

**Minutes of the Cedar River Watershed District
Ruby Rupner Center – Hormel Nature Center
Wednesday, May 19, 2010**

Managers Present: Dan Regner Al Layman
Steve Kraushaar Harlan Peck
Jim Gebhardt Richard Fuller

Others Present: Bev Nordby, Mower SWCD
Jeanne Crump, Mower SWCD
Dave Livingston, Dodge SWCD
Matt Benda, Peterson, Savelkoul & Benda, LTD
Steve Penkava, Jones-Haugh & Smith, Inc.

Members of Public Present: Charlie Peterson, Sara Sayles, Marian Clennon, Tom Oots, Dave Hillier, Mike Hanson, Jon Erichson

President Harlen Peck called the board meeting to order.

Agenda

An amended Agenda was handed out to the board. Kraushaar made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Layman seconded it.

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

Opposed: None

Public Input

The board, Nordby and Benda addressed questions that the public had in regards to the Rules Process.

Action Items

Secretary's Report

Gebhardt presented the minutes. Layman made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 21, 2010 board meeting. Gebhardt seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

Treasurer's Report

Nordby reviewed the payables with the board. Kraushaar made a motion to approve the payables for May. Gebhardt seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

Nordby reviewed the Treasurer's report for May. Kraushaar made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report. Gebhardt seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

Red Rock Township:

Red Rock Township is requesting an extension on the due date for their note payable with the Cedar River Watershed District. They would like to extend it to July 1st, 2010. The state will

send them the funding as soon as the ground is broke on the project. Layman made a motion to approve the extension due date for Red Rock Township to July 1st. This extension will require a signature from Red Rock Township. Regner seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

Discussion and Updates

MRBI

Nordby updated the board on the MRBI applications and reminded them of what the project dollars would cover if the application was funded. Discussion was held on what practices would be funded.

Update on Rules

Benda gave an update on the Rules Process. He informed the board that there will be another Rules Advisory meeting on June 2nd. Regner gave an update on the Technical Committee meeting that was held earlier in the day. The members of the Rules Advisory Committee and the Technical Committee that were in attendance at the board meeting gave their thoughts on future rules meetings and the importance of technical people attending to answer questions that the Rules Advisory members might have. Benda explained that they will continue to work on finding a balance between the board and the 2 committees. Peck summarized the discussion by saying that for now, a few members of the Technical Committee will attend the Rules Advisory Committee meetings to give answers for the Committees' technical questions.

2 Year Planning Discussion

Nordby talked about 2 year planning. She needs to know which direction the board wants to pursue. The board directed Nordby to send out a form of which the board will write down their ideas for the next 2 years. Then the board will meet for a workshop to discuss these ideas. The workshop will be scheduled for June 16th before the June board meeting.

Water Summit

The board discussed the July 12th Water Management Summit that will be presented by the Assoc of MN Counties, MN Assoc of Watershed Districts and MN Assoc of SWCDs. Nordby is planning to attend. The board needs to inform her if they plan to, so she can get them registered.

MAWD Summer Tour

The board talked about the MAWD Summer Tour.

Lidar Training

Matt Taylor and Justin Hanson attended a training session on Lidar in Mankato.

Cost Share Program

Nordby updated the board on Hanson's promotion of the new Cost Share Program.

Manager's Reports

President's Report

Nothing new.

Other Manager's Report

Rain Garden Status

Regner updated the board on the 2 rain gardens that will be going in.

Ikes Meeting

Layman informed the board of the fundraiser that the Ikes will be having to benefit the Mill Pond Rain Garden Project. The Ikes will also be having a presentation on sediment fingerprinting at their meeting.

Regner made a motion to adjourn the board meeting. Kraushaar seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting will be Wednesday, June 16th, 2010.

Submitted by,

Jim Gebhardt, Secretary, jkc