

Minutes of the Cedar River Watershed District
1408 21st Ave NW, Austin, MN 55912
Wednesday, June 15, 2016

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

Others Present: Justin Hanson, Administrator
Cody Fox, Mower SWCD
Tim Ruzek, Mower SWCD
Adam King, Dodge SWCD
Dave Livingston, Dodge SWCD

Chairman Steve Kraushaar called the board meeting to order.

Agenda

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

Affirmative: Kraushaar, Kiser, Weis, Olson

Opposed: None

Public Input

No public input.

Action Items

Secretary's Report

Kraushaar presented the minutes from the May 18, 2016 board meeting. Olson made a motion to approve the minutes. Weis seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Kraushaar, Kiser, Weis, Olson

Opposed: None

Merten joined the meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Hanson reviewed the Treasurer's report for June. Kiser made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Merten seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Kraushaar, Merten, Kiser, Weis, Olson

Opposed: None

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

Affirmative: Kraushaar, Merten, Kiser, Weis, Olson

Opposed: None

Water Detention Projects

Fox presented on three proposed water-detention projects: Project #4-16 Austin 27- Hull; Project #5-16 Austin 27-Pederson; and Project #6-16 Austin 34-Peck. The board held discussion and tabled resolutions to initiate the projects until costs are available. The projects are in the district's Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).

CWF Rock Intake Payment

David Pratner is requesting cost-share payment on his three rock intakes. Total cost was \$1,200 with the 2013 CWF Targeted Drainage Water Management grant paying \$900 at 75%. The

remaining 25% is \$300. Weis made a motion to approve the payment of \$300 to David Pratner for his three rock intakes (25% of the total cost of \$1,200). Olson seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Kraushaar, Merten, Kiser, Weis, Olson

Opposed: None

Discussion and Updates

Legislative Report

Hanson discussed the Minnesota Legislature's 2016 session in regards to its inability to pass a state bonding bill that included requested funds for the district's Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) initiative. As of now, CRWD expects to get \$800,000 if Gov. Dayton calls a special session for the passage of a bonding bill.

Dobbins 1 Presentation

Fox gave a presentation with cost estimates on the proposed Dobbins 1 major water-detention project for the North Branch of Dobbins Creek as part of the district's CIP initiative. Funding for Dobbins 1 is dependent on state bonding funds being approved by the Legislature.

Maintenance Planning

Fox discussed the district possibly managing the maintenance of CIP project sites for two years after completion, such as for weed control. Board held discussion and requested a detailed maintenance proposal.

Permitting

Hanson gave updates on the Mower County Highway Department's off-site mitigation plan for floodplain fill in regards to its road construction project on County State Aid Highway 23.

CIP Funding

Hanson discussed the district's \$1 million funding commitment toward the overall \$8.4 million, five-year CIP initiative and the district's options for providing those funds. He proposed forming a special committee of CRWD board members to discuss options. Olson and Merten expressed interest in the committee.

Cedar River One Watershed, One Plan

Hanson updated the board on the Cedar River One Watershed, One Plan grant application being submitted by Mower SWCD to the Minnesota Board of Water & Soil Resources (BWSR).

Future presentation

Merten discussed giving a presentation at a future board meeting on new computer-modeling technology for nitrogen applications in farming and how it could help reduce nitrate levels in water.

Manager's Reports

Chairman Report

No reports.

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

Affirmative: Kraushaar, Merten, Kiser, Weis, Olson

Opposed: None

Next meeting will be Wednesday, July 20, 2016.

Submitted by,

Mike Merten, Secretary, trr