

**Minutes of the Cedar River Watershed District
Ruby Rupner Center – Hormel Nature Center
Wednesday, December 21, 2011**

Managers Present: Mike Jones Steve Kraushaar
 Al Layman Jim Gebhardt
 Harlen Peck Kevin Kiser

Managers Not Present: Mike Merten

Others Present: Bev Nordby, Administrator
 Jeanne Crump, Mower SWCD
 Matt Taylor, Mower SWCD
 John Schulte, JHS
 Steve Klein, BARR Engineering
 Tim Ruzek, Outreach Coordinator
 Dave Livingston, Dodge SWCD

Members of Public Present: Tom Oots, Charlie Peterson, Dan Regner, Sara Sayles

Mike Jones called the board meeting to order.

Agenda

The 2012 Budget and 2012 Levy Discussion Items were moved up to Action Items and Adopt-A-River and Permitting were added to Discussion Items. Gebhardt made a motion to approve the updated agenda. Peck seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

Public Input

No public input.

Action Items

Secretary's Report

Gebhardt presented the board meeting minutes. Jones made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 16, 2011 board meeting. Kiser seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

Gebhardt presented the minutes from the November 28, 2011 meeting with the Mower SWCD. Peck made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 28, 2011 meeting. Layman seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

Treasurer's Report

Jones reviewed the Treasurer's report for December. Kraushaar made a motion to approve the treasurer's report as presented. Peck seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

Jones reviewed the payables with the board. Kraushaar made a motion to approve the payables for December and that Peck may sign the checks for the bills that come in after the December board meeting. Gebhardt seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

2012 Budget

Jones went over the 2012 Proposed Budget. The board held discussion on the Budget. Questions were answered on the Levy and other Budget areas. A change was made in the 2012 Budget to include taking \$2,500 out of Public Outreach and putting it in to Technical Services. This change will leave Public Outreach at \$5,000 and Technical Services at \$22,500.

Set 2012 Levy

Further discussion was held on the 2012 Levy. Peck made a motion to keep the 2012 Levy the same as 2011 at \$225,000. Kraushaar seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

Discussion Items

Layman stepped out of the meeting.

Culvert Inventory

John Schulte, JHS, talked about the bid for Surveying Services for bridge data collection. The bid reflects a cost of \$200 per crossing. Kraushaar made a motion to approve the bid from JHS for 67 bridges at \$200 each. Gebhardt seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Jones, Kraushaar, Gebhardt, Peck, Kiser

Opposed: None

Layman returned to the meeting.

H & H Model

Steve Klein, BARR Engineering, updated the board on the H & H model. Discussion was held as to how the Model could be used. Schulte and Klein answered questions on the Model. He went through what Barr has done to date on the model and what they have left to do. Hopefully by the end of summer the model will be complete. Klein explained that BARR will not charge for his attendance at the board meeting.

Adopt-A-River

Tim Ruzek talked about his Adopt-A-River year end summary. Layman thanked Ruzek for all of his work with the project.

Permitting

Matt Taylor updated the board on December permitting.

Manager's Reports

President's Report

Jones talked about the meeting between the WD and Mower SWCD. He thanked the SWCD for all of their work and providing services over the last few years. He explained that the WD has a great partnership with the SWCD and that it saves a lot of taxpayer dollars.

Other Manager's Report

No report.

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

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

Opposed: None

Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting will be Wednesday, January 18, 2012.

Submitted by, *Jim Gebhardt, Secretary, jkc*

Date