

Minutes of the Cedar River Watershed District
1408 21st Ave NW, Austin, MN 55912
Wednesday, January 15, 2013

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

Others Present: Bev Nordby, Administrator
 Jeanne Crump, Mower SWCD
 Justin Hanson, Mower SWCD
 James Fett, Mower SWCD
 Tim Ruzek, Outreach Coordinator
 Dave Livingston, Dodge SWCD
 Steve Klein, BARR Engineering

Chairman Kevin Kiser called the board meeting to order.

Election of Officers

Nordby opened the floor for nomination of officers.

Kiser nominated Olson for Chairman. Kraushaar made a motion that nominations cease and to elect Olson for Chairman. Jones seconded the nomination.

Affirmative: Jones, Kraushaar, Gebhardt, Kiser, Weis

Opposed: None

Abstained: Olson

Olson nominated Weis for Vice Chairman. Jones made a motion that nominations cease and to elect Weis for Vice Chairman. Kiser seconded the nomination.

Affirmative: Jones, Kraushaar, Gebhardt, Kiser, Olson

Opposed: None

Abstained: Weis

Kiser nominated Gebhardt for Secretary. Kraushaar made a motion that nominations cease and to elect Gebhardt for Secretary. Jones seconded the nomination.

Affirmative: Jones, Kraushaar, Kiser, Olson, Weis

Opposed: None

Abstained: Gebhardt

Kraushaar nominated Jones for Treasurer. Kiser made a motion that nominations cease and to elect Jones for Treasurer. Kraushaar seconded the nomination.

Affirmative: Kraushaar, Gebhardt, Kiser, Olson, Weis

Opposed: None

Abstained: Jones

2014 Office Holders are:

Sue Olson, Chairman
Jason Weis, Vice Chairman
Jim Gebhardt, Secretary
Mike Jones, Treasurer

Merten entered the board meeting.

Agenda

Legal Paper was added to the Action Items of the Agenda. Weis made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Kraushaar seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

Public Input

No public input.

Action Items

Secretary's Report

Weis presented the minutes from the December 18, 2013 board meeting. Olson made a motion to approve the minutes. Gebhardt seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

Treasurer's Report

Jones reviewed the Treasurer's report for January. Kiser made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Olson seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

Jones reviewed the payables with the board. Weis made a motion to approve the payables for January. Merten seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

Kraushaar made a motion that the bank designation stay the same, US Bank as the District Bank of depository for checking and 1st State Bank of LeRoy for Savings. Olson seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

Set Location & Time of CRWD 2014 Meetings

The board held discussion on the location and time for the 2014 Monthly Board Meetings. Jones made a motion to keep the time of the meetings at 6:00pm and the location of the meetings to the Mower SWCD office. Kiser seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

Agreement with the Mower SWCD

The board discussed the 2014 Administrative Agreement with the Mower SWCD, with Nordby explaining the changes. The SWCD approved the agreement on January 13th at their board meeting. Kiser made a motion to approve the 2014 Administrative Agreement with the Mower SWCD. Weis seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

Abstained: Gebhardt

Contract with Outreach Coordinator

The board held discussion on the updated contract with Tim Ruzek for Outreach. The new contract will change the per hour cost from \$20 to \$25. Kraushaar made a motion to approve the 2014 Outreach Contract with Tim Ruzek. Jones seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

2014 Fees

The board discussed the 2014 permitting fees/penalty schedule. Olson made a motion to approve that the 2014 Fees stay the same. Weis seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

2013 Audit Bid

The board discussed the bid from CliftonLarsonAllen to complete the 2013 Audit. Jones made a motion to accept the bid from CliftonLarsonAllen for \$2,550 to complete the 2013 audit. Merten seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

Rock Inlet

Hanson explained to the board that the Rock Inlet program has not been well received due to the fact that they cost more than originally thought. After checking with others that do the cost share on rock inlets, he suggested that the CRWD raise the cost share max from \$75 to \$200. The SWCD would then go from \$225 to \$600. A maximum of \$800 cost share for the Rock Inlets. Discussion was held. Kiser made a motion to raise the CRWD max to \$200 per Inlet. Olson seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

Legal Paper

The board discussed the designation of a legal paper. Kiser made a motion to designate the Austin Daily Herald and the Albert Lea Tribune as the District's Legal Papers. Weis seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

The Levy information will go out to all the papers and project information will go out to the papers in the area of the project.

Discussion and Updates

Monitoring Update

The 2013 monitoring report will be given at a later meeting.

Grant Info

Nordby informed the board that the grants that had been applied for would not be funded in 2014.

DNR Flood Damage Reduction

Hanson explained that there may be bonding dollars available for grant areas. He informed of the meeting held earlier in the day with Dan Sparks and Jeanne Poppe regarding the bonding dollars. The process for these grants was explained to the board. The board directed Hanson and Nordby to move forward with the bonding application.

Partnering with the Historical Society

Ruzek explained the grant application opportunity to partner with the Historical Society.

Outreach

Ruzek updated the board on the possible KSMQ partnership for a 30-60 minute documentary on the Cedar River, along with the press that was received for the Trom project.

2014 Work Plan Discussion

Nordby talked about the 2014 work plan along with the 2013 accomplishments. The board held discussion. This will be discussed further at the February meeting.

Steve Klein, BARR Engineering

Klein attended the board meeting to touch base, thank the board for their support and to talk about the grants that they helped out with.

Trom Site

Hanson updated on the Trom Site. The CRWD will pay the 2013 rent for the land that was impacted by the construction of the Trom project.

Manager's Reports

Chairman's Report

Olson updated the board on the Lessard Sams.

Other Manager's Report

The board thanked Kiser for his time as Chairman.

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

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

Opposed: None

Next meeting will be Wednesday, February 19th, 2014.

Submitted by,

Jim Gebhardt, Secretary, jkc