Minutes of the Cedar River Watershed District
1408 21st 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 27th 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,

Sue Olson, Secretary, jkc