

**Minutes of the Cedar River Watershed District**  
**1408 21<sup>st</sup> 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. Gebhardt 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, 1<sup>st</sup> 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*