Minutes of the Cedar River Watershed District
1408 21st Ave NW, Austin, MN 55912
Wednesday, February 20, 2019

Managers Present:       Jim Gebhardt             Mike Jones
                       Steve Kraushaar             Kevin Kiser
                       Mike Merten                 Sue Olson

Others Present:     Justin Hanson, Administrator
                       Jeanne Crump, Mower SWCD
                       Cody Fox, Mower SWCD
                       James Fett, Mower SWCD
                       Tim Ruzek, Mower SWCD

Public Present: Steve Wilson, Attended Public Hearing

Chairman Mike Merten called the board meeting to order.

Agenda
Jones made a motion to approve the agenda. Olson seconded the motion.
Affirmative: Gebhardt, Jones, Kraushaar, Merten, Kiser, Olson
Opposed: None

Public Input
No public input.

Chairman, Merten called the public hearing to order.

Project Establishment #7-16- 250th St. Project
Fox gave a presentation on project #7-16. Discussion was held. No public comment.

Jones made a motion to close the public hearing. Kiser seconded the motion.
Affirmative: Gebhardt, Kraushaar, Jones, Merten, Kiser, Olson
Opposed: None

Action Items

Secretary’s Report
The minutes were presented to the board from the January 16, 2019 board meeting. Jones made a motion to approve the minutes. Kraushaar seconded the motion.
Affirmative: Gebhardt, Jones, Kraushaar, Merten, Kiser, Olson
Opposed: None

Treasurer’s Report
Jones reviewed the Treasurer’s report for February. Olson made a motion to approve the treasurer’s report. Merten seconded the motion.
Affirmative: Gebhardt, Kraushaar, Jones, Merten, Kiser, Olson
Opposed: None
Jones reviewed the payables with the board. Olson made a motion to approve the payables for February. Merten seconded the motion.
Affirmative: Gebhardt, Jones, Kraushaar, Merten, Kiser, Olson
Opposed: None

**Establishment of #7-16- 250th St. Project**
Olson made a motion to establish project #7-16- 250th St. Jones seconded the motion.
Crump called for a roll call of votes:
Affirmative: Gebhardt, Kraushaar, Jones, Merten, Kiser, Olson
Opposed: None

**Authorize staff ability to let bid for Project #7-16- 250th St.**
Kiser made a motion to approve the letting of bids for Project #7-16- 250th St. Kraushaar seconded the motion.
Affirmative: Gebhardt, Kraushaar, Jones, Merten, Kiser, Olson
Opposed: None

**Authorize staff ability to let bid for Project #12-18**
Kiser made a motion to approve the letting of bids for Project #12-18. Kraushaar seconded the motion.
Affirmative: Gebhardt, Kraushaar, Jones, Merten, Kiser, Olson
Opposed: None

**Initiation of Project #21-19- Dexter 17**
Fox talked about project #21-19- Dexter 17. Olson made a motion to initiate project #21-19- Dexter 17 Flood Reduction Project, to authorize District Staff to negotiate an equitable agreement with the landowner and engineering staff to develop a suitable implementation plan, and to authorize District staff to conduct work as needed to present this project to the Board for review and public hearing as required by law. Kiser seconded the motion.
Crump called for a roll call of votes:
Affirmative: Gebhardt, Kraushaar, Jones, Merten, Kiser, Olson
Opposed: None

**Initiation of Project #22-19- Dobbins 2.0**
Fox talked about project #22-19- Dobbins 2.0. Olson made a motion to initiate project #22-19- Dobbins 2.0 Flood Reduction Project, to authorize District Staff to negotiate an equitable agreement with the landowner and engineering staff to develop a suitable implementation plan, and to authorize District staff to conduct work as needed to present this project to the Board for review and public hearing as required by law. Jones seconded the motion.
Crump called for a roll call of votes:
Affirmative: Gebhardt, Kraushaar, Jones, Merten, Kiser, Olson
Opposed: None

**Rules Amendment**
Hanson and Fett went through the proposed amendments with the board. Olson made a motion to approve the amendments and to have them sent to BWSR for the 45-day review, along with opening the amendments up for public comment. Kraushaar seconded the motion.
Affirmative: Gebhardt, Kraushaar, Jones, Merten, Kiser, Olson
Opposed: None

**Discussion and Updates**

**Outreach Update**
Ruzek updated the board on outreach for the month.
Legislative Update
Hanson gave a legislative update to the board.

Project Tour
Hanson talked with the board about having a project tour in June.

Manager’s Reports
1W1P Report
Olson talked about the upcoming March meeting for 1W1P.

Olson made a motion to adjourn the board meeting. Jones seconded the motion.
Affirmative: Gebhardt, Kraushaar, Jones, Merten, Kiser, Olson
Opposed: None

Next meeting will be Wednesday, March 20, 2019.

Submitted by,

Sue Olson, jkc