

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

Olson made a motion to approve the agenda. Merten 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 January 17, 2018 board meeting. Jones made a motion to approve the minutes. Kraushaar seconded the motion.

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

**Treasurer's Report**

No monthly report was presented.

Jones reviewed the payables with the board. Weis made a motion to approve the payables for January. Olson seconded the motion.

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

**MAWD Dues**

Hanson informed the board of the increase in the annual dues for MAWD from \$3959 in 2017 to \$6566 in 2018. Kiser made a motion to approve payment of the MAWD annual dues at \$6566.

Olson seconded the motion.

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

**2018 Plan of Work**

The board discussed the 2018 Annual Plan of Work. Merten made a motion to approve the 2018 Annual Plan of Work. Kraushaar seconded the motion.

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

### **Appeal of Permit Fine**

Fett and Hanson talked about the appeal letter that was received in regards to an after the fact permit fine that was given to a landowner. The board held discussion. Jones made a motion to approve lowering the fine from \$500 to \$250 due to the lack of specificity in the rules language as it relates to the removal of beaver dams. Weis seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

Abstained: Olson

### **Discussion and Updates**

#### **Rules Workshop**

Staff would like to have a Rules workshop to review portions of the Rules that are unclear. Hanson and Fett talked about questions that have come up about the Rules and potential modifications. A Rules workshop will be setup in March to include; John Kolb, John Schulte, Merten, Weis and Kraushaar. Hanson will coordinate a date that will work with all.

#### **Flood Mitigation Program**

Hanson informed the board of the work that is being done with Houston Engineering to update the flood mitigation program.

#### **Citizens Advisory Committee**

Ruzek informed the board on the progress of revamping the Citizens Advisory Committee and the applications that have been received for the general public seats that are available.

#### **Outreach Update**

Ruzek talked with the board on the outreach that went on during the month.

#### **Iowa Partnership Meeting**

Hanson updated the board on the Iowa partnership and the meeting scheduled on March 27<sup>th</sup> with the stakeholders.

#### **Day at Capitol**

Hanson talked about the legislative days at the Capitol for MAWD and the SWCDs.

### **Manager's Reports**

#### **Chairman Report**

The board talked about Weis and Olson's reappointments to the board.

#### **1W1P Report**

No recent meeting to report on.

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

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

Opposed: None

Next meeting will be Wednesday, March 21, 2018.

Submitted by,

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*Sue Olson, Secretary, jkc*