

Minutes of the Cedar River Watershed District
1408 21st Ave NW, Austin, MN 55912
Wednesday, November 16, 2022
Held at the Austin office

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

Others Present: Cody Fox, Administrator- Zoom
 Jeanne Crump, Mower SWCD
 James Fett, Mower SWCD
 Dave Copeland, BWSR
 Dave Livingston, Dodge SWCD

Kraushaar called the board meeting to order.

Agenda

Ramsey Dam was added to the Action Items of the Agenda. Merten made a motion to approve the November agenda. Jones seconded the motion.
 Affirmative: Kraushaar, Jones, Gebhardt, Kiser, Merten, Olson, Weis
 Opposed: None

Public Input

No public input.

Action Items

Secretary's Report

The minutes were presented to the board from the October 19, 2022, board meeting. Olson made a motion to approve the October 19 meeting minutes. Kiser seconded the motion.
 Affirmative: Kraushaar, Jones, Gebhardt, Kiser, Merten, Olson, Weis
 Opposed: None

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report was reviewed for November. Weis made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Gebhardt seconded the motion.
 Affirmative: Kraushaar, Jones, Gebhardt, Kiser, Merten, Olson, Weis
 Opposed: None

The payables were reviewed with the board. Olson made a motion to approve the payables for November with cost share items contingent on approval under Action Items. Kiser seconded the motion.
 Affirmative: Kraushaar, Jones, Gebhardt, Kiser, Merten, Olson, Weis
 Opposed: None

Cost Share- 319 Grant

The following are requesting cost share payment for their projects through the 319 Grant.

Funding Source	Contract/ Payment Approval	Landowner	Twp/Sect	Project	Total Cost Share Rate	Total Cost/ Cost per year	Cost Share Payment	Date	Other Funding/ Notes
319 Grant	PAYMENT	Branden Tapp	Red Rock 18	Cover Crops	75acres @ \$35 for 1 yr.	\$2,625.00	\$2,625.00	11/16/2022	
319 Grant	PAYMENT	Pat Donovan	Windom	Grade Stabilization		\$71,724.80	\$17,931.20	11/16/2022	\$53,793.60
319 Grant	PAYMENT	Richard Jax	Red Rock 30	Cover Crops	63 ac @ 35.00 for 3 yrs.	\$2,205.00	\$2,205.00	11/16/2022	1st Yr. Pmt.

Olson made a motion to approve the payment of \$2625.00 to Branden Tapp for cover crop incentive. Payment for the \$2625.00 will come from the 319 Grant. Jones seconded the motion.
Affirmative: Kraushaar, Jones, Gebhardt, Kiser, Merten, Olson, Weis
Opposed: None

Weis made a motion to approve the cost share payment to Pat Donovan for his grade stabilization structure. The total cost of the project was \$71,931.20 and the 319 cost share payment at 25% is \$17,931.20. The remaining 75% of the grant will be funded by the Cedar Wapsipinicon 1W1P grant. Gebhardt seconded the motion.
Affirmative: Kraushaar, Jones, Gebhardt, Kiser, Merten, Olson, Weis
Opposed: None

Kiser made a motion to approve the first-year payment to Richard Jax of \$2,205 for cover crop incentives. Payment for the \$2,205.00 will come from the 319 Grant. Weis seconded the motion.
Affirmative: Kraushaar, Jones, Gebhardt, Kiser, Merten, Olson, Weis
Opposed: None

2021 Audit

The board discussed the 2021 Audit that was completed by CliftonLarsonAllen. A mistake was found on the Board of Managers page, *Mr. Susan Olson* should be *Ms. Susan Olson*. Merten made a motion to approve the 2021 Audit with above correction. Kiser seconded the motion.
Affirmative: Kraushaar, Jones, Gebhardt, Kiser, Merten, Olson, Weis
Opposed: None

Ramsey Dam

Fox and Fett explained the Ramsey Dam permit for repair. The proposed repair will bring the Dam to its original condition. The board held discussion. They recommended that staff talk to Rinke-noonan to get some legal advice on the rules. Kiser made a motion to approve that staff proceed with the permit after asking legal advice from Rink-noonan. Jones seconded the motion.
Affirmative: Kraushaar, Jones, Gebhardt, Kiser, Merten, Weis
Opposed: None
Abstained: Olson

Dodge SWCD, Dave Livingston

Livingston updated the board on their SWCD board meeting and the annual SE MN SWCD supervisor/staff meeting.

BWSR Report, Dave Copeland

Copeland updated the board on BWSR programs, to include; BWSR academy and budget shifts for the Cedar Wapsi 1W1P grant.

Discussion and Updates

CRWD Permitting

Fett updated on permitting in the watershed. The board requested to have permit info added to the staff report each month.

Outreach Update

Outreach was discussed.

1W1P Projects Update

Fox talked about the budget changes that were made the Cedar Wapsipinicon 1W1P grant.

MAWD

The board discussed the upcoming MAWD annual meeting and who planned to attend.

2023 SWCD/CRWD Agreement

The board discussed the 2023 SWCD/CRWD agreement. Fox talked about the changes that were made. The final agreement will be brought to the board in December. The board talked about a joint meeting with the SWCD in January.

Manager's Reports

No additional reports

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

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

Opposed: None

Next meeting will be Wednesday, December 21, 2022.

Submitted by,

Mike Merten, Secretary, jkc