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

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

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, Weis
Opposed: 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 21st 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