

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

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

Others Present: Justin Hanson, Administrator
Jeanne Crump, Admin. Assistant
Cody Fox, Mower SWCD
Tim Ruzek, Mower SWCD
Dave Livingston, Dodge SWCD

Public Present: Nels Rasmussen, City of Austin Water Quality Specialist
Vy Hoang, Austin High School Mentee
Molly Regenscheid, Austin High School Mentee

Chairman Steve Kraushaar called the board meeting to order.

Agenda

Two additions were added to the Action Items, Engineering Assistance and Dobbins Cost Share. Jones made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Merten seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

Public Input

Ruzek introduced the two students from the Austin High School mentorship program.

Action Items

Secretary's Report

Merten presented the minutes from the October 19, 2016 board meeting. Jones made a motion to approve the minutes. Weis seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

Treasurer's Report

Jones reviewed the Treasurer's report for November. Olson made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Kiser seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

Jones reviewed the payables with the board. Weis made a motion to approve the payables for November. Gebhardt seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

Project #2-16 Easement Approval

Hanson and Fox informed the board of the Project #2-16 Oelkers/Anderson Easements. They talked about the maintenance plans for this project. Weis made a motion to approve the easements and maintenance agreements for Project #2-16 Oelkers/Anderson. Olson seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

Initiate Project #7-16 Dobbins 250th St.

Fox talked with the board on Project #7-16 Dobbins 250th St. He explained the maps that were handed out, along with the benefits of the project. The board held discussion. Kiser made a motion to initiate Project #7-16 Dobbins 250th St. Weis seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

Engineering Assistance

Hanson talked with the board about the engineering costs for survey analysis for permits on township road culvert projects. He is suggesting a possible cost share for those costs. The board held discussion. It was decided that the board would deal with cost share requests from the townships on a case by case basis.

Dobbins Cost Share

Alan Tapp is requesting cost share assistance for his grade stabilization/saturated buffer project. The total cost estimate of his project is \$23,220.07. Funding for this project will come from:

- Federal EQIP- \$8,331.00, with the remaining amount of \$14,889.07 split as follows;
- 2013 CWL Targeted DWM dollars- \$11,166.80, not to exceed 75% of remaining, and
- Cedar River Watershed District- \$3,722.27, not to exceed 25% of remaining.

Kraushaar made a motion to approve contract #17-13DWM for Alan Tapp to include \$3,722.27 from the CRWD. Jones seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

Discussion and Updates

Dobbins 1 Downstream Easement

Hanson and Fox talked with the board about the frustration with the landowners downstream of the Dobbins 1 project. An easement is needed for a one acre piece of their land in order to finish the project. Fox has been working with the landowners and will continue.

Election Results and CRWD Projects

Discussion was held on the election results and possible effect on bonding for projects.

Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP)

Hanson talked with the board on the upcoming CREP program.

One Watershed Plan Update

Hanson gave an update on 1W1P.

Watershed Model

Ruzek talked with the board on the watershed model that was purchased with the help of a \$500 grant and the City of Austin.

Manager's Reports

Chairman Report

No additional reports.

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

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

Opposed: None

Next meeting will be Wednesday, December 21, 2016.

Submitted by,

Mike Merten, Secretary, jkc