

**Minutes of the Cedar River Watershed District
1408 21st Ave NW, Austin, MN 55912
Wednesday, January 15, 2020**

Managers Present: Jim Gebhardt 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
 Craig Clark, Austin City Administrator
 Steven Lang, Austin City Engineer

Chairman Mike Merten called the board meeting to order.

Organization of Board Officers

Hanson opened the floor for nomination of officers.

Merten nominated Olson for Chairman. Kiser made a motion that nominations cease and to elect Olson for Chairman. Jones seconded the nomination.

Affirmative: Gebhardt, Jones, Kiser, Merten, Weis

Opposed: None

Abstained: Olson

Kiser nominated Weis for Vice Chairman. Kiser made a motion that nominations cease and to elect Weis for Vice Chairman. Gebhardt seconded the nomination.

Affirmative: Gebhardt, Jones, Kiser, Merten, Olson

Opposed: None

Abstained: Weis

Olson nominated Jones for Treasurer. Olson made a motion that nominations cease and to elect Jones for Treasurer. Weis seconded the nomination.

Affirmative: Gebhardt, Merten, Kiser, Olson, Weis

Opposed: None

Abstained: Jones

Jones nominated Kraushaar for Secretary. Jones made a motion that nominations cease and to elect Kraushaar for Secretary. Gebhardt seconded the nomination.

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

Opposed: None

2020 Office Holders are:

Sue Olson, Chairman

Jason Weis, Vice Chairman

Mike Jones, Treasurer

Steve Kraushaar, Secretary

Agenda

Weis made a motion to approve the January agenda. Merten seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

City of Austin Request for Variance of Rule 6 on Wastewater Treatment Plant and Riverview Proj Areas

Hanson and Lang talked about the 2 areas, wastewater treatment plant and the Riverview project area, for which the City of Austin is requesting a variance. The board held discussion.

Public Input

No public input.

Action Items

City of Austin Resolutions

Wastewater Treatment Plant

Kiser made a motion to approve the resolution for the Development of Austin Wastewater Treatment Plan within the Cedar River Watershed District. Jones seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

Riverview Project Area

Weis made a motion to approve the resolution for the Development of Riverview Project, City of Austin. Gebhardt seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

Secretary's Report

The minutes were presented to the board from the December 18, 2019 board meeting. Jones made a motion to approve the minutes. Olson seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

Treasurer's Report

Jones reviewed the payables with the board. Kiser made a motion to approve the payables for January. Merten seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

Set Location & Time of CRWD 2020 Meetings

The board held discussion on the location and time for the 2020 Monthly Board Meetings. Kiser made a motion to keep the time of the meetings at 6:00pm and the location of the meetings to the Mower SWCD office. Weis seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

Designate Bank

Kiser made a motion to keep US Bank as the District Bank of depository for checking and the current, 1st State Bank of MN in LeRoy for Savings, along with Farmers & Merchants State Bank in Blooming Prairie. Gebhardt seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

Legal Paper

The board discussed the designation of a legal paper. Merten made a motion to keep the District's legal paper with the Austin Daily Herald. Weis seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

Citizens Advisory Committee for 2020

Ruzek updated the board on the CAC. Merten made a motion to approve the adjusted 21-seat membership list. Weis seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

Cedar 1W1P Resolution to Adopt

Hanson and Olson talked about the Resolution to Adopt and Implement the Cedar-Wapsipinicon Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan. Discussion was held. Jones made a motion to approve the Resolution to Adopt and Implement the Cedar-Wapsipinicon Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan. Kiser seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

Discussion and Updates

MAWD Legislative Day at the Capitol

Hanson talked with the board on the MAWD Legislative Day at the Capitol. The board held discussion.

SWCD/CRWD Collaborative Meeting

Hanson talked with the board about setting up a date for a collaborative meeting with the Mower SWCD. The board agreed on Wednesday, March 4th, 11-1pm.

Member Reappointments

Hanson announced the board members that will be up for reappointment in 2020, Merten, Kraushaar and Kiser. The board held discussion.

Well Sealing Cost Share Funds

Ruzek informed the board of the funds available for well sealing.

Manager's Reports

Chairman Report

The board talked about the 2 board members who are up for reappointment to the board, Jones and Gebhardt.

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

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

Opposed: None

Next meeting will be Wednesday, February 19, 2020.

Submitted by,

Steve Kraushaar, Secretary, jkc