

**Minutes of the Cedar River Watershed District
Ruby Rupner Center – Hormel Nature Center
Wednesday, June 15, 2011**

Managers Present: Steve Kraushaar Al Layman
 Mike Jones Jim Gebhardt
 Mike Merten Richard Fuller

Managers Not Present: Harlen Peck

Others Present: 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: Tom Oots, Sara Sayles, Dan Regner, Jon Erichson, Tim Gabrielson, Jim Hurm,
 Charlie Peterson, Tom Stiehm

President Mike Jones called the board meeting to order.

Agenda

Layman made a motion to approve the agenda. Kraushaar seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

Public Input

The City of Austin would like to speak on the snow storage subject, but will wait until the discussion later on the agenda.

Action Items

Secretary's Report

Merten made a motion to approve the May 18, 2011 minutes. Layman seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

Treasurer's Report

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

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

Opposed: None

2010 Audit

The draft of the 2010 Audit is ready to be sent to the State for review. A letter needs to be signed by Jones and sent to Larson Allen in regards to the 2010 Audit. Jones pointed out an error on page 6 of the draft 2010 Audit. This will be discussed with the auditor and fixed.

Jones reviewed the payables with the board. Kraushaar made a motion to approve the payables for June. Gebhardt seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

Memorandum of Understanding with Austin-North Main Project

Benda distributed and reviewed with the board, a copy of the MOU with the City of Austin on the North Main Project. The board agreed not to act on the MOU now since it was just received. A separate meeting will be planned with the city to discuss the MOU. Jones, Kraushaar and Gebhardt will attend this meeting.

Discussion and Updates

Memo from the MPCA on Snow Storage

Jones read aloud the letter received from MPCA in regards to snow storage. Jon Erichson spoke in regards to the letter, stating that the MPCA rules are unreasonable. He also stated that the Mower County Board and Austin City Council both have voted and recommend that the CRWD not approve the snow storage rule. Jones stated that the board will take this information into consideration at the rules approval.

River Clean-up – Rotaract Service Organization

Alex Kasak from the Rotaract Service Organization and Tim Ruzek gave a presentation on their work with the Cedar River Cleanup. The board complemented them on the presentation.

Cedar River State Water Trail

Tim Ruzek informed the board that the legislature approved the request for the Cedar River to be designated a State Water Trail. The DNR is developing a web page that will include maps.

Skjevland Wetland Project

Hanson informed the board of the progress of the Skjevland Wetland Project. He has been working with the DNR for canoe access.

Rain Barrel Distribution

Hanson informed the board of the promotional things that are being done for the June 18 distribution of the rain barrels.

Manager's Reports

President's Report

Jones stated that the CRWD is accomplishing good things for the Cedar River and that he appreciates the efforts of the staff and Ruzek.

Other Manager's Report

Kraushaar- Agreed with the comments by Jones.

Gebhardt- Applauds the efforts of the Rotaract group.

Merten- Credits the staff and board.

Fuller- Staff and board are doing a good job.

Layman- Expressed concerns with sedimentation and bank erosion.

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

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

Opposed: None

Next meeting will be Wednesday, July 20, 2011.

Submitted by,

Richard Fuller, Secretary, myt