public Present: Tom Oots, Charlie Peterson, Jerry Reinartz, Kurt Nesbitt, Patrick Byron, Jody Mens, Arnie Johnson, Cole Mathisen, Paul Fiebiger

President Harlan Peck called the board meeting to order.

Agenda

An addition of “E. Partnership Opportunity with Conservation Groups” was added to Action Items on the agenda. Kraushaar made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Jones seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

Levy Public hearing

Jones went over the 2011 budget. Questions from the public about the budget were addressed. Public was concerned with the economic times and asked that the board consider that when determining the Levy. Jones made a motion to close the public hearing. Gebhardt seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

General Public Input

Livingston gave his input about lobbyists.

Action Items

Secretary’s Report

Gebhardt presented the minutes. Layman made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 21, 2010 board meeting. Kraushaar seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

Treasurer’s Report

Jones reviewed the Treasurer’s report for August. Kraushaar made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s report. Peck seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

Jones reviewed the payables with the board. Peck made a motion to approve the payables for August. Gebhardt seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

Set Proposed Levy

The board discussed lowering the Proposed 2011 Levy. Layman made a motion to lower the Proposed 2011 Levy to \$225,000. Regner seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

Clean Water Amendment Application

Nordby updated the board on the Clean Water Amendment Application.

Feasibility Study #1		Feasibility Study #2	
Total Project Cost:	\$131,000.00	Proposed Total Cost:	\$169,250.00
Grant Funding:	\$ 78,600.00	Grant funding:	\$101,550.00
Local WD Funds:	\$ 52,400.00	Local WD Funds:	\$ 67,700.00
Streambank Site #1		Streambank Site #2	
Streambank Stabilization:	\$19,500.00	Total Project Cost:	\$5,000.00
Rock Riffles:	\$33,700.00	Grant Requested Funds	\$2,500.00
Log Rootwad Boulders:	\$1,000.00	WD Funds:	\$1,250.00
Tree Saplings:	\$4,050.00	Township Contribution:	\$1,250.00
Total Project Cost:	\$58,250.00		
Grant Requested Funds:	\$36,265.00		
EQIP Funds (farm program):	\$7,425.00		
Local WD Funds:	\$14,560.00		

The board held discussion on which projects to apply for. Kraushaar made a motion to apply for the #2 Study Project and both of the Streambank Projects. Jones seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

Partnership Opportunity with Conservation Groups

Layman informed the board of the partnering opportunity with the Conservation groups. He made a suggestion to possibly write a letter of support for the project or to do some in-kind with a partnership. The board held discussion and requested more information on the project.

Layman made a motion to send a letter of support for the project. Regner seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

Discussion Items

Tim Ruzek, Outreach Coordinator

Tim Ruzek introduced himself to the board and informed them of what he has been doing.

Rain Garden Update

Regner and Penkava updated the board on the Justice Center and 4th Street raingardens. The progress has been slow due to the weather.

Rain Barrels

Nordby updated the board on the partnership with the Ikes for rain barrel sales at \$60.00.

Manager's Reports

President's Report

Nothing new.

Other Manager's Report

Kraushaar talked with the board about current issues

Kraushaar made a motion to adjourn the board meeting. Regner seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting will be Wednesday, September 15, 2010.

Submitted by,

Jim Gebhardt, Secretary, jkc