

**Minutes of the Cedar River Watershed District
Ruby Rupner Center – Hormel Nature Center
Wednesday, August 17, 2011**

Managers Present: Mike Jones Steve Kraushaar
Al Layman Jim Gebhardt
Mike Merten

Managers Not Present: Harlen Peck Kevin Kiser

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

Members of Public Present: Marian Clennon, Tom Oots, Dan Regner, Ken Penkava, Sara Sayles, Charlie Peterson, Todd & Judy Mullenbach, Jay & Linda Howton

President Mike Jones called the board meeting to order.

Agenda

Two items were added to the agenda, Task Force Establishment and River Cleanup. Layman made a motion to approve the agenda with additions. Kraushaar seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Layman, Jones, Kraushaar, Gebhardt, Merten

Opposed: None

Public Input

No public input.

Action Items

Secretary's Report

Gebhardt presented the minutes of the July 20, 2011 Public Hearing on the Draft Rules. Merten made a motion to approve the July 20, 2011 minutes from the Public Hearing. Layman seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Layman, Jones, Kraushaar, Gebhardt, Merten

Opposed: None

Gebhardt presented the minutes of the July 20, 2011 board meeting. Kraushaar made a motion to approve the July 20, 2011 minutes. Merten seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Layman, Jones, Kraushaar, Gebhardt, Merten

Opposed: None

Treasurer's Report

Jones reviewed the Treasurer's report for August. Kraushaar made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Gebhardt seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Layman, Jones, Kraushaar, Gebhardt, Merten

Opposed: None

Layman asked about the H & H model. Nordby explained that it will be done in 2012.

Jones reviewed the payables with the board. Layman made a motion to approve the payables for July. Gebhardt seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Layman, Jones, Kraushaar, Gebhardt, Merten

Opposed: None

River Cleanup

Todd & Judy Mullenbach and Jay & Linda Howton informed the board of the Adopt a River Cleanup that they did. They worked on a 2 mile stretch and found a lot of garbage and many tires. They will be going back to do more cleanup. The board thanked them for all of their hard work.

Ruzek talked about the river cleanups. Hanson informed the board that the MCC crew will also be working on a stretch of the river by Austin.

Set Proposed 2012 Levy

The board held further discussion on the 2012 Levy. Kraushaar made a motion to approve keeping the Levy at \$225,000. Merten seconded the motion. Layman talked about wanting to see more projects being done. Discussion held.

Affirmative: Layman, Jones, Kraushaar, Gebhardt, Merten

Opposed: None

Clean Water Fund Application

Hanson talked about the 2012 CWF application and the proposed projects for 2012. Different options were discussed. Kraushaar made a motion to authorize Hanson to submit an application for the 2012 CWF. Layman seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Layman, Jones, Kraushaar, Gebhardt, Merten

Opposed: None

Task Force

Jones talked with the board about establishing a task force consisting of 3 board members and staff to work on getting new projects. He talked about sending out RFP's to Engineers requesting that they come up with some projects for the watershed and then present them to the Task Force. Members of the Public suggested to check with local engineers and other watershed districts. Further discussion of the Task Force was tabled until the September meeting.

Watershed Attorney

Layman asked about different attorney options. If the board chooses, bids could go out at the beginning of the year.

Funding for Manure Application Day

Steele County is asking for help paying for the Manure Application Field Day in Rose Creek.

Kraushaar made a motion to approve \$200 to go towards the Field Day. Gebhardt seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Layman, Jones, Kraushaar, Gebhardt, Merten

Opposed: None

Discussion and Updates

Rules Distribution and Permit Packet

Nordby updated the board on the Rules and Permit Packet distribution. Packets have been delivered to the county offices and mailed out to the cities and townships. The board talked about other entities to send the packets to and other educational opportunities. Merten will help get info to the ag community.

Current Clean Water Fund Projects

Hanson updated the board on the current projects in the watershed. The board will go on a short tour before the September board meeting to see completed and future projects in the Dobbins Creek area.

Manager's Reports

President's Report

Discussed earlier.

Other Manager's Report

Kraushaar-Talked about having some kind of educational sign put by the Nature Center rain garden. Nordby will check into different options.

Merten-Mentioned checking with the MN Ag Resource Group for information on projects.

Jones-Look into interns for help for next year.

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

Affirmative: Layman, Jones, Kraushaar, Gebhardt, Merten

Opposed: None

Next meeting will be Wednesday, September 21, 2011.

Submitted by,

James Gebhardt, Secretary, jkc