

Minutes of the Cedar River Watershed District
1408 21st Ave NW, Austin, MN 55912
Wednesday, August 21, 2019

Managers Present: Mike Jones Mike Merten
 Kevin Kiser Jason Weis
 Sue Olson

Others Present: Justin Hanson, Administrator
 Jeanne Crump, Mower SWCD
 Cody Fox, Mower SWCD
 James Fett, Mower SWCD
 Dave Livingston, Dodge SWCD

Public Hearing for the Administrative and Project Levies

Chairman, Mike Merten called the public hearing to order.

2020 Proposed Levy Discussion

Hanson talked about the 2020 budget breakdown and the levy proposals. The board held discussion.

Public Input

No public input.

Jones made a motion to close the public hearing. Olson seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Jones, Merten, Kiser, Olson, Weis

Opposed: None

Chairman Merten called the board meeting to order.

Agenda

Red Rock Township and MN DOT Permit were added to the Action Items. Kiser made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Weis seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Jones, Merten, Kiser, Olson, Weis

Opposed: None

Public Input

No public input.

Action Items

Secretary's Report

The minutes were presented to the board from the July 17, 2019 board meeting. Olson made a motion to approve the minutes. Merten seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Jones, Merten, Kiser, Olson, Weis

Opposed: None

Treasurer's Report

Jones reviewed the Treasurer's report for August. Olson made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Kiser seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Jones, Merten, Kiser, Olson, Weis

Opposed: None

Jones reviewed the payables with the board. Olson made a motion to approve the payables for August. Weis seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Jones, Merten, Kiser, Olson, Weis

Opposed: None

2020 Levy

Jones made a motion to approve the 2020 Levy, Administrative-\$250,000, Project-\$100,000.

Olson seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Jones, Merten, Kiser, Olson, Weis

Opposed: None

2020 Budget

Kiser made a motion to approve the 2020 Budget. Jones seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Jones, Merten, Kiser, Olson, Weis

Opposed: None

Red Rock 13- Gene Tapp Compaction Payment

Hanson informed the board of the \$979.40 compaction payment for Gene Tapp. Kiser made a motion to approve the compaction payment of \$979.40 to Gene Tapp. Olson seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Jones, Merten, Kiser, Olson, Weis

Opposed: None

2018 Non-Compliance Action

Fox explained to the board that Fitzgerald Excavating & Trucking, who holds the contracts for CRWD Projects #8-17 & #15-18, did not complete the project within the contract completion deadline (End of November 2018). The CRWD project manager & Engineer verbally agreed to allow finishing of construction and seeding in the spring of 2019. The project was not getting finished, so CRWD staff requested the Engineer to send Fitzgerald notification that they will have until 8/15/19 to finish the job. Per the contract, every day the project has not been deemed substantially complete past the contract deadline, Fitzgerald will be assessed liquidated damages that will be taken off the remaining balance of the contract. The board agreed to this.

Red Rock Township

Hanson and Fox updated the board on the meeting that they had with Red Rock Township concerning the embankment running along the township road right of way. The embankment is higher in elevation than the road for approximately 800'. The township is very concerned of snow drifting across from the project and creating a burden to them, of which they do not approve. Hanson and Fox suggested working together with the township to insure CRWD will reimburse if additional costs are above and beyond normal removal, specifically related to the project. The board held discussion. The board directed Weis and staff to hold discussion with Red Rock Township to figure out equitable terms with the township to deal with this issue.

Jones left the board meeting.

MN DOT Permit

Fett explained the MN DOT permit request to the board. The board held discussion. Kiser made a motion to approve the MN DOT culvert replacement permit. Olson seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Merten, Kiser, Olson, Weis

Opposed: None

Discussion and Updates

Drainage Group #56

Fett gave an update on Drainage Group #56.

Wolf Creek Update

Fett talked about the media event that will take place on Wolf Creek tomorrow concerning the DNR trout release to introduce trout into the stream.

Project Updates

Fett updated the board on the CREP applications in the watershed. Cody updated on his projects.

Manager's Reports

Nothing new to report.

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

Affirmative: Merten, Kiser, Olson, Weis

Opposed: None

Next meeting will be Wednesday, September 18, 2019.

Submitted by,

Jason Weis, Secretary, jkc