

**Minutes of the Cedar River Watershed District
@ Mower Soil & Water Conservation District Office
Wednesday, June 19, 2013**

Managers Present: Kevin Kiser Mike Jones
Jason Weis Sue Olson

Others Present: Bev Nordby, Administrator
Jeanne Crump, Mower SWCD
Justin Hanson, Mower SWCD
James Fett, Mower SWCD
Matt Benda, Peterson, Savelkoul & Benda, LTD
Dave Livingston, Dodge SWCD

Members of the Public Present: Laura Helle, Greta Anderson

Chairman Kevin Kiser called the board meeting to order.

Agenda

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

Affirmative: Jones, Kiser, Olson, Weis

Opposed: None

Public Input

Greta Anderson, member of the Vision 2020 Water Quality subcommittee, attended the board meeting to ask if there is something that her committee can do to help the Cedar River Watershed District. Discussion was held. Nordby suggested that they could help with getting volunteers for rainfall and stream monitoring. Laura Helle stated that there might be possible funding available with this.

Action Items

Secretary's Report

Weis presented the minutes from the April 17, 2013 board meeting. Jones made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 17 board meeting. Olson seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Jones, Kiser, Olson, Weis

Opposed: None

Treasurer's Report

Due to the fact that the meeting in May was cancelled, Jones approved and signed the May payables. Kiser made a motion to approve the May payables. Weis seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Jones, Kiser, Olson, Weis

Opposed: None

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

Affirmative: Jones, Kiser, Olson, Weis

Opposed: None

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

Affirmative: Jones, Kiser, Olson, Weis

Opposed: None

Ault Easement

Hanson went through the Ault Easement with the board. Benda talked about the process for easements. Jones made a motion to approve the Ault Easement as presented and authorizing the District Chair and Secretary to execute said easement agreement; further authorizing payment to Ault pursuant to the terms of the agreement, together to with payment of all funds necessary to record the easement with the Mower County Recorder's office. Kiser seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Jones, Kiser, Olson, Weis

Opposed: None

Water Planning Committee Designate

Hanson talked about the Water Planning Committee and explained that he would like a representative from the CRWD board to be on the committee. Kiser appointed Olson to the committee.

Rent

The CRWD used to pay \$600 in rent to the JC Hormel Nature Center for the board meetings. Kiser suggested that the CRWD make those payments to the SWCD since that is where the board meetings are now being held. The SWCD will not accept payment for the use of the office.

Flood Help

The board discussed assistance for areas that have been damaged due to the wet spring.

Discussion and Updates

Monitoring Update

Fett gave an update on the early season monitoring.

Outreach

Nordby talked about how busy Ruzek has been with Outreach.

Signs

Nordby informed the board of the purchase of 25 signs to mark waterways in the Cedar River Watershed. The TMDL funding will pay for these.

Historical Markers

Nordby informed the board of the meeting that she and Ruzek had with the Historical Society. They talked about a possible grant to post historical markers along the Cedar River.

City Extension

The City of Austin will be at the board meeting in July to request an extension on the power plant flood control project.

Budget

Nordby will have a draft of the 2014 Budget at the July board meeting.

Board

Gebhardt's term was up for the board and he handed in his application to the County. With no other applications for the position, Gebhardt will serve another term.

Manager's Reports

Chairman's Report

No additional comments.

Manager's Report

The board discussed the presentations that were at the Austin Library.

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

Affirmative: Jones, Kiser, Olson, Weis

Opposed: None

Next meeting will be Wednesday, July 17, 2013.

Submitted by,

Jason Weis, Secretary, jkc