

**Minutes of the Cedar River Watershed District
@ Mower Soil & Water Conservation District Office
Wednesday, April 17, 2013**

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

Others Present: Bev Nordby, Administrator
 Jeanne Crump, Mower SWCD
 Justin Hanson, Mower SWCD
 Cody Fox, Mower SWCD
 James Fett, Mower SWCD
 Tim Ruzek, Outreach Coordinator
 Dave Livingston, Dodge SWCD

Members of the Public Present: Charlie Peterson, James Williams

Chairman Kevin Kiser called the board meeting to order.

Agenda

Weis made a motion to approve the agenda. Olson seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

Public Input

Peterson introduced James Williams, the new representative from Red Rock Township that will be attending the monthly board meetings.

Action Items

Secretary's Report

Weis presented the minutes from the March 20, 2013 board meeting. Olson made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 20 board meeting. Gebhardt seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

Treasurer's Report

Jones reviewed the Treasurer's report with the board. Merten made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Weis seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

Jones reviewed the payables with the board. Olson made a motion to approve the payables for April. Gebhardt seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

CRP Incentives

Hanson talked with the board on prioritizing CRP Incentive projects. The board held discussion and tabled this item until further info is provided. The CRWD will stay with the current cropland CRP.

Rock Inlets

Hanson talked with the board on Alternative Rock Intakes. He talked about a \$300 incentive for each intake with BWSR at \$225 and CRWD at \$75. Kiser made a motion to approve doing 20 projects at \$75 each from CRWD with a max of \$1500. Jones seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

Purchases

Nordby made a request for the purchase of 2 kayaks for river cleanup, etc. The board held discussion. Kiser suggested that the SWCD purchase the kayaks and then the CRWD would reimburse them for the cost, around \$600. Kiser made a motion to request that the SWCD purchase the 2 kayaks and then to reimburse the SWCD for the navigation equipment.

Kraushaar seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

Discussion and Updates

Bois De Sioux

Nordby, Hanson and Fox updated the board on their trip to the Bois de Sioux Watershed District. They talked about the North Ottawa Project that they visited. Hanson gave a presentation on the trip. Discussion was held.

Outreach

Ruzek updated the board on what he has been working on to include: getting the Sentence to Service crew to help with river clean up, the Cedar 220 project, the library promo in June and misc. outreach.

Drainage Meeting

The board held discussion on the Drainage Meeting that was held on March 21st.

James Fett

Nordby introduced James Fett, the new SWCD watershed technician, to the board.

Manager's Reports

Manager's Report

The managers discussed various issues around the District.

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

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

Opposed: None

Next meeting will be Wednesday, May 15, 2013.

Submitted by,

Jason Weis, Secretary, jkc