

**Minutes of the Cedar River Watershed District**  
**1408 21<sup>st</sup> Ave NW, Austin, MN 55912**  
**Wednesday, June 19, 2019**

Managers Present: Steve Kraushaar                      Mike Jones  
                          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  
                          Dave Livingston, Dodge SWCD  
                          Adam King, Dodge SWCD

Chairman Mike Merten called the board meeting to order.

**Agenda**

Olson made a motion to approve the agenda. Kiser seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Jones, Kraushaar, Kiser, Merten, Olson, Weis

Opposed: None

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Chairman, Merten called the public hearing to order.

**Draft Rules Revisions/Summary of Public Comments during Review**

Hanson talked about the draft rule revisions. Fett walked the board through the proposed changes. The board held discussion.

**Public Comment**

No public comment.

Merten closed the public hearing.

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Merten reopened the regular board meeting.

**Public Input**

No public input.

**Action Items**

**Secretary's Report**

The minutes were presented to the board from the June 3, 2019 special board meeting.

Kraushaar made a motion to approve the minutes. Olson seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Jones, Kraushaar, Kiser, Merten, Olson, Weis

Opposed: None

**Treasurer's Report**

Jones reviewed the Treasurer's report for June 19th. Weis made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Merten seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Jones, Kraushaar, Kiser, Merten, Olson, Weis

Opposed: None

Jones reviewed the payables with the board. Olson made a motion to approve the payables for June 19th. Kraushaar seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Jones, Kraushaar, Kiser, Merten, Olson, Weis

Opposed: None

### **2019 Rules Amendment**

Olson made a motion to approve the 2019 Amendment to the CRWD Rules. Kraushaar seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Jones, Kraushaar, Kiser, Merten, Olson, Weis

Opposed: None

### **Red Rock Township Agreement**

Hanson talked about the agreement that was discussed at the June 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting. Olson made a motion to approve that Merten sign the project agreement with Red Rock Township regarding projects #7-16, #20-19 & #2-17 as drafted. Weis seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Jones, Kraushaar, Kiser, Merten, Olson, Weis

Opposed: None

### **Saturated Buffer C/S with Dodge SWCD**

Adam King, Dodge SWCD, explained the CWF saturated buffer contract with Roger Toquam. Jones made a motion to approve contract FY16SB-04 for Roger Toquam's saturated buffer project. The total cost proposal for this project is \$4,155.01, of which 75%, not to exceed \$3,116.26, will come from the Dodge SWCD FY16 CWF Saturated Buffer grant and the remaining 25%, not to exceed \$1,038.75, will come from matching funds that were set aside through the Cedar River WD. Olson seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Jones, Kraushaar, Kiser, Merten, Olson, Weis

Opposed: None

### **Bid Review for Projects #7-16, #2-17, #20-19**

Fox informed the board of the bid that was received for projects #7-16, #2-17, and #20-19, which was opened at 10:00am today at the Barr Engineering office. The original bid from Griffin Construction was \$1,801,490.75, which was over the engineer's estimate of \$1,323,220. After discussion was held at Barr Engineering with the contractor, the bid was lowered to \$1,697,916.75. Olson made a motion to approve the amended bid for \$1,697,916.75 from Griffin Construction Co. for projects #7-16, #2-17, and #20-19. Kiser seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Jones, Kraushaar, Kiser, Merten, Olson, Weis

Opposed: None

### **Approval of Easements**

Fox went through each project/easement with the board. All of the easement payments will be contingent on final signatures and recording and will not be printed/sent out until all documents are completed.

#### **Project #7-16 250<sup>th</sup> St. Project- Kellerman**

Olson made a motion to approve the Karen Kellerman land purchase & easements for Project #7-16, with the land purchase in the amount of 72,540 being paid in 2019 and the easement payments in the amount of \$78,929.74 being paid in 2020. The payment for the CRWD land purchase, in the amount of \$72,540 + \$1221.41 in fees, will be paid by wire via an intermediary. Kraushaar seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Jones, Kraushaar, Kiser, Merten, Olson, Weis

Opposed: None

### **Project #7-16 250<sup>th</sup> St. Project- Northway**

Weis made a motion to approve the Raymond Northway, Jr and Kara Sjol flowage easement for Project #7-16. The easement, for the amount of \$51,645.90, will be paid out as follows:

- a. \$11,265.81 in cash upon executing the Easement;
- b. Replacement of approximately 4,550 linear feet of fence at \$6 per square foot with a total value of \$27,300 as part of the Project's construction;
- c. Replacement of four gates with a total value of \$1,000 as part of the Project's construction; and
- d. Conveyance 8.15 acres of land encumbered by a conservation easement and public road right of way with a total value of \$12,080.09 after completion of the Project.

Kiser seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Jones, Kraushaar, Kiser, Merten, Olson, Weis

Opposed: None

### **Project #20-19 Rugg Project- Rugg**

Weis made a motion to approve the J. Donald Rugg Irrevocable Trust easements for Project #20-19. Payment in the amount of \$99,091.21 will be paid out contingent on final signatures and recording. Kiser seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Jones, Kraushaar, Kiser, Merten, Olson, Weis

Opposed: None

### **Project #20-19 Rugg Project- Sorg**

Kiser made a motion to approve the Lowell, Shirley and Rhonda Sorg easement for Project #20-19. Payment in the amount of \$1,000.00 will be paid out contingent on final signatures and recording. Jones seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Jones, Kraushaar, Kiser, Merten, Olson, Weis

Opposed: None

### **Project #2-17 Doyle Project**

Olson made a motion to approve the D & R Doyle Family Limited Partnership easements for Project #2-17. Payment in the amount of \$93,765.34 will be paid out contingent on final signatures and recording. Jones seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Jones, Kraushaar, Kiser, Merten, Olson, Weis

Opposed: None

### **Authorize for Signing of Easements**

Olson made a motion that Hanson, Administrator, is authorized to sign all documents necessary to complete the easements that were approved tonight, including legal documents and signing of easement checks. Kiser seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Jones, Kraushaar, Kiser, Merten, Olson, Weis

Opposed: None

## **Discussion and Updates**

### **Legislative Wrap Up**

Hanson gave an update on the 2019 legislative session.

Olson made a motion to adjourn the board meeting. Weis seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Jones, Kraushaar, Kiser, Merten, Olson, Weis

Opposed: None

Next meeting will be Wednesday, July 17, 2019.

Submitted by,

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*Jason Weis, Secretary, jkc*