

**Minutes of the Cedar River Watershed District  
Mower County Courthouse – Commissioner’s Room  
January 16, 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

Manager Absent: Steve Kraushaar

Others Present: Bev Nordby, Administrator  
                         Steve Penkava, Engineer

The board decided to have their beginning of year decisions made on the calendar year at their December board meeting.

**Election of Officers:**

Peck stated that due to the present officers only serving for the last 8 months, he made a motion and was seconded by Jones to all officers stay the same through 2008.

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

Opposed: none

It was discussed the importance of rotating officers every year. Jones asked Bev to bring back how the managers will know the length of their term after May of 2008. Nordby stated that she will bring that information back to the board meeting in February.

**Legal Paper**

Gebhardt made a motion to keep the Austin Daily Herald as the legal paper for 2008. Kording seconded it.

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

Opposed: None

**Minutes**

Gebhardt discussed the minutes from the December meeting. Jones made a motion and was seconded by Regner to approve the December minutes.

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

Opposed: None

**Treasurer Report**

Jones reviewed the treasurer’s report with the board. Peck made a motion to approve the treasurer’s report and payables. Kording seconded it.

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

Opposed: None

**Bank Depository**

Jones stated presently the bank used by the Watershed District is US Bank. Kording made a motion to approve US Bank the Bank Depository for 2008 and was seconded by Peck.

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

Opposed: None

#### SWCD Contract for 2008

Nordby reviewed the 2008 contract for services with the Mower Soil and Water Conservation District. The Contract provides services to the watershed district for \$38,700.00 for administrative and technical services. Also added in the contract is an up to \$14,000.00 for the TMDL development for Turbidity. The board asked that “for the calendar year of 2008” be added to the first paragargh. Jones made a motion to approve the contract with the change and was seconded by Layman.

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

Opposed: None

#### Boundary Update

Penkava updated the board on the cleaning up the boundary for the Watershed District. Stephanie Haedt, attorney, drafted a letter telling the board what the process will be to correct the boundary. Penkava stated that he would like to see a meeting of all three Watershed Districts, attorneys and BWSR. Everyone will then be all on the same page and this process can be moved forward all together. Penkava asked that two board members attend this boundary meeting. Gebhardt and Regner are the board members that will be attending. The meeting is tentatively set for the 12<sup>th</sup> of February at the Watershed District/SWCD office.

#### Table of Contents for 10 year Plan

The first planning meeting for the Planning Advisory Group and the Board of Managers is set for the 23<sup>rd</sup> of January at the Austin Public Library. Barr Engineering is developing the plan and will be facilitating the meetings. Karen Chandler, Engineer, is the contact for the plan. She mailed a draft of the Table of Contents and wanted the board to review it. Nordby discussed this with the board. Regner stated he had some ideas on how he would like to see the plan laid out. Nordby will email Regner’s ideas to Karen.

#### Insurance Update

Jones and Nordby discussed insurance for the plan. We currently have 3 applications in underwriting and Nordby will bring the costs to the board when she receives them.

#### Surface Water Management Study Update

Regner gave an update to the board. The Mower County Highway department has taken some time to look at some of the potential areas in the Dobbins Creek area. Cost estimates along designs were done for potential funding sources.

#### Funding Avenues of Pilot Project

Nordby talked about a couple of different sources for possible funding. One source the application will be due this spring. She will keep the board informed.

Layman said that he would like to see some training on drainage.

## Manager Reports

Regner stated that he would have time to put a newsletter together. The board agreed that we need to keep educating the public on the Watershed District's activities. Regner will work on a newsletter and Nordby will come up with different ways of distributing without doing a watershed wide mailing.

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Jones stated that he will be speaking the Blooming Prairie Lions Club on the Cedar River Watershed District.

Layman stated that there is a meeting at the Nature Center that the Ikes are sponsoring. They have invited Legislators to talk about the upcoming session next month.

Meeting adjourned.