

**Minutes of the Cedar River Watershed District
Ruby Rupner Center – Hormel Nature Center
Wednesday, August 15, 2012**

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

Others Present: Bev Nordby, Administrator
 Jeanne Crump, Mower SWCD
 Justin Hanson, Mower SWCD
 Matt Taylor, Mower SWCD
 Tim Ruzek, Outreach Coordinator
 Dave Livingston, Dodge SWCD

Members of Public Present: Charlie Peterson, Al Layman

Public Hearing for Levy

Chairman Mike Merten called the Public Hearing to order.

The board discussed the 2013 Levy. Jones explained the reasons behind moving the levy up to \$250,000. The board went over the 2013 proposed budget. Jones explained that by setting the levy at \$250,000 now that it can still be reduced in December if need be, but cannot be increased. The board talked about a possible future project levy.

Public Input

Peterson informed the board that he doesn't agree with the increase.

Layman said that he would rather see a gradual increase rather than a large increase all at once.

Jones made a motion to close the public hearing. Kiser seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

Board Meeting

Chairman Mike Merten called the board meeting to order.

Agenda

Jones made a motion to approve the agenda. Kraushaar seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

Public Input

No Public Input.

Action Items

Secretary's Report

Gebhardt presented the minutes from the July 18, 2012 board meeting. Kraushaar made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 18 board meeting. Weis seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

Treasurer's Report

Jones reviewed the Treasurer's report. Kiser made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Gebhardt seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

Jones reviewed the payables with the board. Merten made a motion to approve the payables for July. Weis seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

Administrative Levy

The board held discussion on the public hearing and the 2013 Administrative Levy. Jones made a motion to approve setting the 2013 Administrative Levy at \$250,000. Kraushaar seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

Nordby explained the project dollars.

CWF Application

Hanson went over the CWF application and explained the 2 scenarios involved. He talked about tree removal, adopt-a-river, ravine grade stabilization, and retention sites. The board held discussion. Staff is suggesting scenario #2.

*Scenario based on draft budget			
	Clean Water Fund Request	CRWD Contribution	Total
CRP Incentives	\$ 140,000.00	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 175,000.00
Tree Removal/Streambank	\$ 165,000.00	\$ 42,950.00	\$ 207,950.00
<i>Project Levy</i>			
Ravine Grade Stab Stabilization Structures	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 37,500.00	\$ 187,500.00
Retention Site	\$ 250,000.00	\$ 62,500.00	\$ 312,500.00
Totals	\$ 705,000.00	\$ 177,950.00	\$ 882,950.00

*Scenario 2			
	Clean Water Fund Request	CRWD Contribution	Total
CRP Incentives	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 75,000.00
Tree Removal/Streambank	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 125,000.00
Ravine Grade Stab Stabilization Structures	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 37,500.00	\$ 187,500.00
<i>Project Levy</i>			
Retention Site	\$ 250,000.00	\$ 62,500.00	\$ 312,500.00
Totals	\$ 560,000.00	\$ 140,000.00	\$ 700,000.00

Merten made a motion to commit to the \$140,000 and that staff submit the CWF application using scenario #2. Jones seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

2012 CWF Project Approval

Charles Williams is requesting cost share assistance for his Water & Sediment Control Basin through 2012 CWF dollars. The total estimated cost of this project is \$23,460 and the total cost share amount at 90% would be \$21,114. The funds for this project will come from FY12 CWF. Kraushaar made a motion to approve contract #12-01CWF for Charles Williams's Water & Sediment Control Basin at \$21,114 (90% of the total cost estimate of \$23,460). Jones seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

Discussion and Updates

Tree Removal

Hanson talked further with the board on a tree removal project for the Cedar. He explained the information that he found that will allow some tree removal from the river.

Tim Ruzek, Outreach Coordinator

Ruzek updated the board on this month's public outreach, DNR Water Trail brochure, Kiwanis presentation, Facebook, the new website, river clean-up and Vision 2020.

Manager's Reports

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Weis & Kraushaar- thanks to Ruzek and keep up the good work.

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

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

Opposed: None

Next meeting will be Wednesday, September 19, 2012.

Submitted by,

Susan Olson, Secretary, jkc