

Minutes of the Cedar River Watershed District
1408 21st Ave NW, Austin, MN 55912
Wednesday, November 20, 2013

Managers Present: Kevin Kiser Steve Kraushaar
 Mike Jones Mike Merten
 Jason Weis

Others Present: Bev Nordby, Administrator
 Jeanne Crump, Mower SWCD
 Justin Hanson, Mower SWCD
 James Fett, Mower SWCD
 Cody Fox, Mower SWCD
 Tim Ruzek, Outreach Coordinator
 Dave Livingston, Dodge SWCD

Members of the Public Present: None

Chairman Kevin Kiser called the board meeting to order.

Agenda

A revised agenda was provided to the board. Merten made a motion to approve the revised agenda. Kraushaar seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Kiser, Jones, Kraushaar, Merten, Weis

Opposed: None

Public Input

No public input.

Action Items

Secretary's Report

Weis presented the minutes from the October 16, 2013 board meeting. Merten made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 16th board meeting. Kraushaar seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Kiser, Jones, Kraushaar, Merten, Weis

Opposed: None

Treasurer's Report

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

Affirmative: Kiser, Jones, Kraushaar, Merten, Weis

Opposed: None

Jones reviewed the November payables with the board. Kraushaar made a motion to approve the payables for November. Merten seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Kiser, Jones, Kraushaar, Merten, Weis

Opposed: None

Basin Projects

Fox explained the Basin applications to the board.

Gene Tapp is requesting CWF cost share for his 3 basin project. The total cost estimate for this project is \$28,300 and the total cost share at 90% would be \$25,740. Kraushaar made a motion to approve CWF request for Gene Tapp for his basin project at \$25,740 (90% of the cost estimate of \$28,300). Funds for this project will come from FY12 CWF. Jones seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Kiser, Jones, Kraushaar, Merten, Weis

Opposed: None

Ed Emerick is requesting CWF cost share for his 2 basin project. The total cost estimate for this project is \$22,300 and the total cost share at 90% would be \$20,070. Jones made a motion to approve CWF request for Ed Emerick for his basin project at \$20,070 (90% of the cost estimate of \$22,300). Funds for this project will come from FY12 CWF. Kraushaar seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Kiser, Jones, Kraushaar, Merten, Weis

Opposed: None

Alan Tapp is requesting CWF cost share for his 2 basin project. The total cost estimate for this project is \$14,900 and the total cost share at 90% would be \$13,410. Weis made a motion to approve CWF request for Alan Tapp for his basin project at \$13,410 (90% of the cost estimate of \$14,900). Funds for this project will come from FY12 CWF. Merten seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Kiser, Jones, Kraushaar, Merten, Weis

Opposed: None

CRP Incentive Projects

The following table shows the applicants for CRP incentives.

Contract #	Name	County	Location	Practice	Acres	Contract Length	Application Date	Application Amount	Encumbered Date	Encumbered Amount	CRP Contract Date	Final Payment Date	Final Payment Amount
Payment Approval-CRP Contract Finalized													
FI13-1	Annette Chapek	Mower	Marshall 11	CP 21	3.1	15		\$ 2,325.00			9/26/2013		
FI13-2	Delos Frank	Mower	Nevada 26	CP 21	2.3	15		\$ 1,725.00			9/26/2013		
FI13-3	Wallace Bustad	Mower	Lansing 15	CP 21	10.7	15		\$ 8,025.00			9/26/2013		
FI13-4	Tony Emanuel	Mower	Nevada 27	CP 21	3	15		\$ 2,250.00			9/27/2013		

CP-21	Filter Strip Practice			Total Acres	19.1								
								Total Applied	\$ 14,325.00	Encumbered	\$ -	Total Paid	\$ -
								Available Funds	\$ 14,325.00	Left To Encumber	\$14,325.00	Balance of Funds	\$ 14,325.00

Dollars Allocated

4/18/2012	CRWD Board Initial Allocation	\$ 14,325.00
	(approved to include contracts 1-8)	
	Total Incentive Dollars	\$ 14,325.00

Kiser made a motion to approve the 4 above CRP Incentive applications. Jones seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Kiser, Jones, Kraushaar, Merten, Weis

Opposed: None

Jones made a motion to pay the 4 above contracts contingent on FSA approval and that staff can sign payment checks when approved. Weis seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Kiser, Jones, Kraushaar, Merten, Weis

Opposed: None

Discussion and Updates

Irrigation Well Violation

Fox updated the board on the irrigation well violation.

City of Hayfield

Hanson updated the board on the City of Hayfield. The board discussed sending an email to their lawyer to invite him to a board meeting.

Permits

Fett updated the board on permitting and informed them of the October/November permits that were issued; 2 for the City of Austin, Udolpho Drainage Group and Dennis Magnuson.

Fett also updated the board on the after the fact permits for Freeborn county and Interstate Mills. Benda will send letters out to the two along with the contractors.

Protected Water Ditches

Fett updated the board on the protected water ditches.

MCC Crews

Hanson informed the board of the work that was done by the Conservation Corp of Minnesota.

Targeted Watershed Program

Nordby explained that she, Fox, Hanson and Fett met with Joe Magner, U of M, to discuss the Targeted Watershed Program grant. It was suggested to write the grant for the Dobbins Creek Watershed area. The board held discussion on the matching dollars, a possible match of \$50,000 a year for 4 years. Kraushaar made a motion to approve applying for the Targeted Watershed Program Grant with a match from the CRWD of \$50,000 a year for the next 4 years that will come out of the Administrative Levy. Jones seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Kiser, Jones, Kraushaar, Merten, Weis

Opposed: None

Outreach

Ruzek updated the board on public outreach, to include; media releases, good public feedback from the tire cleanup, facebook, Vision 2020, and the Austin leadership presentation.

Trom Project

Hanson updated the board the progress of the Trom Project.

Bonding Committee

Hanson and Nordby talked about the meeting with the Senate Bonding Committee on December 5th to talk about funding opportunities. Hanson will give a presentation.

Manager's Reports

Chairman's/Manager's Report

Nothing new.

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

Affirmative: Kiser, Jones, Kraushaar, Merten, Weis

Opposed: None

Next meeting will be Wednesday, December 18, 2013.

Submitted by,

Jason Weis, Secretary, jkc