

**Minutes of the Cedar River Watershed District**  
**1408 21<sup>st</sup> Ave NW, Austin, MN 55912**  
**Wednesday, December 17, 2014**

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

Others Present:     Bev Nordby, Administrator  
                          Jeanne Crump, Mower SWCD  
                          James Fett, Mower SWCD  
                          John Schulte V, Jones, Haugh and Smith  
                          Adam King, Dodge SWCD  
                          Dave Livingston, Dodge SWCD Supervisor

Public Present:     None

Vice Chairman, Jason Weis called the board meeting to order.

**Agenda**

Enforcement Policy was added to the agenda. Gebhardt made a motion to approve the December agenda with addition. Kiser seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

**Public Input**

None

**Action Items**

**Secretary's Report**

Gebhardt presented the minutes from the November 19, 2014 board meeting. A correction was made. Jones made a motion to approve the corrected minutes of the November 19 board meeting. Weis seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

**Treasurer's Report**

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

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

Opposed: None

Jones reviewed the payables with the board. Kraushaar made a motion to approve the payables for December and that Jones may sign the checks for the 2014 bills that come in after the December board meeting. Gebhardt seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Jones, Kraushaar, Gebhardt, Merten, Weis

Opposed: None

Abstained: Kiser

## 2015 Budget

The board discussed the 2015 Budget. Jones made a motion to approve the 2015 Budget. Kraushaar seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

## 2015 Levy

The board discussed the 2015 Levy. Weis made a motion to approve keeping the 2015 Levy at \$250,000 and to submit it to the four counties. Kiser seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

## CRP Incentive Policy for 2015

Discussion was held on the CRP Incentive program. They discussed the different options.

Merten made a motion to not fund the CRP Incentive program for 2015 and to revisit the option for 2016. Kiser seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

The board talked about the CRP Incentives on the 2015 Budget. Jones made a motion to move the CRP Incentive dollars to Project Match on the 2015 Budget. Weis seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

## CRP Incentives

The following is requesting additional 2014 CRP Incentive Encumbrance along with Payment.

Contract #	Name	County	Location	Practice	Contract		Application Date	Application Amount	Encumbered		CRP Contract Date	Final Payment	
					Acres	Length			Date	Amount		Date	Amount
FI14-01	Lynn Schmeling	Dodge	Westfield 25	CP38E	3.28	15	9/16/2014	\$ 2,460.00	11/19/2014	\$ 2,460.00	12/1/2014	12/17/2014	\$2,460.00
FI14-02	Lynn Schmeling	Dodge	Westfield 25	CP38E	3.26	15	11/19/2014	\$ 2,445.00	12/17/2014	\$ 2,445.00	12/1/2014	12/17/2014	\$2,445.00

Jones made a motion to approve the payment of 2014 CRP Incentive contract and payment for Lynn Schmeling in the amount of \$4,905. Kiser seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

## Order to Assess

Nordby explained the Order to Assess for the Mike Debeau permit violation penalty. Kiser made a motion to approve and record the Order in Steele County. Kraushaar seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

## CWF Basin Payments

LuWayne & Mary Kenyon are requesting payment on their water and sediment basins projects. The total cost of the project was \$15,590.00 and the cost share at 90% will be \$14,031.00 (75% CWF Dollars at \$11,692.50 and 15% CRWD match at \$2,338.50). Kraushaar made a motion to approve the payment of \$14,031.00 to LuWayne & Mary Kenyon for their basin project. Jones seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

Doug Kiser is requesting payment on his water and sediment basins projects. The total cost of the project was \$19,723.50 and the cost share at 90% will be \$19,723.50 (75% CWF Dollars at \$16,436.25 and 15% CRWD match at \$3,287.25). Weis made a motion to approve the payment of \$19,723.50 to Doug Kiser for his basin project. Jones seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Jones, Kraushaar, Gebhardt, Merten, Weis

Opposed: None

Abstained: Kiser

### **Enforcement Policy**

Kraushaar and Schulte talked with the board on the Rules Committee Meeting and the possible changes to the Rules. Schulte clarified the changes. The board held discussion on possible changes in Rule #4. The board agreed to take out those changes.

### **Permit Issues**

Fett requested guidance from the board on 2 permit violation issues. The board instructed Fett on the issues.

### **Discussion and Updates**

#### **Rules Updates**

The board set up a Rules Workshop to take place on January 7<sup>th</sup>.

#### **MAWD**

Kraushaar and Jones went to the MAWD convention, along with 3 staff, Nordby, Fox & Fett. They talked about the sessions that were attended.

Jones left the board meeting.

### **Manager's Reports**

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No additional information.

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

Affirmative: Kraushaar, Gebhardt, Merten, Kiser, Weis

Opposed: None

Next meeting will be Wednesday, January 21, 2014.

Submitted by,

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*Jim Gebhardt, Secretary, jkc*