

**Minutes of the Cedar River Watershed District
Ruby Rupner Center – Hormel Nature Center
July 16, 2008**

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

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

Others Present: Bev Nordby, Administrator
 Steve Penkava, JHS Engineering
 Matt Benda, Attorney
 Justin Hanson, Project Coordinator
 Dave Livingston, Advisory Committee
 Residents

Approve Agenda

Kording made a motion to approve the agenda and Peck seconded it.

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

Opposed: None

Public Input

Dwayne Skov, Dexter Township – Asked about the Boundary Adjustments process and the need for more information to get to the townships. Penkava explained the process and Nordby stated that she can send a map of the changes to each township along with an explanation.

Leo Reding - Would like the board to support a concept to change the “Protected Waters” rules that would provide opportunities for watersheds that experience so many dollars in flood damage be exempt from the protected watershed rules. This would allow flood retention/reduction structures be placed in “protected waters”.

Action Items

Secretary’s Report

Kraushaar presented the June board meeting and workshop minutes. Regner made a motion to approve the minutes and was seconded by Layman.

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

Opposed: None

Treasurer’s Report

Jones presented the reviewed the payables for July. Layman made a motion to approve and was seconded by Kording.

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

Opposed: None

Jones than reviewed the finance reports with the board. The June reports do not show the levy dollars coming from the 4 different Counties. Peck made a motion and was seconded by Kording to approve the finance reports for June

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

Opposed: None

Set Levy Hearing

Regner made a motion and was seconded by Jones to set the 2009 Levy hearing for 6:30 PM on August 20th at the Ruby Rupner Center prior to next the August board meeting.

Boundary Adjustment Resolutions

Matt Benda reviewed the resolutions that is needed for the boundary adjustments.

1. Petition to Make Boundary Changes Between the CRWD, TCWD and SRRWD.

Jones made a motion to approve the petition to make Boundary changes between the Cedar River Watershed District, the Turtle Creek Watershed District and the Shell Rock River Watershed District.

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

Opposed: None

2. Petition to Enlarge and to Remove Parcels from the CRWD.

Peck made a motion to approve the petition to enlarge and to remove parcels from the Cedar River Watershed District. Kraushaar seconded it.

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

Opposed: None

2009 Contract for Services with SWCD

Jones wanted to add one item to the agenda, the SWCD contract for services for 2009. Kraushaar and Jones met with the SWCD board representative to review the services that the SWCD is providing and to discuss the 2009 allocation. Documentation for 2007 and 2008 shows the hours along with responsibilities and accomplishments. Kraushaar researched a neighboring watershed district for administrative and staffing costs and felt that the Mower SWCD was the most economical. John Erichson from the Mower SWCD board reviewed costs that the SWCD has incurred and projected time and costs for 2009. Jones made a motion and was seconded by Layman to pay the SWCD \$60,000.00 for technical and administrative services in 2009.

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

Opposed: None

Discussion and Updates

Storm Damage Update

Steve Penkava, JHS, gave the board a brief update of the storm damage that took place in the Turtle Creek Watershed District.

RIM Funding Update for Waterhsheds

Justin Hanson gave an update. The Cedar River WD has 4 projects that are signed up and TCWD has 5 sign ups.

2009 Budget

Jones reviewed a draft of the 2009 budget. The board discussed the budget and Nordby will do a public notice and prepare the budget for the hearing on the 20th.

Manager's Report

President Report

Regner and Kraushaar did a watershed tour with Steve Klein from Barr Engineering.

Senator Klobuchar Visit

Layman and Kraushaar gave a report on the Senators visit in response to the June flooding.

MAWD Summer Tour

Kording gave a report on the MAWD summer tour.

Township Assoc Meetings

Nordby asked the board if they wanted to attend the County township association meetings. Nordby will contact Dodge and Mower County representative to be placed on the agenda and Kraushaar will get more information in Freeborn.

Next meeting will be the 20th of August with the mission workshop before the hearing at 6:30 PM.

Submitted by,

Steven Kraushaar, Secretary, brn