

**Minutes of the Cedar River Watershed District**  
**1408 21<sup>st</sup> Ave NW, Austin, MN 55912**  
**Wednesday, March 21, 2018**

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

Others Present:       Justin Hanson, Administrator  
                          Jeanne Crump, Mower SWCD  
                          Tim Ruzek, Mower SWCD  
                          Cody Fox, Mower SWCD  
                          James Fett, Mower SWCD  
                          Dave Livingston, Dodge SWCD

Chairman Kevin Kiser called the board meeting to order.

**Agenda**

Citizen's Advisory Committee (CAC) was added to the Agenda. Merten made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition. Olson seconded the motion.

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

Opposed:       None

**Public Input**

No public input.

**Action Items**

**Secretary's Report**

Olson presented the minutes from the February 21, 2018 board meeting. Weis made a motion to approve the minutes. Kraushaar seconded the motion.

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

Opposed:       None

**Treasurer's Report**

Jones reviewed the Treasurer's report for March. Merten made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Olson seconded the motion.

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

Opposed:       None

Jones reviewed the payables with the board. Olson made a motion to approve the payables for March. Merten seconded the motion.

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

Opposed:       None

**Patricia Morse Cost-Share Agreement**

Patricia Morse is requesting cost share for her Dobbins watershed waterway. Jones made a motion to approve the cost share contract for Patricia Morse for her waterway project. The total cost estimate of the project is \$22,791.00, with cost share in the amount of \$1874.90 through the 2014 Dobbins CWF grant. The remaining funds will come from Federal Assistance and landowner cost. Olson seconded the motion.

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

Opposed:       None

### **Donna Wilken Cost-Share Agreement**

Donna Wilken is requesting cost share for her Dobbins watershed waterway. Olson made a motion to approve the cost share contract for Donna Wilken for her waterway project. The total cost estimate of the project is \$27,136.00, with cost share in the amount of \$10,999.40 through the 2014 Dobbins CWF grant. The remaining funds will come from Federal Assistance and landowner cost. Kraushaar seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

### **Binkley Family, LLLP Flowage Easement Payment**

Weis made a motion to approve the payment of \$5914.01 to Binkley Family, LLLP for their flowage easement need for the Dobbins 1 project. Funds for this easement will come from the 2014 Dobbins CWF grant. Jones seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

### **LDJ Farms Construction Easement**

Jones made a motion to approve the payment of \$3262.50 to LDJ Farms, LLC for their construction easement for the Dobbins 1 project. Funds for this easement will come from the 2014 Dobbins CWF grant. Merten seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

### **Dobbins I Letting**

Kraushaar made a motion to approve the letting of bids for the Dobbins I project. Jones seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

### **Citizen's Advisory Committee (CAC)**

Ruzek talked with the board about the 10 applications that were received by the members of the public for the CAC and the committee meeting that was held in the hour before the board meeting in regards to the applications. The list of applications was narrowed down to 5 by the staff and board members (Merten, Kiser & Weis) that attended that meeting. Olson made a motion to approve the 5 applications that were recommended for the CAC, to include; Lisa Morehouse, Taggart Medgaarden, Erin Johnson, Matt Freechack and Dan Vermilyea. Kraushaar seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

## **Discussion and Updates**

### **Rules Workshop**

Discussion was held on the workshop that will be held on March 22<sup>nd</sup> with the rules committee. Board members, Gebhardt, Kraushaar and Weis will attend that meeting, along with John Kolb, Rinke-noonan and John Schulte, Jones, Haugh and Smith.

### **Cost Share and CREP**

Hanson and Fett talked with the board about a possible cost share option for the CRWD to offer to those that wish to enroll in CREP. The board held discussion and directed staff to look into this further. Staff will bring back cost options if project is feasible.

**Outreach Update**

Ruzek updated the board on the month. The 2017 Annual Report was completed and ready to be mailed.

**Legislative Update**

Hanson informed the board of the Legislative Days at the Capitol with the SWCD board and special legislation.

**Manager's Reports****Chairman Report**

Kiser thanked Ruzek for all of his work with the CAC.

**1W1P Report**

Hanson updated the board on the 1W1P meeting.

Livingston talked with the board on soil health and work being done in the watershed.

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

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

Opposed: None

Next meeting will be Wednesday, April 18, 2018.

Submitted by,

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*Sue Olson, Secretary, jkc*