

**Minutes of the Cedar River Watershed District
Ruby Rupner Center – Hormel Nature Center
Wednesday, September 21, 2011**

Managers Present: Mike Jones Steve Kraushaar
Al Layman 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
John Schulte, JHS

Members of Public Present: Tom Oots, Dan Regner, Sara Sayles, Charlie Peterson, Tony Bennett

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, Kraushaar, Gebhardt, Peck, Merten, Kiser

Opposed: None

Public Input

No public input.

Action Items

Secretary's Report

Gebhardt presented the minutes of the August 17, 2011 Levy Hearing. Kraushaar made a motion to approve the August 17, 2011 minutes from the Levy Hearing. Kiser seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

Gebhardt presented the minutes of the August 17, 2011 board meeting. Jones made a motion to approve the August 17, 2011 minutes. Layman seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

Treasurer's Report

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

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

Opposed: None

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

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

Opposed: None

Snow Storage BMP's Policy

Nordby and Schulte explained the policy for BMP's for snow storage that Steve Penkava put together. Taylor talked about his on site meeting with the City of Austin for snow storage. Taylor explained possible changes to be made in the policy. Layman made a motion to approve the proposed policy with changes and to send out to the communities in the watershed. Kraushaar seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

Discussion and Updates

River Cleanup Update

Ruzek updated the board on the 3 additional groups that have done cleanup on the Cedar River. There have been 6 of the 9 groups that have done their cleanups. Ruzek talked about next year's program. Layman mentioned that the board should sponsor some kind of program to show appreciation to those that have done river cleanup.

August Construction

Before the board meeting, the board went out with Hanson to a few project sites. Hanson gave a presentation on the different projects that have been done.

Clean Water Fund Application

Nordby talked about the CWF application that was submitted on Monday and also the application that was submitted for the AHS raingarden.

H & H Model/Task Force Discussion

Nordby talked about the work being done on the H & H model. There are around 380 points that need to be surveyed in the watershed. The Highway Dept. was asked if they would like to do it for payment, Regner explained that it won't work in with their schedule. Discussion was held on the reason to have the model done. Nordby and Schulte explained what an important tool this would be for the watershed. The board discussed the bid for the surveying from JHS. They have bid \$65 per point with 380 points. Kiser made a motion to have JHS do the surveying at \$65 per point, not to exceed 380 points. This project will be done by December 1, 2011. Gebhardt seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

The board will discuss the task force at a later board meeting.

Staff Report

BWSR Academy

Nordby updated the board on the training that is available through BWSR. CRWD will pay for half of Nordby and Hanson's cost to attend the session.

Fall Construction

An update was given on upcoming projects.

MAWD Convention

The board discussed the MAWD convention that will be held the beginning of December.

Andyville

Schulte explained the sewer system project taking place in Andyville. 25 homes will be updated. Sheila Craig, SE MN Water Resources Board, will work on helping the homeowners with funding.

Manager's Reports

President's Report

Jones thanked Hanson for the tour and presentation.

Other Manager's Report

Merten-explained that the corn & soybean growers are in the process of getting the rules information out to the Mower county residents.

Kiser-asked questions on the financial reports.

Layman-informed the board that the Bioreactor tour went well.

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

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

Opposed: None

Next meeting will be Wednesday, October 19, 2011.

Submitted by,

James Gebhardt, Secretary, jkc