

**Minutes of the Cedar River Watershed District
Mower SWCD Office
Tuesday, November 20, 2012**

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

Others Present: Bev Nordby, Administrator
 Jeanne Crump, Mower SWCD
 Matt Taylor, Mower SWCD
 Matt Benda, Peterson, Savelkoul & Benda, LTD
 Tim Ruzek, Outreach Coordinator
 Dave Livingston, Dodge SWCD

Public Present: Charlie Peterson

Chairman Mike Merten called the board meeting to order.

Agenda

CRP Incentives and Basin Cost Share were added to the Action Items on the agenda. Olson made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Kraushaar seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

Public Input

No Public Input.

Action Items

Secretary's Report

Olson presented the minutes from the October 17, 2012 board meeting. Merten made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 17 board meeting. Weis seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

Treasurer's Report

Crump reviewed the Treasurer's report with the board. Kiser made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Olson seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

Crump reviewed the November payables with the board. Olson made a motion to approve the payables for November. Merten seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

Clean Water Ravine Project

Nordby informed the board that the 2011 CWL dollars that were set aside for a wetland retention area will now be used for ravines, due to conflicts with the wetland area.

Nordby and Benda explained the new process for projects, which will include a resolution and a hearing before the work can begin. Benda went through resolution #1-12-Udolpho 35 for a Water Retention and Grade Stabilization Project. Discussion was held and a hearing will be scheduled for December. Olson made a motion to approve resolution #1-12-Udolpho 35. Kiser seconded the motion.

Crump called for a roll call of votes:

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

Opposed: None

Set Public Hearing

The board set the public hearing for the #1-12-Udolpho 35 project for 7:05 at the December board meeting, December 19, 2012.

Permit Violation

Taylor informed the board of the permit violation in Mower County, Udolpho Township. Work was done on a piece of property without getting a permit. Benda stated that the CRWD board has the authority to impose fines on those in violation. The board held discussion. Olson made a motion that based on a finding that the landowner, Bradley Hines and contractor, Spindler Construction violated the CRWD rules, including #5 & #8. The board hereby imposes a fine of \$500 on Spindler Construction together with attorney fees of \$50; and the landowner is imposed a fine of \$500 together with attorney fees of \$50 with \$300 owed immediately and the additional \$250 stayed, to be owed only if the landowner doesn't comply with all of the permit requirements. Staff will send out a notice of violation to the landowner and the contractor. The timeframe for the completion of these requirements will be at the discretion of the staff. Kiser seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

2012 CRP Incentive Payment

The contract for Charlie Luthe is finalized and ready for payment (see table below).

Contract #	Name	County	Location	Practice	Acres	Contract Length	Application Amount	Encumbered Date	CRP Contract Date	Final Payment Amount
Payment Approval-CRP Contract Finalized										
FI12-3	Charlie Luthe	Mower	Red Rock 32	CP 21	6.5	15	\$ 4,875.00	6/20/2012	10/1/2012	\$ 4,875.00

Kraushaar made a motion to approve payment on the Charlie Luthe CRP contract when the letter of approval is received from FSA. Weis seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

CWL Basin Cost Share

Charles Williams is requesting payment on his water and sediment basins projects. All of the bills except the tile bill have been received. The total cost of the project, not including the tile, was \$21,325.91 and the cost share at 90% will be \$19,193.31. Kraushaar made a motion to approve the payment of \$19,193.31 to Williams, Tiegen, Bahr for their basin project. Weis seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

Discussion and Updates

Outreach

Ruzek updated the board on the outreach projects.

River Clean Up- A 2012 report was given.

Vision 2020- Updated the board on the Vision 2020 group.

MAWD

The board talked about the upcoming MAWD annual meeting.

Set H & H Rollout Date

The board talked about the rollout date for the H & H model. They discussed who would be invited. Nordby will check on available dates at the Hormel Historic Home.

Board Meeting Location

The board held discussion as to where to have the board meetings in 2013. This will be set at the January meeting.

Manager's Reports

Chairman Report

Merten asked for ideas on having an ag producers/partners/farm group meeting to get input from others on the watershed district. Have the farm groups head it off.

Manager's Report

Kiser asked about a CREP/CRP contract.

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

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

Opposed: None

Next meeting will be Wednesday, December 19, 2012.

Submitted by,

Susan Olson, Secretary, jkc