

Minutes of the Cedar River Watershed District
1408 21st Ave NW, Austin, MN 55912
Wednesday, March 16, 2016

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

Others Present: Justin Hanson, Administrator
 Cody Fox, Mower SWCD
 Tim Ruzek, Mower SWCD
 Adam King, Dodge SWCD
 Dave Livingston, Dodge SWCD
 Three members of the public

Chairman Steve Kraushaar called the board meeting to order.

Agenda

Olson made a motion to approve the agenda. Weis seconded the motion.
Affirmative: Jones, Kraushaar, Gebhardt, Merten, Kiser, Olson, Weis
Opposed: None

Public Input

No public input.

Action Items

Secretary's Report

Merten presented the minutes from the February 17, 2016, board meeting. Gebhardt made a motion to approve the minutes. Olson seconded the motion.
Affirmative: Jones, Kraushaar, Gebhardt, Merten, Kiser, Olson, Weis
Opposed: None

Treasurer's Report

Jones reviewed the Treasurer's report for January and February. Kiser made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Olson 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 March. Olson seconded the motion.
Affirmative: Jones, Kraushaar, Gebhardt, Merten, Kiser, Olson, Weis
Opposed: None

2015 Year End

Jones reviewed the 2015 Year End financials with the board. Olson made a motion to request further details on a line item of the 2015 Year End Financials. Jones seconded the motion.
Affirmative: Jones, Kraushaar, Gebhardt, Merten, Kiser, Olson, Weis
Opposed: None

Olson then made a motion to submit a final report of the 2015 Year End Financials as presented to the Minnesota Board of Water & Soil Resources. Jones seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

Discussion and Updates

Legislative Report

Hanson gave an update on the 2016 legislative session and the CRWD's request for \$1.6 million in state bonding funds for its five-year Capital Improvement Project (CIP) to improve water quality and reduce flooding. Hanson planned to testify at the Legislature on the request March 17 as well as attend the Soil & Water Conservation District Day on March 21 at the Capital.

Home Show

The board talked about the CRWD's booth at the upcoming Austin Home & Vacation Show.

Manager's Reports

Chairman's Report – none

Other Manager's Report – Merten asked for more information about the CRWD's co-sponsorship of an upcoming waterways-themed art show with the Austin ArtWorks Center. Ruzek stated the show will raise awareness and support for the local waterways in an entertaining way while at a nominal cost.

CRWD board members also remembered Al Layman, one of the original CRWD Board of Managers members, serving from 2007 to 2012 as a Mower County representative. Layman passed away March 8.

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

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

Opposed: None

Next meeting will be Wednesday, April 20, 2016.

Submitted by,

Mike Merten, Secretary, jkc