# Minutes of the Cedar River Watershed District 1408 21<sup>st</sup> Ave NW, Austin, MN 55912 Wednesday, July 17, 2019

Managers Present:	Steve Kraushaar Mike Merten Sue Olson	Kevin Kiser Jason Weis
Others Present:	Justin Hanson, Administrator Jeanne Crump, Mower SWCD Steve Lawler, Mower SWCD Dave Livingston, Dodge SWCD	

Chairman Mike Merten called the board meeting to order.

#### Agenda

Weis made a motion to approve the agenda. Kraushaar seconded the motion.Affirmative:Kraushaar, Kiser, Merten, Olson, WeisOpposed:None

#### **Public Input**

No public input.

#### **Action Items**

#### Secretary's Report

The minutes were presented to the board from the June 19, 2019 board meeting. Kiser made a motion to approve the minutes. Kraushaar seconded the motion. Affirmative: Kraushaar, Kiser, Merten, Olson, Weis Opposed: None

#### **Treasurer's Report**

The board reviewed the Treasurer's report and Payables for July. Kraushaar made a motion to approve the treasurer's and payables reports. Kiser seconded the motion. Affirmative: Kraushaar, Kiser, Merten, Olson, Weis Opposed: None

#### Set Public Hearing Date for 2020 Levy

Weis made a motion to set the 2020 Levy hearing date/time for August 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00pm. Olson seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Kraushaar, Kiser, Merten, Olson, Weis Opposed: None

#### **2018** Audit

Olson made a motion to approve the 2018 Audit that was completed by CliftonLarsonAllen. Kiser seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Kraushaar, Kiser, Merten, Olson, Weis Opposed: None

## Access Agreement for Stream Survey

Hanson talked about the agreement for access to the Hormel property for a survey to be done by the MN DNR. Kiser made a motion to approve the access agreement with Hormel. Kraushaar seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Kraushaar, Kiser, Merten, Weis Opposed: None Abstained: Olson

## **Conservation Innovation Grant CIG Letter of Support**

The board talked about the CIG funding breakdown.

 CIG Funds:
 \$1,200,000

 Hormel Foundation:
 600,000

 *CRWD/State Grant Funding:* 900,000

 Total Project Funds:
 \$3,000,000

Olson made a motion to approve the pledge of up to \$900,000 through CRWD/State funding for the CIG. Weis seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Kraushaar, Kiser, Merten, Olson, Weis Opposed: None

# **Discussion and Updates**

# Sustainable Answer Acre

Hanson introduced Steve Lawler and talked about the Sustainable Answer Acre program. Lawler informed the board on the program and the \$5000 CRWD project contribution that was added to the 2020 CRWD budget. The board held discussion. The board supports adding the \$5000 contribution to the 2020 budget.

## 2020 Budget

Hanson went through the proposed 2020 budget. The board held discussion.

## **Manager Per Diem**

The board discussed the increase in per diem for watershed district managers statewide from \$75/meeting to \$125/meeting. Olson made a motion to raise the manager per diem to \$125/meeting starting August 1, 2019. Kiser seconded the motion. Affirmative: Kraushaar, Kiser, Merten, Olson, Weis Opposed: None

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

Next meeting will be Wednesday, August 21, 2019.

Submitted by,

Jason Weis, Secretary, jkc