

**Minutes of the Cedar River Watershed District  
Ruby Rupner Center – Hormel Nature Center  
Wednesday, July 21, 2010**

Managers Present: Harlan Peck Al Layman  
Steve Kraushaar Jim Gebhardt  
Richard Fuller

Others Present: Bev Nordby, Mower SWCD  
Jeanne Crump, Mower SWCD  
Justin Hanson, Mower SWCD  
Matt Benda, Peterson, Savelkoul & Benda, LTD  
Steve Penkava, Jones-Haugh & Smith, Inc.  
Dave Livingston, Dodge SWCD

Members of Public Present: Tom Oots, Charlie Peterson

President Harlen Peck called the board meeting to order.

**Agenda**

A couple of additions were added to the agenda. Cost share was added to the Action Items and RIM Bill, Hydrology Study, Lansing Twp. and DNR Bike Trail were added to the Discussion Items. Kraushaar made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Gebhardt seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Layman, Kraushaar, Peck, Gebhardt, Fuller

Opposed: None

**Public Input**

No public input.

**Action Items**

**Secretary's Report**

Gebhardt presented the minutes. Layman made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 16, 2010 board meeting. Kraushaar seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Layman, Kraushaar, Peck, Gebhardt, Fuller

Opposed: None

**Treasurer's Report**

Crump reviewed the Treasurer's report for July. Layman made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report. Gebhardt seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Layman, Kraushaar, Peck, Gebhardt, Fuller

Opposed: None

Crump reviewed the payables with the board. Kraushaar made a motion to approve the payables for July. Gebhardt seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Layman, Kraushaar, Peck, Gebhardt, Fuller

Opposed: None

## **Public Outreach and Education**

Kraushaar talked with the board about the importance of outreach & education for the CRWD. At the last meeting when discussing the planning for the next 2 years, it was the consensus of the board that education and public outreach was a priority to educate and inform the public of our mission, purpose, programs and activities. Nordby passed out a proposal of a list of undertakings that would be part of the public outreach program. There is an opportunity to work with a local journalist on public outreach for the CRWD. Tim Ruzek, formally from the Post Bulletin, is doing consultant work for public outreach. He has many innovative ideas on reaching the public.

Kraushaar made a motion to hire Tim Ruzek for public outreach and education on a contract basis, August 1 through December 31, 2010, for 8-10 hours a week for \$4500. Layman seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Layman, Kraushaar, Peck, Gebhardt

Opposed: Fuller

Nordby will work with Benda to get a contract drawn up.

## **Set Workshop and Levy Hearing**

A 2011 Budget Workshop and a Levy Hearing need to be set up.

Kraushaar made a motion to setup the Budget Workshop for August 18 at 5:00pm. Gebhardt seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Layman, Kraushaar, Peck, Gebhardt, Fuller

Opposed: None

Layman made a motion to setup the Levy Hearing for August 18 at 7:00pm, at the beginning of the August board meeting. Kraushaar seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Layman, Kraushaar, Peck, Gebhardt, Fuller

Opposed: None

## **Cost Share**

Dave and June Sylte are requesting payment for their cost shared rain garden. The total cost of the project was \$763.59 and the cost share at 50% (not to exceed \$367.23, 50% of cost estimate of \$734.45) is \$367.23. Kraushaar made a motion to approve the payment of \$367.23 for Dave and June Sylte's cost shared rain garden. Peck seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Layman, Kraushaar, Peck, Gebhardt, Fuller

Opposed: None

## **Discussion Items**

### **Clean Water Amendment Application**

Hanson talked about the Clean Water Amendment Grant that will be applied for in the fall of 2010 and asked for board ideas and input.

### **Water Summit**

Gebhardt and Kraushaar informed the board of the Water Summit they attended.

### **Justice Center Rain Garden Update**

Penkava updated the board on the rain garden that will be planted near the Justice Center in Austin. This project will be getting started soon and should be done by open house for the Justice Center.

## **Planning Discussion for 2011 & 2012**

Nordby talked about the additions to the 2 year plan.

### **Meeting with Iowa Legislators**

Nordby informed the board of the meeting that she and Hanson had with legislators from Iowa, Shell Rock WD and the City of Austin. This meeting was to discuss flooding in and around the Cedar River Watershed.

### **RIM Bill**

Nordby informed the board of a future RIM Bill. She explained that it would be best to work with a lobbyist for these funds. Judy Erickson is the lobbyist for MASWCD. Nordby will have a proposal for this at the August board meeting.

### **Hydrology Study**

Nordby informed the board of the funding that is available to complete a Hydrology Study for the Cedar River and Turtle Creek Watershed Districts. An engineer from BWSR will come down sometime in August to explain the need for a Hydrology Study. Nordby will check into a date in August.

### **Lansing Township**

Livingston requested an update on the Lansing Township project. Layman gave an update on annexing the homes into Austin.

## **Manager's Reports**

### **President's Report**

Nothing new.

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

Layman commented on how good the crops and projects look around Mower County. He also suggested to maybe look into putting up title signs near the Scheevel project.

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

Affirmative: Layman, Kraushaar, Peck, Gebhardt, Fuller

Opposed: None

Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting will be Wednesday, August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

Submitted by,

*Jim Gebhardt, Secretary, jkc*