

**Minutes of the Cedar River Watershed District  
Ruby Rupner Center – Hormel Nature Center  
Wednesday, July 20, 2011**

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

Managers Not Present: None

Others Present: Bev Nordby, Administrator  
                         Jeanne Crump, Mower SWCD  
                         Justin Hanson, Mower SWCD  
                         Matt Taylor, Mower SWCD  
                         Matt Benda, Peterson, Savelkoul & Benda, LTD  
                         Tim Ruzek, Outreach Coordinator  
                         Dave Livingston, Dodge SWCD  
                         Matt Peterson, Austin Daily Herald

Members of Public Present: 13 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: Peck, Layman, Jones, Kraushaar, Gebhardt, Merten, Kiser  
Opposed: None

**Public Input**

Marian Clennon-Thanked the board for the opportunity to work on the Rules Committee and talked about what a good group they were to work with.  
Dave Hillier-Asked the board to consider putting the public input section at a later time on the agenda.  
Dave Livingston-Recommended that the board make a policy stating that the chairman of the board can call on a member of the public at any time during the meeting as he/she sees fit.

**Welcome Kevin Kiser**

The board welcomed the new board member, Kevin Kiser, to the CRWD.

**Action Items**

**Secretary's Report**

Due to the fact that the board secretary, Richard Fuller, is no longer on the board, Jones appointed Gebhardt to the position.

Kraushaar made a motion to approve the June 15, 2011 minutes. Merten seconded the motion.  
Affirmative: Peck, Layman, Jones, Kraushaar, Gebhardt, Merten, Kiser  
Opposed: None

## Treasurer's Report

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

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

Opposed: None

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

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

Opposed: None

## Memorandum of Understanding with Austin-North Main Project

Benda led the discussion on the MOU with the City of Austin. He explained each section of the MOU. The board held discussion. Jones called for a motion. Kraushaar made a motion to approve the MOU with the City of Austin for the North Main Project subject to Rule #6 to be attached in final form. Layman seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

## Proposed Rules

The board discussed the Rules. The Alternative Language Option for Rule 6 Subd. 5 Snow Storage were discussed. Jones made a motion to approve alternative option #1 (below) with the following changes in bold:

1. Snow storage from any off-site location prohibited in the Shoreland area (~~or~~ **and FLOODPLAIN area**) unless each of the following conditions are met:
  - a. Any storage area is set back at least ~~150~~ **100** feet from any Drainageway, Open Ditch ~~or~~ **and Public Drainage System**.
  - b. All snow storage is performed utilizing District-approved Best Management Practices;
  - c. An annual runoff control and best management practices plan is approved by the District prior to October 1 of each year.

Kraushaar seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

Kraushaar made a motion to approve the CRWD Rules with the change above. Gebhardt seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

## Effective Date for Rules

The board discussed effective dates for the Rules. They discussed the education that has to be done before the Rules go into effect. Peck made a motion to approve December 1, 2011 for the effective date of the Rules. Merten seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

## 2010 Audit

The Final 2010 Audit is complete. Jones explained the Audit to the board. Layman made a motion to approve the 2010 CRWD Audit done by LarsonAllen. Jones seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

## **Discussion and Updates**

### **2012 Budget Ideas**

The board discussed ideas for the 2012 Budget. They decided to stick with the \$225,000 levy. Nordby will have a proposed budget ready for the August board meeting.

### **Rain Barrel Distribution**

Hanson informed the board on the Rain Barrel Distribution that was held on June 18<sup>th</sup>.

### **Clean Water Fund Project Status**

Hanson updated the board on the CWF projects. He explained how the state shutdown slowed down projects.

### **Minnesota Open Idea Application**

Taylor explained the MN Open Idea Application to the board.

## **Manager's Reports**

### **President's Report**

Jones explained that he along with the rest of the board, are relieved to have the Rules done.

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

Layman-wanted to complement Dan Regner for the BMP's that were used for the 4<sup>th</sup> St. road renovation by Maplevue.

Merten-talked about the fact that he definitely assumed his responsibilities as a board member in the last month.

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

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

Opposed: None

Next meeting will be Wednesday, August 17, 2011.

Submitted by,

*James Gebhardt, Secretary, jkc*