

**Minutes of the Cedar River Watershed District**  
**1408 21<sup>st</sup> Ave NW, Austin, MN 55912**  
**Wednesday, April 19, 2017**

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

Others Present:         Justin Hanson, Administrator  
                                 Jeanne Crump, Mower SWCD  
                                 James Fett, Mower SWCD  
                                 Cody Fox, Mower SWCD  
                                 Tim Ruzek, Mower SWCD  
                                 Adam King, Dodge SWCD  
                                 Dave Livingston, Dodge SWCD  
                                 Steven Lang, Austin City Engineer

Chairman Jim Gebhardt called the board meeting to order.

**Agenda**

Kraushaar made a motion to approve the agenda. Weis seconded the motion.  
Affirmative:     Gebhardt, Kraushaar, Jones, Merten, Kiser, Olson, Weis  
Opposed:         None

**Public Input**

No public input.

**Action Items**

**Secretary's Report**

Olson presented the minutes from the March 15, 2017 board meeting. Merten made a motion to approve the minutes. Weis seconded the motion.  
Affirmative:     Gebhardt, Kraushaar, Jones, Merten, Kiser, Olson, Weis  
Opposed:         None

**Treasurer's Report**

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

Jones reviewed the payables with the board. Olson made a motion to approve the payables for April. Merten seconded the motion.  
Affirmative:     Gebhardt, Kraushaar, Jones, Merten, Kiser, Olson, Weis  
Opposed:         None

**Austin Flood Project MOU**

Steven Lang, Austin City Engineer, attended the board meeting to request an amendment to the Austin Flood Project MOU. Amendment #2 will add an extension for the Phase 1 project to July of 2019. Lang updated the board on the flood wall projects. Kiser made a motion to approve

Amendment 2 to the MOU with the City of Austin for the Phase 1 floodwall project. Olson seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

Lang talked with the board on upcoming projects in the City.

### **Dobbins Watershed Cost Share Approval**

Alan Tapp is requesting Cost Share dollars for his grade stabilization/saturated buffer project in the headwaters of Dobbins. The total cost estimate of the project is \$43,889.07 and the breakdown per fund is as follows:

<b>Fund Name</b>	<b>\$ Source</b>	<b>Estimated Funding Amount</b>	<b>Approval Required via</b>
Drainage Water Management	State	\$ 11,166.80	SWCD
Dobbins Targeted Watershed	State	\$ 21,750.48	CRWD
EQIP (Mississippi River Targeted)	Federal	\$ 8,330.70	Federal
Cedar River Watershed	CRWD	\$ 2,641.09	CRWD

Total Estimated Cost \$43,889.07

Jones made a motion to approve the contract for Alan Tapp for his grade stabilization/saturated buffer project, to include \$21,750.48 from the 2014 CWF Dobbins Targeted Watershed grant and a CRWD match amount of \$2641.09. Kraushaar seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

## **Discussion and Updates**

### **Citizen Advisory Board**

Ruzek explained the changes/updates that have been made to the Citizen Advisory Board.

### **Other Waters Designation Update**

Hanson explained the Other Waters Designation to the board. Discussion was held.

### **Waltham Township Permit**

Fett talked with the board on the Waltham township permit application. Engineering will be needed due to upsizing of the culvert.

### **Dobbins Project-Signatures Received**

Fox informed the board that all of the signatures needed to begin one of the projects in the Dobbins watershed have been received.

### **Dodge County Expo**

Fett informed the board on the Dodge County Expo.

### **We Are Waters**

Ruzek talked with the board on the We Are Waters exhibit. The board instructed Ruzek to look into this further.

Kraushaar and Olson left the meeting.

## **Manager's Reports**

### **Cedar River Watershed Plan**

Hanson updated the board on the Cedar River One Watershed One Plan committee.

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

Affirmative: Gebhardt, Jones, Merten, Kiser, Weis

Opposed: None

Next meeting will be Wednesday, May 17, 2017.

Submitted by,

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*Sue Olson, Secretary, jkc*