

Minutes of the Cedar River Watershed District
1408 21st Ave NW, Austin, MN 55912
Wednesday, June 18, 2014

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
 James Fett, Mower SWCD
 Dave Livingston, Dodge SWCD
 Kurt Deter, Rinke Noonan
 Steve Klein, BARR Engineering

Public Present: Mike and Nancy Debeau

Chairman, Sue Olson called the board meeting to order.

Agenda

Gebhardt made a motion to approve the June agenda. Merten seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

Public Input

Mike Debeau attended the June meeting to appeal his after-the-fact permit penalty for his ditch maintenance project to the CRWD board. Debeau stated that he cleaned the ditch himself and that he did not know there was a permit process. He asked the board to reconsider his permit penalty.

Action Items

Secretary's Report

Gebhardt presented the minutes from the April 16 board meeting, along with the minutes from the June 2, 2014 special board meeting. Jones made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 16 board meeting and the minutes of the June 2 special board meeting. Kiser seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

Treasurer's Report

Jones reviewed the April and May Treasurer's reports with the board. Olson made a motion to approve the April and May treasurer's reports. Kraushaar 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 June. Merten seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

Set Hearing for Dobbins Grant

Deter explained that the next step for the Dobbins Grant is to have a public hearing. Jones made a motion to schedule the public hearing for 6:00pm on Wednesday, July 16, 2014 at an alternative location. Olson seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

Permitting/Rules

The board held discussion on the Mike Debeau after-the-fact permit penalty. The board discussed different options. Jones made a motion to reduce the penalty for Debeau to \$250.

Merten seconded the motion.

Roll call of votes:

Affirmative: Kraushaar, Jones, Merten, Weis, Gebhardt

Opposed: Olson, Kiser

Discussion and Updates

Introduction-Kurt Deter

Kurt Deter introduced himself to the board and explained his experience with watershed districts.

Permit Update

Fett talked with the board on the month's permitting activity. He updated the on the current violations.

Discussion on Rules (Non Compliance Issues)

Fett explained a current ditch permitting issue. There is a large group ditch system that will be doing a cleanout and the issue is: do we permit each landowner individually or permit the group as a whole. Nordby and Deter talked about the issue further. The board instructed Fett to do one permit for the group and that each landowner involved needs to sign the application stating that they aware of the CRWD and the requirements for a ditch cleanout.

Outreach

Nordby updated the board on the Outreach issues that Ruzek has been working on to include waterways month at the library.

Trom Site Update

The board was updated on the culvert that washed out on the Trom site due heavy rains. The culvert was fixed and is working well.

Steve Klein, Barr

Klein gave the board an update on the H & H model changes. The board held discussion.

Manager's Reports

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Olson-Talked about the Rolfson video on Facebook.

Nordby-Talked about the link to the flood stage info.

Weis 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, July 16, 2014.

Submitted by,

Jim Gebhardt, Secretary, jkc