

Minutes of the Cedar River Watershed District
1408 21st Ave NW, Austin, MN 55912
Wednesday, January 18, 2017

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

Others Present: Justin Hanson, Administrator
 Jeanne Crump, Mower SWCD
 James Fett, Mower SWCD
 Cody Fox, Mower SWCD
 Tim Ruzek, Mower SWCD
 John Schulte V, Jones, Haugh and Smith

Chairman Steve Kraushaar called the board meeting to order.

Agenda

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

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

Opposed: None

Public Input

No public input.

Election of Officers

Hanson opened the floor for nomination of officers.

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

Affirmative: Jones, Kraushaar, Merten, Olson, Weis

Opposed: None

Abstained: Gebhardt

Gebhardt nominated Kiser for Vice Chairman. Kraushaar made a motion that nominations cease and to elect Kiser for Vice Chairman. Merten seconded the nomination.

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

Opposed: None

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

Affirmative: Gebhardt, Kraushaar, Merten, Olson, Weis

Opposed: None

Abstained: Jones

Merten nominated Olson for Secretary. Merten made a motion that nominations cease and to elect Olson for Secretary. Weis seconded the nomination.

Affirmative: Jones, Gebhardt, Kraushaar, Merten, Weis

Opposed: None

Abstained: Olson

2017 Office Holders are:

Jim Gebhardt Chairman
Kevin Kiser, Vice Chairman
Sue Olson, Secretary
Mike Jones, Treasurer

Action Items

Secretary's Report

Merten presented the minutes from the December 21, 2016 board meeting. Jones made a motion to approve the minutes. Kraushaar seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

Treasurer's Report

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

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

Opposed: None

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

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

Opposed: None

Set Location & Time of CRWD 2016 Meetings

The board held discussion on the location and time for the 2017 Monthly Board Meetings.

Olson made a motion to keep the time of the meetings at 6:00pm and the location of the meetings to the Mower SWCD office. Weis seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

Designate Bank

Jones 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. Kraushaar seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

Legal Paper

The board discussed the designation of a legal paper. Kraushaar made a motion to keep the District's legal paper with the Austin Daily Herald. Merten seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

Agreement with the Mower SWCD

The board discussed the 2017 Administrative Agreement with the Mower SWCD, with Hanson explaining the changes. The SWCD approved the agreement on January 8th at their board meeting. Jones made a motion to approve the 2017 Administrative Agreement with the Mower SWCD. Olson seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Jones, Kraushaar, Merten, Olson, Weis

Opposed: None

Abstained: Gebhardt

Engineering Cost Assistance

Hanson talked with the board on a proposed pilot program to provide cost share assistance to landowners for engineering for culvert assessment and storage assurance. Schulte, Fox and Fett explained the proposal further. Discussion was held on the Rules. Olson made a motion to approve that the CRWD will provide up to \$2500 for engineering assistance and report on culvert assessments. Weis seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

Discussion and Updates

Water Access Update

Ruzek updated the board on the \$2000 grant that was received from the Austin Area Foundation to help build a canoe/kayak access site on the Cedar River in Austin.

Cedar One Watershed Plan Update

Hanson updated the board on Cedar One Watershed Plan.

Outreach

Ruzek gave an update on outreach in the watershed.

Supervisor Terms

The board talked about the supervisors that are up for reappointment in 2017, Kiser, Kraushaar and Merten.

Manager's Reports

-Kraushaar talked about MAWD and informed the board that there will be an increase in annual dues in the future.

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

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

Opposed: None

Next meeting will be Wednesday, February 15, 2017.

Submitted by,

Sue Olson, Secretary, jkc