

**Minutes of the Cedar River Watershed District**  
**1408 21<sup>st</sup> Ave NW, Austin, MN 55912**  
**Wednesday, December 18, 2013**

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

Others Present:        Bev Nordby, Administrator  
                                 Jeanne Crump, Mower SWCD  
                                 Justin Hanson, Mower SWCD  
                                 James Fett, Mower SWCD  
                                 Matt Benda, Peterson, Savelkoul & Benda, LTD  
                                 Dave Livingston, Dodge SWCD

Public Present:         None present

Chairman Kevin Kiser called the board meeting to order.

**Agenda**

Permit Violations was added to Action Items. Weis made a motion to approve the adjusted agenda. Gebhardt seconded the motion.  
Affirmative:     Gebhardt, Jones, Kiser, Merten, Olson, Weis  
Opposed:         None

**Public Input**

No Public Input.

**Action Items**

**Secretary's Report**

Weis presented the minutes from the November 20, 2013 board meeting. Merten made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 20 board meeting. Jones seconded the motion.  
Affirmative:     Gebhardt, Jones, Kiser, Merten, Olson, Weis  
Opposed:         None

**Treasurer's Report**

Jones reviewed the Treasurer's report with the board. Kiser made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Olson seconded the motion.  
Affirmative:     Gebhardt, Jones, Kiser, Merten, 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 2013 bills that come in after the December board meeting. Weis seconded the motion.  
Affirmative:     Gebhardt, Jones, Kiser, Merten, Olson, Weis  
Opposed:         None

**2014 Budget**

Nordby talked about the changes that were made in the 2014 Budget. The board held discussion.

## **2014 Levy**

The board discussed the 2014 Administrative Levy. At the July 2013 board meeting, the board set the proposed levy at \$250,000. Livingston commented on the Levy. Olson made a motion to approve the 2014 Administrative Levy at \$250,000 along with the updated 2014 Budget. Gebhardt seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

## **Trom Easement**

Hanson updated the board on the progress of the Ken Trom project. An amendment was made to the easement for the project. Jones made a motion to approve the easement as amended. Olson seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

## **Permit Violations**

Benda updated the board on the 2 after the fact permit violations.

### **Interstate Mills-**

Fett updated the board on the Interstate Mills permit violation. Benda explained the letter that was drafted up to send to Interstate Mills, along with the contractor, Hodgman Drainage. Discussion was held and changes were made to the letter. Olson made a motion that based on the board finding that Interstate Mills and its contractor, Hodgman Drainage Company, failed to obtain a permit as required by Rule 6, the board hereby determines that an after the fact penalty shall be applied to Interstate Mills and Hodgman Drainage Company in the amount of \$500 each, together with any costs, engineering or attorney fees incurred by the District. Jones seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

### **Freeborn County-**

Fett updated the board on the Freeborn County/Oakland Township permit violation. Benda explained that he will not be able to write the letter on this one due to a conflict. Fett will write the letter and send it to Freeborn County and the contractor, Sorenson Brothers. Discussion was held. Olson made a motion that based on the board finding that Freeborn County and its contractor, Sorenson Brothers, failed to obtain a permit as required by Rule 5, the board hereby determines that an after the fact penalty shall be applied to Freeborn County and Sorenson Brothers in the amount of \$500 each, together with any costs, engineering or attorney fees incurred by the District. Jones seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

## **Discussion and Updates**

### **Permit Update**

Fett updated the board on permitting. There was one permit granted in the last month.

### **Targeted Watershed Program**

Nordby updated on the grant application.

### **Bonding Committee Meeting**

Hanson informed the board of the Bonding Committee meeting that he attended.

**Outreach**

Hanson talked about the KSMQ show possibility and the grant that he and Ruzek are looking into to fund it.

**Meeting with Mower SWCD Board**

Nordby and Gebhardt asked the board if they would like to have a meeting with the Mower SWCD board to discuss the working relationship. The board agreed that there would be no need due to the fact that things are going well.

**Hayfield Attorney**

Livingston asked the board about the City Hayfield and their attorney.

**Manager's Reports****Manager's Report**

Olson-Updated the board on the Lessard-Sams meeting that she attended.

Jones-Talked about the 3 board members that will be up for reappointment in 2014, Kiser, Merten and Kraushaar.

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

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

Opposed: None

Next meeting will be Wednesday, January 15, 2014.

Submitted by,

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*Jason Weis, Secretary, jkc*