

Minutes of the Cedar River Watershed District
1408 21st Ave NW, Austin, MN 55912
Wednesday, July 19, 2017

Managers Present: Jim Gebhardt Steve Kraushaar
 Mike Merten Jason Weis

Others Present: Justin Hanson, Administrator
 Jeanne Crump, Mower SWCD
 James Fett, Mower SWCD
 Tim Ruzek, Mower SWCD
 Adam King, Dodge SWCD

Chairman Jim Gebhardt called the board meeting to order.

Agenda

Drainage Water Management CS was added to the Action Items portion of the agenda. Weis made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Kraushaar seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Gebhardt, Kraushaar, Merten, Weis

Opposed: None

Public Input

No public input.

Action Items

Secretary's Report

The minutes from the June 21, 2017 board meeting were presented to the board. Merten made a motion to approve the minutes. Weis seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Gebhardt, Kraushaar, Merten, Weis

Opposed: None

Treasurer's Report

Crump reviewed the Treasurer's report for July. Merten made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Kraushaar seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Gebhardt, Kraushaar, Merten, Weis

Opposed: None

Crump reviewed the payables with the board. Weis made a motion to approve the payables for July. Kraushaar seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Gebhardt, Kraushaar, Merten, Weis

Opposed: None

Monitoring Equipment

Hanson and Fett talked with the board about the monitoring that MPCA will be doing in the Cedar River by the bridge at County Road 28. MPCA is requesting that the CRWD cover the cost of electrical installation to the site. The cost of installing a transformer and running a cable down the power pole and trenched into the ground will be a one-time fee of approximately \$5,445.00 paid to Kestner Electric and Austin Utilities. The board held discussion and talked about the benefits to the District. Kraushaar made a motion, due to the benefits that the District

will receive, to proceed with the installation of the monitoring equipment and to pay Kestner Electric and Austin Utilities for the cost of installation. Weis seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Gebhardt, Kraushaar, Weis

Opposed: Merten

Set Hearing Date for Administrative and Project Levy

Kraushaar made a motion to set the hearing date and time for the Administrative and Project Levies for August 16 at 6:00pm. Weis seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Gebhardt, Kraushaar, Merten, Weis

Opposed: None

Drainage Water Management Cost Share

Lynn Schmeling is requesting CRWD cost share payment on his Drainage Control Structures. The total cost of the project was \$5845.24 with a 75% CWF DWM cost share through the Mower SWCD of \$4383.93 and a 25% cost share match of \$1461.31 through the CRWD. Kraushaar made a motion to approve the CRWD cost share amount of \$1461.31. Merten seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Gebhardt, Kraushaar, Merten, Weis

Opposed: None

Discussion and Updates

2018 Budget

Hanson went through the 2018 proposed budget with the board.

Soil Health Foundation Grant

Hanson & Ruzek updated the board on the soil health grant that was awarded to the Mower SWCD by the Hormel Foundation.

Outreach Update

Ruzek gave the board an update on public outreach.

Bid Opening-Special Meeting

Discussion was held on the special board meeting that is set up for July 27th at 8:00am for opening and approval of the bids for the Hull/Peterson projects, #4-16 & 5-16.

Manager's Reports

Nothing new to report.

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

Affirmative: Gebhardt, Kraushaar, Merten, Weis

Opposed: None

Next meeting will be Wednesday, August 16, 2017.

Submitted by,

Sue Olson, Secretary, jkc