

Minutes of the Cedar River Watershed District

1408 21st Ave NW, Austin, MN 55912

Wednesday, August 24, 2022

Hybrid meeting held at the Austin office, along with remotely via Zoom video

Managers Present: Jim Gebhardt Steve Kraushaar
Mike Merten Kevin Kiser-*Zoom*
Jason Weis Sue Olson

Others Present: Cody Fox, Administrator
Jeanne Crump, Mower SWCD
Tim Ruzek, Mower SWCD
Dave Livingston, Dodge SWCD
Dave Copeland, BWSR

Public Hearing for the 2023 Administrative and Project Levies

Chairman, Steve Kraushaar called the public hearing to order.

2023 Budget, Administrative, Project and Maintenance Levy

Fox talked about the 2023 budget breakdown and the levy proposals. The board held discussion on the 2023 budget and the levies.

Public Input

No Input

Merten made a motion to close the public hearing. Olson seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Gebhardt, Kraushaar, Merten, Olson, Weis

Opposed: None

Chairman Kraushaar called the board meeting to order.

Agenda

Olson made a motion to approve the August agenda. Merten seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Gebhardt, Kraushaar, Merten, Olson, Weis

Opposed: None

Public Input

No public input.

Action Items

Secretary's Report

The minutes were presented to the board from the July 20, 2022, board meeting. Olson made a motion to approve the July 20 meeting minutes. Weis seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Gebhardt, Kraushaar, Merten, Olson, Weis

Opposed: None

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report was reviewed for August. Gebhardt made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Weis seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Gebhardt, Kraushaar, Merten, Olson, Weis

Opposed: None

The payables were reviewed with the board. Merten made a motion to approve the payables for August. Olson seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Gebhardt, Kraushaar, Merten, Olson, Weis

Opposed: None

2023 Proposed Budget

Olson made a motion to approve the 2023 proposed budget with addition of 2022 Dobbins CIP Grant to Revenues and Expenses. Gebhardt seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Gebhardt, Kraushaar, Merten, Olson, Weis

Opposed: None

Resolution for 2023 Proposed Levy

Weis made a motion to approve the resolution for the 2023 Levy: Administrative-\$250,000, Project-\$100,000, and Maintenance-\$20,000. Gebhardt seconded the motion.

Crump led a roll call of votes.

Affirmative: Gebhardt, Kraushaar, Merten, Olson, Weis

Opposed: None

Cedar Wapsi 1W1P Sub Agreement

Fox went over the Cedar Wapsipinicon 1W1P sub-agreement with the Mower SWCD and explained the changes from the previous one. Olson made a motion to approve the grant sub-agreement with Mower SWCD. Merten seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Gebhardt, Kraushaar, Merten, Olson, Weis

Opposed: None

Cost Share

Pat Donovan Amendment

Fox explained the changes on the amended Pat Donovan cost share contract. The total amended cost estimate of the project is \$82,459.27, with 75% being covered by the Cedar Wapsipinicon 1W1P grant. Gebhardt made a motion to approve the 25% amended cost share of \$20,614.82 for the Pat Donovan grade stabilization project. Funding for the 25% will come from the Dobbins 319 grant. Weis seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Gebhardt, Kraushaar, Merten, Olson, Weis

Opposed: None

Neil Drees Payment

Olson made a motion to approve the cost share payment of \$1,875.00 for Neil Drees' site prep and critical area seeding project at 75% of the total cost of \$2,499.99. Included with the motion is to void check #3919 from the Payables. Funding for this project will come out of the CRWD projects account. Weis seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Gebhardt, Kraushaar, Merten, Olson, Weis

Opposed: None

Dodge SWCD, Dave Livingston

Livingston updated the board on the Dodge SWCD board meeting and their upcoming 75-year anniversary celebration.

BWSR Report, Dave Copeland

Copeland updated the board on the recent grant applications.

Discussion and Updates**I-90 CRWD Permit Discussion**

Fox gave an update on the I-90 project permit.

MPCA Stormwater Resiliency Visit

MPCA commissioner, Kesler visited to discuss the Stormwater Resiliency grant. Fox updated the board.

Outreach Update

Ruzek gave an update on outreach in the watershed.

Manager's Reports

Congratulations to Dave Livingston, being chosen Dodge County 2022 Farm Family.

Congratulations to Mike & Joe Merten, being chosen Mower County 2022 Farm Family.

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

Affirmative: Gebhardt, Kraushaar, Merten, Olson, Weis

Opposed: None

Next meeting will be Wednesday, September 21, 2022.

Submitted by,

Mike Merten, Secretary, jkc