

Minutes of the Cedar River Watershed District
1408 21st Ave NW, Austin, MN 55912
Wednesday, February 17, 2016

Managers Present: Mike Jones Steve Kraushaar
 Sue Olson Jason Weis
 Mike Merten

Others Present: Justin Hanson, Administrator
 Jeanne Crump, Mower SWCD
 Cody Fox, Mower SWCD
 Tim Ruzek, Mower SWCD
 Adam King, Dodge SWCD
 Dave Livingston, Dodge SWCD

Chairman Steve Kraushaar called the board meeting to order.

Agenda

Secretary Report and Promotional Items were added to the agenda. Merten made a motion to approve the agenda with additions. Jones seconded the motion.
Affirmative: Jones, Kraushaar, Merten, Olson, Weis
Opposed: None

Public Input

No public input.

Action Items

Secretary's Report

Merten presented the minutes from the January 20, 2016 board meeting. Jones made a motion to approve the minutes. Olson seconded the motion.
Affirmative: Jones, Kraushaar, Merten, Olson, Weis
Opposed: None

Treasurer's Report

Jones reviewed the payables with the board. Olson made a motion to approve the payables for February. Weis seconded the motion.
Affirmative: Jones, Kraushaar, Merten, Olson, Weis
Opposed: None

No treasurer report was available in February.

2015 Annual Report

The board discussed the Annual Report. Olson made a motion to approve the 2015 Annual Report. Jones seconded the motion.
Affirmative: Jones, Kraushaar, Merten, Olson, Weis
Opposed: None

2016 Annual Plan

Hanson talked with the board on the 2016 Annual Plan. The board held discussion. Weis made a motion to approve the 2016 Annual Plan. Merten seconded the motion.
Affirmative: Jones, Kraushaar, Merten, Olson, Weis
Opposed: None

Project Drone

Fox talked with the board about the research that he has been doing on the purchase of a drone for pictures and videos of projects, flooding, etc. Olson made a motion to approve up to \$1100.00 to purchase a drone, case and extra battery. Jones seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Jones, Kraushaar, Merten, Olson, Weis

Opposed: None

Engineering

Hanson talked with the board about the possibility of housing a JPB engineer in the SWCD office. He explained the need for an engineer for the Mower SWCD, CRWD and surrounding counties. There would be a possible match of \$25,000 by the District. The board held discussion. Jones made a motion to approve the commitment of \$25,000 towards this position. Olson seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Jones, Kraushaar, Merten, Olson, Weis

Opposed: None

Discussion and Updates

Office Space

Hanson updated the board on office space and the changes that have taken place.

Promotional Items

Hanson talked with the board about the purchase of clothing for board and staff with CRWD logo. The board instructed Hanson to go ahead and order items at his discretion.

Home Show

The board talked about the upcoming Home and Vacation Show.

Prescribed Burn Grant

Hanson informed the board of the prescribed burn grant that was received.

Manager's Reports

Nothing new.

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

Affirmative: Jones, Kraushaar, Merten, Olson, Weis

Opposed: None

Next meeting will be Wednesday, March 16, 2016.

Submitted by,

Mike Merten, Secretary, jkc