

Minutes of the Cedar River Watershed District

1408 21st Ave NW, Austin, MN 55912

Wednesday, December 21, 2022

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

Managers Present: Steve Kraushaar Mike Merten

Mike Jones Jason Weis

Managers via Zoom: Kevin Kiser Jim Gebhardt

(non-voting) Sue Olson

Others Present: Cody Fox, Administrator

Jeanne Crump, Office Manager

Tim Ruzek, Outreach

Dave Copeland, BWSR- Zoom

Chairman Kraushaar called the board meeting to order.

Agenda

Jones made a motion to approve the December agenda. Weis seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Kraushaar, Jones, Merten, Weis

Opposed: None

Public Input

No public input.

Secretary's Report

The minutes were presented to the board from the November 16, 2022, board meeting. A change was made to add Kraushaar, instead of Merten, to the one that called the meeting to order. Jones made a motion to approve the November 16 meeting minutes with correction. Kraushaar seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Kraushaar, Jones, Merten, Weis

Opposed: None

Treasurer's Report

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

Affirmative: Kraushaar, Jones, Merten, Weis

Opposed: None

The payables were reviewed with the board. Kraushaar made a motion to approve the payables for December. Weis seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Kraushaar, Jones, Merten, Weis

Opposed: None

Action Items

2023 CRWD Agreement

The board talked about the 2023 contract for services with the SWCD. Jones made a motion to approve the 2023 SWCD Contract for Services. Merten seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Kraushaar, Jones, Merten, Weis

Opposed: None

2023 Final Budget

Jones made a motion to approve the final 2023 budget. Merten seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Kraushaar, Jones, Merten, Weis

Opposed: None

2023 Levy Certification

Jones made a motion to certify the levy for 2023, which includes \$250,000 for administrative, \$100,000 for projects and \$20,000 for project maintenance. Weis seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Kraushaar, Jones, Merten, Weis

Opposed: None

Partners Reports

Dodge SWCD, Dave Livingston

Livingston was not in attendance.

BWSR, Dave Copeland

No report.

Discussion and Updates

2023 Board Roles

Will be discussed in January.

MAWD Thoughts- Decreased Dues for 2023

MAWD had changed their name to MN Waters. Fox informed the board that MN Waters dues will decrease in 2023 to \$5000. Fox and Kraushaar talked about the annual meeting that they attended.

Robert's Creek Delistings

Fox explained that Emily Zanon, MPCA will attend the January board meeting to give an update on Robert's Creek delistings.

Orchard Creek Access

Ruzek informed the board of the Cedar River canoe access that is being proposed on hwy. 105. He talked about the funding available between the DNR, ARPA funding and the Hormel Foundation. Mower SWCD would be the fiscal agent for all the funding sources.

MN Conservation Corps Application

Fox talked to the board about the MN Conservation Corps application that he submitted for 2023 summer help.

Outreach Updates

No additional information to report.

January Joint Board Meeting- 1/18/23

The board talked about the joint board meeting with the Mower SWCD in January at the JC Hormel Nature Center.

Manager's Reports

No reports were given.

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

Affirmative: Kraushaar, Jones, Merten, Weis

Opposed: None

Next meeting will be Wednesday, January 18, 2023.

Submitted by,

Mike Merten, Secretary, jkc