

**Minutes of the Cedar River Watershed District  
Ruby Rupner Center – Hormel Nature Center  
Wednesday, November 17, 2010**

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

Others Present: Bev Nordby, Administrator  
Justin Hanson, Mower SWCD  
Dave Livingston, Dodge SWCD  
Steve Penkava, Jones-Haugh & Smith, Inc.  
Steve Klein, Barr Engineering

Members of Public Present: Tom Oots, Gene Tapp, Matt Peterson, Charlie Peterson

Steve Kraushaar called the board meeting to order.

**Agenda**

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

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

Opposed: None

**Public Input**

No public input.

**Action Items**

**Secretary's Report**

Gebhardt presented the board meeting minutes. Layman made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 20, 2010 board meeting. Gebhardt seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

**Treasurer's Report**

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

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

Opposed: None

Jones reviewed the payables with the board. Kraushaar made a motion to approve the payables for November. Gebhardt seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

**H & H Model**

Hanson gave a background on the discussions he has had with Red Rock Township on the road challenge on 250<sup>th</sup> Street. The existing condition model exists for the Dobbins Creek watershed, so Barr Engineering took the road information and put into the model to give the Red Rock Township Board different options on solving the problem. Steve Klein, PE with Barr gave a presentation on the 3 scenarios that the township could consider. This enabled the CRWD board what an existing model can do.

Nordby then talked about completing a model for the entire watershed. She provided an outline of the H & H funding opportunities available and a timeline of the work to be completed by spring of 2012. Funding would come from MPCA, Hormel and NRCS. NRCS would help do the culvert inventory. The board held discussion. Jones made a motion to begin the work of an existing condition model contingent on MPCA's cooperation and that the CRWD's contribution does not exceed \$40,000. Kraushaar seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

H & H Model funding is as follows:

\$60,000	MPCA
\$20,000	Hormel
\$40,000	CRWD
<u>\$20,000</u>	NRCS In-kind
\$140,000	Total Cost

## **Discussion Items**

### **Austin Public Schools**

Hanson updated the board on the Austin Public School's initiative to incorporate rain gardens into their curriculum and around the schools in the district. There will likely be a future presentation from a representative with the school district to discuss their plan and potential partnerships.

### **Rules Update**

Nordby talked about the Rules Advisory meeting that is scheduled for the end of November. This should be the last meeting for the committee. She provided the board with a timeline for the rules process from now until a potential hearing date at the end of March. After the last Rules Advisory meeting there will still be a series of public input steps along with board approval prior to BWSR's 60 day review.

### **Planning for the December Meeting**

Nordby explained the items that will need to be discussed at the December board meeting, including; 2011 Budget, Rules, MAWD report, and the contract with the SWCD. The board discussed if a workshop should be scheduled to discuss any of these items. The board decided on a workshop to discuss the budget and rules for 4:00pm on the day of the next board meeting, December 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **Other Items**

Adopt a River Program

Nordby and Hanson discussed the Adopt a River program.

## **Manager's Reports**

### **MAWD Meeting**

No report.

### **President's Report**

No report.

### **Other Manager's Report**

No report.

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

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

Opposed: None

Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting will be Wednesday, December 15, 2010.

Submitted by, *Jim Gebhardt, Secretary, jkc*