

**Minutes of the Cedar River Watershed District  
Mower County Courthouse – Courtroom 3  
February 20, 2008**

President Regner called the monthly meeting for the CRWD to order.

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

Others Present: Bev Nordby, Administrator  
                         Steve Penkava, Engineer

Peck made a motion and was seconded by Gebhardt to approve the agenda.

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

**Public Input**

Regner asked if the public had any comments or concerns. None was given.

**Action Items**

**Secretary's Report**

Kraushaar presented the January Board minutes. Layman made a motion to approve the January minutes. Kording seconded it.

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

**Treasurer's Report**

Jones presented the payables for February. Kording made a motion to approve and was seconded by Peck.

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

Jones presented the Treasurer's Report. Layman made a motion and was seconded by Gebhardt to approve the treasurer's report.

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

**Resolution for MPCA Stream Monitor Assessment Grant**

Matt Taylor presented the final application and budget to the board. The grant is for \$111,000 for a 2 year monitoring program. Jones made a motion to approve a resolution to enter into a grant agreement with MPCA to carry out the application that was presented. Motion seconded by Kraushaar.

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

Matt Taylor also talked about Fecal Coliform testing this monitoring season. The grant pays for staffing, but not the lab tests. Layman made a motion to approve \$2000.00 for lab costs for fecal coliform testing. Jones seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

#### Participation on Feedlot Meeting

Nordby explained that the three basin Watershed districts and SWCDs will be sponsoring a training for feedlots. This workshop will center around best management practices, manure management and cost share programs. Jones made a motion and was seconded by Kording to approve sponsoring the workshop not to exceed \$100.00.

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

Opposed: Peck

#### Stream Study Results

Justin Hanson gave the board a presentation regarding the MCC stream study that was done this fall. Conclusions show our streams and rivers are buffered well, but the banks have severe erosion. This is an indication of the high stream velocities throughout the watershed.

#### TMDL

Bill Thompson, MPCA and Project Manager for the Cedar TMDL introduced himself to the board. He gave an overview of process and status of the TMDL for turbidity in the Watershed.

#### Discussion and Updates

##### Newsletter

Nordby updated the board on newsletters. The WD partnered with the SWCD in putting out a newsletter in Mower County. There were 1600 newsletters sent to rural Mower County at the cost of less than \$500.00. The board had some ideas of other targeted mailings. Township officers, County Commissioners, City Councils, Blooming Prairie Chamber and Freeborn County Chamber.

Layman stated that he would like to see a canoe trip down the Cedar, possibly joining up with Iowa.

##### PAG Committee and Planning Process

The board discussed the PAG meetings that have taken place. They agreed another water quantity meeting needs to take place. The board would like to hear other possible solutions for flood reduction from the PAG. Regner will discuss this at the PAG and also schedule a date at their March meeting.

##### Terms of Managers

Nordby gave the board the list of appointments BWSR set for the managers.

Dodge Manager	-	3 year term
Freeborn County Manager	-	3 year term
Mower County Managers	-	1 year term
		1 year term
		2 year term
		3 year term
Steele County Manager		2 year term

Nordby will send letters to Counties in March asking for their appointments in April.

#### Time of Meeting and Place

The board discussed moving the time of their meeting up. Peck made a motion and was seconded by Jones that the meetings will start at 7:00.

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

Opposed: None

The board also discussed the meeting place for the CRWD meetings. The County Commissioner's meeting room is very high demand and is difficult to reserve. The board asked Nordby to check into several locations for a permanent meeting place. She will report back at the next meeting.

There were no manager reports.

Meeting Adjourned.