

**Minutes of the Cedar River Watershed District  
Ruby Rupner Center – Hormel Nature Center  
Wednesday, December 19, 2012**

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

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

Public Present:       Charlie Peterson, Nate Howard, Al Layman, Ken Trom, Steven Lang (City of Austin)

Vice Chairman Kevin Kiser called the board meeting to order.

**Agenda**

The agenda was rearranged because of an early start, due to weather conditions.

Olson made a motion to approve the adjusted agenda. Gebhardt seconded the motion.

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

Opposed:       None

**Public Input**

No Public Input.

**Action Items**

**Secretary's Report**

Olson presented the minutes from the November 20, 2012 board meeting. Kiser made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 20 board meeting. Kraushaar seconded the motion.

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

Opposed:       None

**Treasurer's Report**

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

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

Opposed:       None

Jones reviewed the payables with the board. Olson made a motion to approve the payables for December and that Jones may sign the checks for the bills that come in after the December board meeting. Weis seconded the motion.

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

Opposed:       None

## **CWL Basin Cost Share**

Charles Williams is requesting final payment on his water and sediment basins projects. The total cost of the tile for this basin project was \$555.56 and the cost share at 90% will be \$500.00. Kiser made a motion to approve the final payment of \$500.00 to Williams, Tiegen, Bahr for their basin project. Jones seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

## **Discussion and Updates**

### **Clean Water Funds**

Nordby updated the board on the Clean Water Fund applications that were sent in 2012.

### **H & H Model**

Nordby informed the board of the H & H rollout presentation that will be January 10, 2013 at the Hormel Historical House. She and Hanson visited BARR for a preview of the presentation.

## **Manager's Reports**

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The board held discussion about the MAWD convention that they attended and the award that the District received from DNR for Watershed District of the Year.

## **Action Items (Continued)**

### **Resolution for Ault Flowage Easement/Wetland Restoration**

Hanson explained this project to the board and went through resolution #2-12-Lansing 8 for a Flowage Easement/Wetland Restoration Project. Discussion was held and a hearing will be held at the January board meeting. Kraushaar made a motion to approve resolution #2-12-Lansing 8. Jones seconded the motion.

Crump called for a roll call of votes:

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

Opposed: None

The board set the public hearing for the #2-12-Lansing 8 project for 7:05 at the January board meeting, January 16, 2013.

## **2013 Budget**

Jones went through the budget with the board.

Public Input-Layman requested more information on permitting.

## **Set 2013 Administrative Levy**

The board discussed the 2013 Administrative Levy. At the July 2012 board meeting, the board set the proposed levy at \$250,000. Kraushaar made a motion to approve the 2013 Administrative Levy at \$250,000. Olson seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

## **Permits**

Taylor updated the board on the violation with the City of Austin due to not getting a permit prior to their East Side Lake project. Steven Lang, Austin Assistant City Engineer, explained the issue to the board. Benda reviewed the Fee Schedule. The board held discussion and agreed that the "After the fact penalty" is applicable. Jones made a motion, based on the findings that the City of Austin violated CRWD rules to include Rule #6, "A permit and plan is required for flood plain alteration or construction within the flood plain", that the after the fact penalty to the

contractor shall be waived and the City of Austin shall be required to pay a penalty of \$250, together with attorney fees (to date) of \$250. Kraushaar seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

### **Permit Violations**

The board discussed different ways to speed up the process for permit violations. The board will discuss this further at the January board meeting.

### **Public Hearing**

#### **Presentation on the Ravine CWF Project- #1-12-Udolpho 35**

Hanson gave a presentation on project #1-12-Udolpho 35. An Order of the Board Establishing Project was reviewed. This project will use CWF dollars. Members of the public commented and asked questions. Discussion was held.

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

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

Opposed: None

#### **Action on Proceeding with Ravine Project**

Olson made a motion to approve the attached Order of the Board Establishing Project for project #1-12-Udolpho 35. Weis seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

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

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

Opposed: None

Next meeting will be Wednesday, January 16, 2013.

Submitted by,

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*Susan Olson, Secretary, jkc*