

**Minutes of the Cedar River Watershed District
Ruby Rupner Center – Hormel Nature Center
Wednesday, October 17, 2012**

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

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

Chairman Mike Merten called the board meeting to order.

Agenda

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

Affirmative: Kraushaar, Gebhardt, Merten, Olson, Weis

Opposed: None

Public Input

No Public Input.

Action Items

Secretary's Report

Olson presented the minutes from the August 15, 2012 board meeting. Merten made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 15 board meeting. Gebhardt seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Kraushaar, Gebhardt, Merten, Olson, Weis

Opposed: None

Treasurer's Report

Crump reviewed the Treasurer's report and explained the new summary. Olson made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Kraushaar seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Kraushaar, Gebhardt, Merten, Olson, Weis

Opposed: None

Crump reviewed the September & October payables with the board. Kraushaar made a motion to approve the payables for September & October. Merten seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Kraushaar, Merten, Olson, Weis

Opposed: None

Abstained: Gebhardt

2012 CRP Incentive Payments

Hanson updated the board on the CRP Incentive Program. A new contract is ready for approval for Larry Knutson and 7 contracts are 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
Contract Approval										
FI12-9	Larry Knutson	Dodge	Westfield 18	CP-21	4.2	10	\$ 2,100.00			
Payment Approval-CRP Contract Finalized										
FI12-1	Mark Meany	Mower	Windom 14	CP 21	4.15	15	\$ 3,112.50	6/20/2012	9/10/2012	\$ 3,112.50
FI12-2	John Meany	Mower	Windom 14	CP 21	1.23	15	\$ 922.50	6/20/2012	9/10/2012	\$ 922.50
FI12-4	MRJ Farms	Mower	Waltham 35	CP 21	7.3	15	\$ 5,475.00	6/20/2012	9/18/2012	\$ 5,475.00
FI12-5	Duane Schaefer	Mower	Windom 34	CP 21	13.21	15	\$ 9,907.50	6/20/2012	9/12/2012	\$ 9,907.50
FI12-7	Pat Cottrell	Mower	Waltham 30	CP-21/27/28	5.4	15	\$ 4,050.00	6/20/2012	9/14/2012	\$ 4,050.00
FI12-8	Ed Emerick	Mower	Waltham 30	CP-21	10.2	15	\$ 7,650.00	6/20/2012	9/10/2012	\$ 7,650.00
FI12-9	Larry Knutson	Dodge	Westfield 18	CP-21	4.2	10	\$ 2,100.00		10/1/2012	\$ 2,100.00

Hanson explained the dollars allocated for the CRP Incentive program (see table below). The contract for Dean Paschke was cancelled, which left additional dollars open to be allocated. An additional \$250.00 will be needed to approve the contract for Larry Knutson.

4/18/2012	CRWD Board Initial Allocation for Incentive Program	\$ 35,000.00
6/20/2012	Contracts Approved - Additional dollars	\$ 2,842.50
	Total dollars Allocated as of 6/20/12	\$ 37,842.50
	Paschke Contract Cancelled	\$ (1,850.00)
10/17/2012	Knutson Contract to be Approved	\$ 2,100.00
10/17/2012	Total CRP Incentive Dollars to be Allocated	\$ 38,092.50

Weis made a motion to approve to encumber the CRP contract for Larry Knutson with the additional \$250.00 added to the total CRP initiative program allocation. Olson seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Kraushaar, Gebhardt, Merten, Olson, Weis

Opposed: None

Kraushaar made a motion to approve payment on the above 7 CRP contracts when the letter of approval is received from FSA. Weis seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Kraushaar, Merten, Olson, Weis

Opposed: None

Abstained: Gebhardt

Discussion and Updates

Web Site

Ruzek, Crump and Nordby talked about the new web page.

Dobbins Creek-Slowing Down the Flow

Hanson talked with the board about finding landowners to do projects in the upper end of the Dobbins Creek area. The board talked about having a landowner meeting and how to get them to attend. They discussed the board heading up the meeting and to have it around the beginning of 2013.

CWL-Ravines

Hanson talked about the 2010 CWL dollars that had been set aside for a Water Retention project on DNR property. This project will not be completed due to an inability to reach an agreement with DNR. Hanson approached BWSR to move those dollars into Ravine projects and BWSR gave the go ahead for the dollars to go to ravines.

Tree Removal Project

Nordby talked about doing a pilot tree removal project this winter and next spring on an area in one of the water ways in the Cedar River Watershed.

Riverbend & Andyville

Nordby updated the board on the Riverbend and Andyville areas.

580th Street Project

Hanson talked about the 580th Street project being complete and done for about half the estimated cost. A guardrail will be installed with the remaining dollars.

Outreach

Ruzek updated the board on the outreach projects.

River Clean Up- A 2012 report will be given at the November meeting.

Tree Revetment- Good media coverage.

Ramsey Dam Area- Talked about educating the public on the area.

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

Manager's Reports**Chairman Report**

Nothing new.

Manager's Report

Nothing new.

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

Affirmative: Kraushaar, Gebhardt, Merten, Olson, Weis

Opposed: None

Next meeting will be Wednesday, November 19, 2012.

Submitted by,

Susan Olson, Secretary, jkc