

**Minutes of the Cedar River Watershed District
@ Mower Soil & Water Conservation District Office
Wednesday, July 17, 2013**

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

Others Present: Jeanne Crump, Mower SWCD
 Justin Hanson, Mower SWCD
 James Fett, Mower SWCD
 Tim Ruzek, Outreach Coordinator
 John Schulte, Jones, Haugh and Smith

Members of the Public Present: Mary Ann Wolesky, Steven Lang, Tom Stiehm, Bonnie Rietz

Chairman Kevin Kiser called the board meeting to order.

Agenda

Some items will be moved around on the agenda. Kraushaar made a motion to approve the agenda with changes in the order of some items. Olson 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 June 19, 2013 board meeting. Jones made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 19 board meeting. Olson seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

Treasurer's Report

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

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

Opposed: None

Jones reviewed the July payables with the board. Olson made a motion to approve the payables for July. Kiser seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

Olson made a motion to approve the 2nd quarter supervisor payroll and to have Jones sign the checks. Kiser seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

Merten entered the board meeting.

Vision 2020/City of Austin Request

The City of Austin is requesting an extension from 2016 to July of 2020 for Phase 1 of their Flood Mitigation Projects. Mary Ann Wolesky, Tom Stiehm and Steven Lang talked about the 2020 renovation project and how it will be affected by the Phase 1 project. Olson talked about her conversation with Matt Benda on this subject and he recommended going on a year by year basis. Olson made a motion to approve a one year extension to 2017, to be reviewed each year after, contingent on receipt of the as builts from the previously completed Phases. Jones seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

Outreach

Ruzek updated the board on public outreach to include; the library presentations, Adopt-a-River, Vision 2020 and upcoming events. Hanson talked about requests to dredge East Side Lake and asked the board if they would like Fett and himself to get some cost information together for the board. Discussion was held and the board requested that Hanson and Fett get some information together for a future board meeting.

Trom Project Plan

Hanson presented the Trom Basin Project Plan to the board. Olson made a motion to approve the Trom Basin Project Plan and to send it to BWSR for approval. Jones seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

2012 Completed Audit

The board held discussion on the 2012 Audit that was completed by CliftonLarsonAllen. Olson made a motion to approve the 2012 Audit. Jones seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

Set Levy Hearing for August

The board discussed the 2014 levy hearing. Kraushaar made a motion to set the 2014 Levy Hearing for 6:15pm on August 21st. Olson seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

Discussion and Updates

2014 Draft Budget

Hanson reviewed the 2014 draft budget with the board. The board held discussion.

Future Bonding Opportunities

Hanson talked with the board on future bonding opportunities.

Nitrate Report

Hanson explained and the board held discussion on the MPCA nitrate report.

Manager's Reports

Chairman's Report

No additional comments.

Manager's Report

Jones talked about the increases in property taxes.

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

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

Opposed: None

Next meeting will be Wednesday, August 21, 2013.

Submitted by,

Jason Weis, Secretary, jkc