

**Minutes of the Cedar River Watershed District  
Ruby Rupner Center – Hormel Nature Center  
Wednesday, February 16, 2011**

Managers Present: Mike Jones Dan Regner  
Harlen Peck Richard Fuller  
Al Layman

Others Present: Bev Nordby, Administrator  
Jeanne Crump, Mower SWCD  
Justin Hanson, Mower SWCD  
Cody Fox, Mower SWCD  
Tim Ruzek, Outreach Coordinator  
Dave Livingston, Dodge SWCD  
Matt Peterson, Austin Daily Herald  
Josh Dumas, Austin High School Science Teacher

Members of Public Present: 12 members of the public attended the board meeting.

President Mike Jones called the board meeting to order.

**Agenda**

Layman made a motion to approve the agenda. Peck seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Layman, Jones, Peck, Regner, Fuller

Opposed: None

**Public Input**

Jones opened the floor up for public input.

No public input.

**Action Items**

**Secretary's Report**

Fuller presented the minutes from the January 19, 2011 board meeting. Regner made a motion to approve the minutes. Layman seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Layman, Jones, Peck, Regner, Fuller

Opposed: None

**Treasurer's Report**

Peck and Crump reviewed the Treasurer's report for February. Peck made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Fuller seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Layman, Jones, Peck, Regner, Fuller

Opposed: None

Peck and Crump reviewed the payables with the board. Layman made a motion to approve the payables for February. Peck seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Layman, Jones, Peck, Regner, Fuller

Opposed: None

The board will discuss the designation of funds at the March board meeting.

### **Tim Ruzek's Contract**

Nordby presented the 2011 Public Outreach Contract with Tim Ruzek. She explained that it is the same as the 2010 contract with two changes. Instead of "\$800.00/month", it states, "up to \$800.00/month". Also, the date was changed for it to run through December 31, 2011. The board discussed having Ruzek work on a mission statement for the CRWD. Peck made a motion to approve the 2011 Public Outreach contract with Tim Ruzek. Jones seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Layman, Jones, Peck, Regner, Fuller

Opposed: None

### **2011 Cost Share Program**

Hanson handed out information on the Cost Share Program for 2011. The Cost Share Committee, Gebhardt, Jones and Kraushaar, met to discuss the program for 2011. Currently, \$6346.00 is in the budget for Cost Share in 2011 and the committee is requesting to have it raised to \$13,000.00. Discussion was held. Questions were asked about different innovative drainage projects that are included in the 2011 Cost Share Program and Rick Morrison will be invited to the next board meeting to give a short presentation on the Drainage projects that he has been involved in with the SWCD. Layman made a motion to approve the 2011 Cost Share Program and to raise the 2011 Cost Share budget to \$13,000.00. Peck seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Layman, Jones, Peck, Regner, Fuller

Opposed: None

### **Discussion and Updates**

#### **Rain Garden Program with AHS**

Josh Dumas, Austin High School science teacher, attended the board meeting along with two of his students to give a presentation on how and why they plan to incorporate rain gardens into their curriculum. They also requested the CRWD to partner up with them on the rain gardens.

### **Manager's Reports**

#### **President's Report**

##### **Regner Certificate**

Jones presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Dan Regner and thanked him for his time and commitment with the CRWD board. Regner will have one more meeting with the District before his term is up.

##### **Salt Symposium**

Jones gave an update on the Salt Symposium that he, Gebhardt and Matt Taylor attended. Jones informed the board of the information and contacts that they came away with. He added that salt is becoming an issue and that there will be TMDL's on salt in the future.

#### **Other Manager's Report**

##### **Eagle Bluff**

Layman informed the board of the Eagle Bluff River Clean-up meeting he attended.

##### **Chart**

Layman explained the 100 year flood chart that he was given.

##### **Rules**

Gebhardt, Peck and Kraushaar got together to discuss the rules. Peck updated the board.

##### **Next Board Meeting**

Nordby informed the board that there will be a full agenda for the March meeting. She talked about the items that will be addressed.

**RIM/WRP Signup**

Nordby and Hanson talked about the RIM/WRP signup.

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

Affirmative: Layman, Jones, Peck, Regner, Fuller

Opposed: None

Next meeting will be Wednesday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

Submitted by,

*Richard Fuller, Secretary, jkc*