

**Minutes of the Cedar River Watershed District
Ruby Rupner Center – Hormel Nature Center
Wednesday, January 19, 2012**

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

Others Present: Bev Nordby, Administrator
Jeanne Crump, Mower SWCD
Tim Ruzek, Outreach Coordinator
Dave Livingston, Dodge SWCD

Members of Public Present: Dan Regner, Marian Clennon, Charlie Peterson, Tom Oots

Chairman Mike Jones called the board meeting to order.

Election of Officers

Jones opened the floor for nomination of officers.

Kraushaar nominated Layman for Chairman. Jones called two additional times for nominations. Peck seconded the nomination.

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

Opposed: None

Abstained: Layman

Jones nominated Merten for Vice Chairman. Layman called two additional times for nominations. Peck seconded the nomination.

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

Opposed: None

Abstained: Merten

Peck nominated Kiser for Secretary. Layman called two additional times for nominations. Kraushaar seconded the nomination.

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

Opposed: None

Abstained: Kiser

Peck nominated Jones for Treasurer. Layman called two additional times for nominations. Gebhardt seconded the nomination.

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

Opposed: None

Abstained: Jones

2012 Officers:

Al Layman, President
Mike Merten, Vice President
Mike Jones, Treasurer
Kevin Kiser, Secretary

Agenda

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

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

Opposed: None

Public Input

Tom Oots congratulated the new Chairman.

Action Items

Legal Paper

The board discussed the designation of a legal paper. Peck made a motion to designate the Austin Daily Herald as the District's Legal Paper. Jones seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

Secretary's Report

Gebhardt presented the minutes from the December 21, 2011 board meeting. Kraushaar made a motion to approve the minutes. Merten seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

Treasurer's Report

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

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

Opposed: None

Jones reviewed the payables with the board. Kraushaar made a motion to approve the payables for January. Peck seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

Kraushaar made a motion to that the bank designation stay the same, US Bank as the District Bank of depository for checking and 1st State Bank of LeRoy for Savings. Kiser seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

The board discussed the bid from CliftonLarsonAllen to complete the 2011 Audit. Peck made a motion to accept the bid of Larson Allen for \$2,450 to complete the 2011 audit. Jones seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

Designee Signature for Permits

Discussion was held as to who should sign the approved permits. Kraushaar made a motion that the following will be able to sign approved permits: Nordby, Matt Taylor, Justin Hanson and the Chair & Vice Chairs of the board. Jones seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

Discussion and Updates

2012 Annual Plan

Nordby asked the board what they want to see for the 2012 Annual Plan. The board suggested that a draft be drawn up for them to discuss at a workshop before the February board meeting. The board will meet at 5:00pm on Wednesday, February 15 before the board meeting.

Vision 2020

Ruzek talked about the Vision 2020 committee and the top 30 list of ideas that the community came up with for priorities.

Clean Water Forum

Nordby informed the board of the Clean Water Forum that she attended in St. Paul. Layman also attended the Forum. The purpose of this meeting was to show that the Clean Water funds are being used for their intended purpose.

Adopt a River Letter

Ruzek talked with the board about the letter of thanks that was written for the Adopt a River families. There is a place on the letter for everyone on the board to sign.

Manager's Reports

President's Report

Nothing more to report.

Other Manager's Report

Merten- Rules will be beneficial to the Watershed.

Peck-Commented on snow piles.

Layman-Thanks to Jones for serving as Chairman.

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

Affirmative: Layman, Jones, Peck, Regner, Gebhardt, Fuller

Opposed: None

Next meeting will be Wednesday, February 15th, 2012.

Submitted by,

Kevin Kiser, Secretary, jkc