

**Minutes of the Cedar River Watershed District
Ruby Rupner Center – Hormel Nature Center
Wednesday, June 20, 2012**

Managers Present: Jim Gebhardt Steve Kraushaar
 Mike Merten Kevin Kiser
 Mike Jones Susan Olson
 Jason Weis

Others Present: Bev Nordby, Administrator
 Jeanne Crump, Mower SWCD
 Justin Hanson, Mower SWCD
 Matt Taylor, Mower SWCD
 Cody Fox, Mower SWCD
 Tim Ruzek, Outreach Coordinator
 Dave Livingston, Dodge SWCD
 Matt Benda, Peterson, Savelkoul & Benda, LTD
 John Schulte, JHS
 Mark Schaetzke, Freeborn SWCD
 Sam Jewel, Chair for Vision 2020
 Todd Christopherson, Austin Public Schools

Members of Public Present: Charlie Peterson, Tom Oots

Vice Chairman Mike Merten called the board meeting to order.

The two new board members introduced themselves.

Election of Chairman

Nordby opened the floor for nomination of officers.

Kiser nominated Merten for Chairman. Nordby called two additional times for nominations. Jones seconded the nomination.

Affirmative: Kraushaar, Gebhardt, Jones, Kiser, Olson, Weis

Opposed: None

Abstained: Merten

Jones nominated Kiser for Vice Chairman. Nordby called two additional times for nominations. Merten seconded the nomination.

Affirmative: Kraushaar, Gebhardt, Jones, Merten, Olson, Weis

Opposed: None

Abstained: Kiser

Kiser nominated Olson for Secretary. Nordby called two additional times for nominations. Merten seconded the nomination.

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

Opposed: None

Abstained: Olson

Agenda

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

Affirmative: Kraushaar, Gebhardt, Jones, Merten, Kiser, Olson, Weis

Opposed: None

Public Input

No Public Input.

Action Items

Secretary's Report

Kiser presented the minutes from the April 18, 2012 board meeting. Jones made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 18 board meeting. Gebhardt seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Kraushaar, Gebhardt, Jones, Merten, Kiser, Olson, Weis

Opposed: None

Treasurer's Report

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

Affirmative: Kraushaar, Gebhardt, Jones, Merten, Kiser, Olson, Weis

Opposed: None

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

Affirmative: Kraushaar, Gebhardt, Jones, Merten, Kiser, Olson, Weis

Opposed: None

Permits

Taylor explained the following 2 permit approvals to the board.

Permits Requesting Board Approval			
010-12	Mower County	Bridge/Culvert	Lyle 1
016-12	ISD #492	Ditch Clean out	Austin 2

The board reviewed permit 010-12 for Mower County. Kraushaar made a motion to approve the contract. Kiser seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Kraushaar, Gebhardt, Jones, Merten, Kiser, Olson, Weis

Opposed: None

The board reviewed permit 016-12 for ISD#492. Todd Christopherson, Austin Public Schools, attended the board meeting to talk about the new school going in by Ellis Middle School in Austin. Discussion was held. Olson made a motion to approve the permit for ISD#492 with a ditch slope of 2-1 for safety concerns and erosion control. This approval is contingent on approval through WCA. Gebhardt seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Kraushaar, Gebhardt, Jones, Merten, Kiser, Olson, Weis

Opposed: None

Website

Ruzek informed the board on the progress of the new website. The cost estimate for the website is \$1505.00 and 50% down is being requested to get going on the site. The SWCD will use TMDL dollars to pay for the new site. Jones made a motion to continue with the website and to pay the 50%. Kraushaar seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Kraushaar, Gebhardt, Jones, Merten, Kiser, Olson, Weis

Opposed: None

Biennial Budget Request

Hanson reiterated what was discussed at the workshop and explained the BBR further. The focus will be on the Dobbins Creek area. There are two sets of numbers on the BBR and the board discussed which should be turned in with the BBR. The board held discussion as to which set of numbers to use. Olson made a motion to approve the BBR with the priorities as presented by staff. Jones seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Kraushaar, Gebhardt, Jones, Merten, Kiser, Olson, Weis

Opposed: None

Kraushaar made a motion to use the 100 year flood numbers on the BBR. Olson seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Kraushaar, Gebhardt, Jones, Merten, Kiser, Olson, Weis

Opposed: None

Donation to Nature Center for Canoes

Staff brought up the fact that the JC Hormel Nature Center has been letting people use their canoes for the Adopt-a-River cleanouts. The board held discussion on giving the Nature Center some kind of maintenance fee for the use of the canoes. Kiser made a motion to approve that the CRWD pay \$250.00 to the JC Hormel Nature Center for an annual maintenance and usage fee for the use of the canoes during river cleanup and other related projects. Jones seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Kraushaar, Gebhardt, Jones, Merten, Kiser, Olson, Weis

Opposed: None

CRP Incentives

Hanson updated the board on the CRP Incentive program. He went through the following 8 projects that are currently being requested.

Contract #	Name	County	Location	Practice	Acres	Contract Length	Application Date	Application Amount
FI12-1	Mark Meany	Mower	Windom 14	CP 21	4.15	15	5/14/2012	\$ 3,112.50
FI12-2	John Meany	Mower	Windom 14	CP 21	1.23	15	5/14/2012	\$ 922.50
FI12-3	Charlie Luthe	Mower	Red Rock 32	CP 21	6.5	15	5/15/2012	\$ 4,875.00
FI12-4	MRJ Farms	Mower	Waltham 35	CP 21	7.3	15	5/15/2012	\$ 5,475.00
FI12-5	Duane Schaefer	Mower	Windom 34	CP 21	13.21	15	4/13/2012	\$ 9,907.50
FI12-6	Dean Paschke	Mower	Red Rock 18	CP 21	3.7	10	5/15/2012	\$ 1,850.00
FI12-7	Pat Cottrell	Mower	Waltham 30	CP-21/27/28	5.4	15	6/15/2012	\$ 4,050.00
FI12-8	Ed Emerick	Mower	Waltham 30	CP-21	10.2	15	6/18/2012	\$ 7,650.00

Hanson informed the board that he will be meeting with the Dodge SWCD to discuss different ways to help them with their signups. Olson made a motion to approve to encumber the 8 CRP contracts and to pay on them all when the contracts are complete. Kiser seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Kraushaar, Jones, Merten, Kiser, Olson, Weis

Opposed: None

Abstained: Gebhardt

Discussion and Updates

Fence on Cedar River

Hanson updated the board on the situation with the fence over the Cedar River in Lansing. He met with the landowner and discussed the fence. He informed the landowner to put flags on the fence, so that people would know that it is there. The board held discussion on the fence and decided that, since it doesn't impede the flow of water, it is not the CRWD's jurisdiction.

Outreach (Chamber membership/4th of July Parade, other)

Ruzek updated the board on public outreach to include; Hanson's Rotary presentation, the Adopt-a-River projects, Vision 2020, Facebook, the State Water Trail, the 4th of July parade, the Chamber Flyer and information that will be displayed at the Austin Public Library.

CWF Basins

Fox updated the board on the progress of the sediment control basins that he is working on through the Clean Water Fund.

Manager's Reports

President's Report

Merten talked on the Vision 2020.

Other Manager's Report

The board welcomes the two new board members.

Jones made a motion to adjourn the board meeting. Olson seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Kraushaar, Gebhardt, Jones, Merten, Kiser, Olson, Weis

Opposed: None

Next meeting will be Wednesday, July 18, 2012.

Submitted by,

Susan Olson, Secretary, jkc