

**Minutes of the Cedar River Watershed District
Ruby Rupner Center – Hormel Nature Center
Wednesday, December 17th, 2008**

Dan Regner called the regular monthly meeting to order.

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

Managers Absent: Mike Jones and Dan Regner

Others Present: Bev Nordby, Administrator
 Matt Benda, Attorney
 Justin Hanson, Mower SWCD
 Matt Taylor, Mower SWCD

Approve Agenda

Kraushaar made a motion and was seconded by Layman to approve the agenda.

Affirmative: Kording, Layman, Kraushaar, Peck, Gebhardt

Opposed: None

Public Input

Jim Stiles talked about the Constitution Amendment and the timeframe for the Lessard Committee.

Action Items

Secretary's Report

Kraushaar presented the November 19th board minutes. Peck made a motion to approve the minutes and was seconded by Kraushaar.

Affirmative: Kording, Layman, Kraushaar, Peck, Gebhardt

Opposed: None

Treasurer's Report

Nordby reviewed the finance reports with the board. Kraushaar made a motion and was seconded by Kording to approve the finance reports for December and the payables for November.

Affirmative: Kording, Layman, Kraushaar, Peck, Gebhardt

Opposed: None

The 2009 Levy was discussed and reviewed the August levy hearing. Peck made a motion and was seconded by Layman to certify the administrative levy at \$250,000.00.

HDR Contract for Dobbins Creek

Justin Hanson briefed the board on the RFPs for the Ag Restoration Project for Dobbins Creek. See attached sheet. There were 3 individuals independently scored the RFPs. Hanson recommended approval of HDR to do the modeling project. Peck made a motion and was seconded by Kraushaar to approve the HDR contract with the endorsement of Matt Benda and Justin Hanson.

Affirmative: Kording, Layman, Kraushaar, Peck, Gebhardt

Opposed: None

Discussion and Updates

Legislators

Representative Jeanne Poppe and Representative Robin Brown attended the meeting to talk about the upcoming legislative session. Layman facilitated the discussion and thanked the legislators for the funding for several of the projects. Discussion centered on the immediate shortfall and the 4.8 billion short fall for the next two years.

Boundary Meeting

The Boundary meeting to make minor adjustments for the boundaries of the CRWD, TCWD and SRRWD will be on the 14th or 21st of January. Matt Benda and Steve Penkava will both be in attendance for the CRWD. It would be good if at least one board member could be attendance. BWSR will be doing the legal notices and is the lead for this hearing.

Preliminary Results for Monitoring Season

Matt Taylor gave the board an update on the first year of monitoring.

Manager Report

There was no President's Report

Local Meetings

The board discussed the local meetings that they are attending.

They also discussed board compensation for the meetings. Taking a per diem is too much, but the hourly rate that was set a year ago is low. Bev will contact some other local governments to see what their hourly rate is.

MAWD conference was discussed.

The next regular board meeting will be held on the January 21st at 7:00 PM.

Submitted by,

Steven Kraushaar, Secretary, brn