

**Minutes of the Cedar River Watershed District  
Ruby Rupner Center – Hormel Nature Center  
Wednesday, March 21, 2012**

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

Others Present:     Bev Nordby, Administrator  
                           Jeanne Crump, Mower SWCD  
                           Justin Hanson, Mower SWCD  
                           Matt Taylor, Mower SWCD  
                           Tim Ruzek, Outreach Coordinator  
                           Lisa Buckner, NRCS  
                           Dave Livingston, Dodge SWCD  
                           Bill Thompson, MPCA

Members of Public Present: Dan Regner, Charlie Peterson, Tom Oots, Sara Sayles, Pat Byron

Chairman Al Layman called the board meeting to order.

**Agenda**

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

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

Opposed: None

**Public Input**

No Public Input.

**Action Items**

**Secretary's Report**

Kiser presented the minutes from the February 15, 2012 workshop. Merten made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 15 workshop. Gebhardt seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

Kiser presented the minutes from the February 15, 2012 board meeting. Layman made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 15 board meeting. Merten seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

**Treasurer's Report**

Crump reviewed the Treasurer's report for February. Kiser made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Gebhardt seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

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

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

Opposed: None

## **Permit Fee Schedule**

Taylor updated the board on permitting. Nordby talked about the “After the fact” permit fee information that she had collected from other watershed districts. Discussion was held. Kiser made a motion to have a \$500.00 after the fact fine for the landowner. Kraushaar seconded the motion. Discussion was held. Kevin made a motion to amend his motion by including a \$500.00 fine for the contractor as well. This will take effect as of tonight. Kraushaar seconded the amendment.

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

Opposed: None

## **Discussion and Updates**

### **TMDL Update, Bill Thompson, MPCA**

Bill Thompson gave a presentation to the board on the TMDL for the Cedar.

### **Draft CRP Incentive Program**

Hanson explained the CRP incentive information to the board. The board held discussion and discussed different options. They decided to have the cost share committee (Merten, Gebhardt & Kraushaar) meeting to discuss this further and bring back a recommendation to the board.

## **Manager’s Reports**

### **President’s Report**

Layman explained that his term will be up in April and that he will not be running again.

### **Other Manager’s Report**

Peck-explained that his term will also be up and he will not be running again.

Kraushaar-stated that Layman and Peck will be missed on the board. He also informed the board on the Freeborn County board meeting he attended.

Gebhardt-talked about the Mower County board meeting that he and Hanson attended. He also talked about the upcoming Area 7 MASWCD meeting and that the watershed districts have been invited to attend.

Merten-thanked the two and then talked about the open positions.

Kiser-thanked the two. He also talked about the Dodge County board meeting that he will be attending on Tuesday, March 27<sup>th</sup>.

Dave Livingston wished the two good luck and thanked Nordby for attending the Dodge SWCD board meeting.

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

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

Opposed: None

Next meeting will be Wednesday, April 18, 2012.

Submitted by,

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*Kevin Kiser, Secretary, jkc*