Minutes of the Cedar River Watershed District
1408 21st Ave NW, Austin, MN 55912
Wednesday, January 16, 2019

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

Others Present:     Justin Hanson, Administrator
                    Jeanne Crump, Mower SWCD
                    Cody Fox, Mower SWCD
                    James Fett, Mower SWCD
                    Tim Ruzek, Mower SWCD
                    Paul Hunter, Mower SWCD
                    Dave Livingston, Dodge SWCD
                    John Kolb, Rinke-noonan
                    Steven Lang, Austin City Engineer

Chairman Kevin Kiser called the board meeting to order.

Organization of Board Officers
Hanson opened the floor for nomination of officers.

Kiser nominated Merten for Chairman. Jones made a motion that nominations cease and to elect Merten for Chairman. Kraushaar seconded the nomination.
Affirmative: Gebhardt, Kraushaar, Jones, Kiser, Olson, Weis
Opposed: None
Abstained: Merten

Weis nominated Olson for Vice Chairman. Kraushaar made a motion that nominations cease and to elect Olson for Vice Chairman. Jones seconded the nomination.
Affirmative: Gebhardt, Kraushaar, Jones, Merten, Kiser, Weis
Opposed: None
Abstained: Olson

Kraushaar nominated Jones for Treasurer. Olson made a motion that nominations cease and to elect Jones for Treasurer. Kraushaar seconded the nomination.
Affirmative: Gebhardt, Kraushaar, Merten, Kiser, Olson, Weis
Opposed: None
Abstained: Jones

Olson nominated Weis for Secretary. Gebhard made a motion that nominations cease and to elect Weis for Secretary. Kiser seconded the nomination.
Affirmative: Gebhardt, Kraushaar, Jones, Merten, Kiser, Olson
Opposed: None
Abstained: Weis

2019 Office Holders are:
Mike Merten, Chairman
Sue Olson, Vice Chairman
Mike Jones, Treasurer
Jason Weis, Secretary
Agenda

Two items were added to the Action Items, Approval of Bonding and Return of Money to State. Olson made a motion to approve the agenda with additions. Kiser seconded the motion.
Affirmative: Gebhardt, Jones, Kraushaar, 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 December 19, 2018 board meeting. Kiser made a motion to approve the minutes. Olson seconded the motion.
Affirmative: Gebhardt, Jones, Kraushaar, Merten, Kiser, Olson, Weis
Opposed: None

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

Set Location & Time of CRWD 2019 Meetings
The board held discussion on the location and time for the 2019 Monthly Board Meetings. Weis made a motion to keep the time of the meetings at 6:00pm and the location of the meetings to the Mower SWCD office. Jones seconded the motion.
Affirmative: Gebhardt, Kraushaar, Jones, Merten, Kiser, Olson, Weis
Opposed: None

Designate Bank
Jones made a motion to keep US Bank as the District Bank of depository for checking and the current, 1st State Bank of MN in LeRoy for Savings, along with Farmers & Merchants State Bank in Blooming Prairie. Kiser seconded the motion.
Affirmative: Gebhardt, Kraushaar, Jones, Merten, Kiser, Olson, Weis
Opposed: None

Legal Paper
The board discussed the designation of a legal paper. Jones made a motion to keep the District’s legal paper with the Austin Daily Herald. Olson seconded the motion.
Affirmative: Gebhardt, Kraushaar, Jones, Merten, Kiser, Olson, Weis
Opposed: None

Initiation of Project #20-19- Red Rock 27
Fox talked about project #20-19- Red Rock 27. Weis made a motion to initiate project #20-19-Red Rock 27 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. Kraushaar seconded the motion.
Crump called for a roll call of votes:
Affirmative: Gebhardt, Kraushaar, Jones, Merten, Kiser, Olson, Weis
Opposed: None
Approval of Bonding Easement Restriction Documents
Kiser made a motion to approve deed restrictions for projects #8-17, #12-18, #13-18 & #15-18 and to authorize the Chairman and Administrator to execute the restrictions for submission to the State. Weis seconded the motion.
Affirmative: Gebhardt, Kraushaar, Jones, Merten, Kiser, Olson, Weis
Opposed: None

Return of Money to State
Olson made a motion to approve the return of $456,350.64 to the State of MN-BWSR for the remainder of the 2014 Dobbins Targeted Watershed grant, which expired 12/31/2018. These funds will be sent pending checking balance. Kiser seconded the motion.
Affirmative: Gebhardt, Kraushaar, Jones, Merten, Kiser, Olson, Weis
Opposed: None

Discussion and Updates
Floodplain Mitigation Program
Steven Lang, Austin City Engineer, attended the board meeting to talk about the Floodplain Mitigation program. Kolb explained that a permit would not be needed for this project. Fett will write a letter to the City of Austin regarding the permit.

Wastewater Treatment Plant
Lang talked about projects at the wastewater treatment plant and the Queen of Angels Church area. The board will discuss these projects further at a later date.

Other Rules Update
The board held discussion. There will be further discussion on the Rules at the February board meeting.

Kiser left the board meeting.

2018 Projects- Change Orders/Payments
Fox talked about the effectiveness of giving the project manager the approval to sign change orders. Fox updated on the 2018 projects.

Outreach Update
Ruzek updated the board on outreach for the month.

MAWD Legislative Day at the Capitol
Hanson talked with the board on the MAWD Legislative Day at the Capitol. The board held discussion.

Manager’s Reports
Chairman Report
The board talked about the 2 board members who are up for reappointment to the board, Jones and Gebhardt.

1W1P Report
Olson talked about the last 1W1P meeting.

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

Next meeting will be Wednesday, February 20, 2019.

Submitted by,

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Jason Weis, Secretary, jkc