

**Minutes of the Cedar River Watershed District
Ruby Rupner Center – Hormel Nature Center
Wednesday, May 18, 2011**

Managers Present: Steve Kraushaar Al Layman
Mike Jones Harlen Peck
Mike Merten

Others Present: Bev Nordby, Administrator
Jeanne Crump, 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: Jim Hurm, Sara Sayles

President Mike Jones called the board meeting to order.

Agenda

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

Affirmative: Layman, Jones, Peck, Kraushaar, Merten

Opposed: None

Public Input

Jim Hurm, Austin City Administrator, informed the board of the concerns that the City has in regards to the fact that the MOU between the CRWD and the City of Austin for the North Main Project has not been completed. Hurm talked about the letter that was sent to Matt Benda from the City of Austin attorney regarding the delay of the MOU.

Action Items

Secretary's Report

Jones presented the minutes from the April 20, 2011 board meeting. Peck made a motion to approve the minutes. Layman seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Layman, Jones, Peck, Kraushaar, Merten

Opposed: None

Treasurer's Report

Peck reviewed the Treasurer's report for May. Merten made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Peck seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Layman, Jones, Peck, Kraushaar, Merten

Opposed: None

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

Affirmative: Layman, Jones, Peck, Kraushaar, Merten

Opposed: None

Update on Rules/Set Hearing Date

Benda talked about the Rules Committee meeting that was held on May 10 to discuss the BWSR recommendations. The committee made some changes to the Rules. Kraushaar talked about the changes that were made. The board talked about when to have the public hearing on the Rules. Jones stated that the board would have the MOU with the City of Austin ready for the June board meeting. Jones made a motion to set the Rules Public Hearing date for July 20th at 6:00pm before the board meeting. Kraushaar seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Layman, Jones, Peck, Kraushaar, Merten

Opposed: None

Discussion and Updates

Draft Education Information

Nordby, Ruzek and Matt Taylor have been working on public education of the Rules and also the permit packet. The board discussed the Educating the Public information and also the Rules Information Sheet that was created.

Rain Barrel Distribution

Nordby talked about the Rain Barrel Distribution day that will be held on Saturday, June 18. Volunteers are needed. There will be 500 rain barrels to distribute.

MAWD Summer Tour

The board talked about the upcoming MAWD Summer Tour.

Next Board Meeting

Nordby informed the board that she and Crump would not be at the June board meeting. Hanson and Taylor will be there.

Snow Storage

Nordby informed the board that we received a letter from MPCA regarding the snow storage issue in the mail today. This will be sent out in the June board packet for discussion at the June board meeting.

Manager's Reports

President's Report

Jones talked about the June board meeting items: MOU with the City of Austin and the Snow Storage letter from MPCA. He commended the staff on their work done with the Rules.

Other Manager's Report

No other reports.

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

Affirmative: Layman, Jones, Peck, Kraushaar, Merten

Opposed: None

Next meeting will be Wednesday, June 15, 2011.

Submitted by,

Richard Fuller, Secretary, jkc