

**Minutes of the Cedar River Watershed District
Ruby Rupner Center – Hormel Nature Center
Wednesday, March 16, 2011**

Managers Present: Steve Kraushaar Al Layman
Mike Jones Jim Gebhardt
Harlen Peck Richard Fuller
Dan Regner

Others Present: Bev Nordby, Administrator
Jeanne Crump, Mower SWCD
Justin Hanson, Mower SWCD
Rick Morrison, Mower SWCD
Matt Taylor, Mower SWCD
Cody Fox, 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: 17 members of the public were present

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, Peck, Regner, Gebhardt, Fuller, Kraushaar

Opposed: None

Public Input

The following members of the public spoke in regards to the CRWD Rules and Flooding: Mike Hanson, Marian Clennon, Tom Stiehm, Sandy Forstner, Dave Livingston, and Terry Anderson.

Representatives from the City of Austin were in attendance to talk about the North Main project.

Action Items

Secretary's Report

Fuller presented the minutes from the February 16, 2011 Workshop. Layman made a motion to approve the workshop minutes. Peck seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

Fuller presented the minutes from the February 16, 2011 board meeting. Peck made a motion to approve the minutes. Layman seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

Fuller presented the minutes from the March 10th, 2011 Workshop. Corrections were made to change the date at the top to read “Thursday, March 10, 2011” and to add Gebhardt and Kraushaar to the list of Managers Present. Gebhardt made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 10th Workshop with the above corrections. Kraushaar seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

Treasurer’s Report

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

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

Opposed: None

Peck reviewed the Treasurer’s report for March. Jones made a motion to approve the treasurer’s report. Layman seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

Fund Balance Designation

The board discussed how much of the fund balance should be designated for projects. Currently, \$71,000 has been designated and is in savings at the First State Bank of LeRoy. Kraushaar made a motion to add \$100,000 to the project designation and to send that to LeRoy Bank also.

Layman seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

Draft Rules – 60 day Review to BWSR

Jones talked about the meetings that were held with the City of Austin and Mower County regarding the Draft Rules and the changes that had been made. They talked about sending the Draft Rules to BWSR. A MOU will be developed with the City of Austin in regards to the North Main Project, so that they can move forward with the project. Erichson and Stiehm commented on the MOU. Discussion was held, which included public opinion. Gebhardt made a motion to approve sending the 3/10/2011 Final Draft Rules to BWSR for review, including the following two changes: section 5.1 subd. b.– change to 12 months and section 6.1 subd. c. – change to 250cy. Kraushaar seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Jones, Peck, Gebhardt, Kraushaar

Opposed: Layman, Regner, Fuller

Jones asked Benda if the vote required a super majority. Benda said no.

Discussion and Updates

Cedar River State Water Trail

Ruzek updated the board on the meeting that he and Justin Hanson attended to testify in favor of having the Cedar River declared a State Water Trail. The Bill passed unanimously with the Senate. The board talked about the brochure that Hanson put together for the meeting.

2010 Annual Report

Nordby talked about the 2010 Annual Report that was put together. She talked about all of the CRWD accomplishments.

2011 Annual Plan

The board talked about the 2011 Annual Plan. This was tabled until next board meeting.

2010 Monitoring

Matt Taylor gave a presentation on the 2010 Monitoring results. The board held discussion.

Conservation Drainage

Rick Morrison gave a presentation on conservation drainage projects. The board held discussion.

Manager's Reports**President's Report**

Jones thanked Regner for his contribution to the CRWD board over the years. He also thanked Nordby and those that met with the City and County in the last month.

Other Manager's Report

The rest of the board also thanked Regner for his contribution to the board. Dave Livingston thanked Regner for Dodge County.

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

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

Opposed: None

Next meeting will be Wednesday, April 20, 2011.

Submitted by,

Richard Fuller, Secretary, jkc