

**Minutes of the Cedar River Watershed District
Mower Soil & Water Conservation District Office
Wednesday, February 20, 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
 Matt Benda, Peterson, Savelkoul & Benda, LTD
 Tim Ruzek, Outreach Coordinator
 Dave Livingston, Dodge SWCD
 John Schulte, Jones, Haugh and Smith

Public Present: Dwight Ault

Chairman Kevin Kiser called the board meeting to order.

Agenda

Merten made a motion to approve the agenda. Olson seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

Public Input

No Public Input.

Action Items

Secretary's Report

Weis presented the minutes from the January 16, 2013 board meeting. A word was removed from election of officers and the secretary was changed to Jason Weis at the end. Jones made a motion to approve the amended minutes of the January 16 board meeting. Merten seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

Treasurer's Report

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

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

Opposed: None

Jones reviewed the payables with the board. Olson made a motion to approve the payables for February. Weis seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

Year End/Designated Fund Balance

Jones talked with the board about the 2012 Fund Balance and how much of it should be assigned/designated for future projects. Olson made a motion to assign/designate \$260,000 of the 2012 Fund Balance of \$410,319 for future projects. Kiser seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

Public Hearing

The Public Hearing for the Flowage Easement Project #2-12-Lansing 8 was called to order by Chairman, Kevin Kiser.

Presentation on Project- #2-12-Lansing 8

Hanson gave a presentation on project #2-12-Lansing 8. An Order of the Board Establishing Project was reviewed. This project will use State dollars. Members of the public commented. Discussion was held.

Kiser closed the public hearing.

Action on Proceeding with Flowage Easement Project

Olson made a motion to approve the attached Order of the Board Establishing Project for project #2-12-Lansing 8. Jones seconded the motion. The board discussed the long term responsibilities of the CRWD.

Crump called for a roll call of votes:

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

Opposed: None

Stantec Contract

Hanson informed the board of the contract with Stantec for the Trom project. He and Benda went through the contract with the board and suggested some changes. Olson made a motion to approve the contract with Stantec subject to negotiations and legal approval. Jones seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

2013/2014 Work Plan Discussion/Action

Nordby went through the updates that were made to the work plan. The board held discussion. Jones made a motion to approve the 2013/2014 Work Plan. Weis seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

Discussion and Updates

Drainage Meeting

Hanson talked about the Drainage Meeting that will be held on March 21st.

Tour to Bois De Sioux WD

The board talked about going on a tour to Bois De Sioux WD. Nordby will get more info.

Watershed Tech Position

Nordby updated the board on the open Mower SWCD watershed tech position.

Manager's Reports

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Olson- Informed the board that she had been assigned by Gov. Dayton to be a member of the Lessard Outdoor Heritage Council.

Outreach

Ruzek updated the board on the outreach activities.

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

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

Opposed: None

Next meeting will be Wednesday, March 20, 2013.

Submitted by,

Jason Weis, Secretary, jkc