

Minutes of the Cedar River Watershed District

1408 21st Ave NW, Austin, MN 55912

Wednesday, February 16, 2022

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

Managers Present: Mike Jones Steve Kraushaar
Mike Merten Kevin Kiser
Jason Weis Sue Olson

Others Present: Justin Hanson, Administrator
Jeanne Crump, Mower SWCD
Tim Ruzek, Mower SWCD
Dave Livingston, Dodge SWCD
Luke Reese, JC Hormel Nature Center

Chairman Steve Kraushaar called the board meeting to order.

Agenda

Jones made a motion to approve the February agenda. Merten seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

Public Input

No public input.

Secretary's Report

The minutes were presented to the board from the January 19, 2022, board meeting. Two board member names were corrected in the January minutes. Olson made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 19 board meeting with corrections. Weis seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report was reviewed with the board. Olson made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Kiser seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

The payables report was reviewed with the board. Weis made a motion to approve the payables for February. Merten seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

Know Our Partners

Luke Reese, JC Hormel Nature Center

Reese introduced himself and talked with the board about activities that the Nature Center is involved in, along with the partnership that they have with the Watershed District.

Action Items

2021 Audit Bid

The 2021 audit bid was received from CliftonLarsonAllen for \$7,350, which is up from \$3,675 for the 2020 audit. Discussion was held. Jones made a motion to approve the 2021 audit bid of \$7,350 from CliftonLarsonAllen. Kiser seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

Partners Reports

Dodge SWCD, Dave Livingston

Livingston updated the board on the February Dodge SWCD board meeting.

BWSR, Dave Copeland

Not in attendance.

Discussion and Updates

Outreach Metrics

Hanson and Ruzek talked about Facebook advertising and the metrics that are available to show the tracking for outreach.

Unique Cost-Share Project

Hanson explained a land issue that has been going on south of Austin. Discussion was held on those that are involved and ideas to help the erosion issue. Hanson explained a possible cost share opportunity between the CRWD and the landowner at 75/25. The board was in favor of moving forward. Fox and Hanson will bring this before the board when a cost share contract is drawn up.

MAWD Legislative Meetings

Hanson talked about the days at the Capitol in March for both the SWCDs and Watershed Districts.

Cover Crop

Hanson talked about upcoming cover crop events.

Manager's Reports

Chairman Report

Nothing new.

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

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

Opposed: None

Next meeting will be Wednesday, March 16, 2022.

Submitted by,

Mike Merten, Secretary, jkc