

Minutes of the Cedar River Watershed District

1408 21st Ave NW, Austin, MN 55912

Wednesday, April 20, 2022

Hybrid meeting held at the Austin office, along with remotely via Zoom video

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

Others Present: Justin Hanson, Administrator
Jeanne Crump, Mower SWCD
Cody Fox, Mower SWCD
James Fett, Mower SWCD
Tim Ruzek, Mower SWCD
Paul Hunter, Mower SWCD
Dave Livingston, Dodge SWCD
Dave Copeland, BWSR
Leanna Schneider, NRCS

Chairman Steve Kraushaar called the board meeting to order.

Agenda

Merten made a motion to approve the April agenda. Olson seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

Public Input

Leanna Schneider from the Austin NRCS field office attended the board meeting to introduce herself and meeting the board.

Transition of Administration

Hanson explained to the board that this would be his last CRWD board meeting. The Mower SWCD is in the process of hiring a new district manager and are dedicated to continuing the relationship with the CRWD. More will be discussed at the May board meeting.

Secretary's Report

The minutes were presented to the board from the March 16, 2022, board meeting. Olson made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 16 board meeting. Weis seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report was reviewed with the board. Merten made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Gebhardt seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

The payables report was reviewed with the board. Weis made a motion to approve the payables for April. Olson seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

Action Items

Cover Crop Cost Share

Hunter explained the cover crop contract for Richard Jax. This contract will include a payment each year for 3 years. Jones made a motion to approve the Richard Jax cover crop contract through the MPCA 319 grant for \$2,205.00 per year, 93 ac. @ \$35 for 3 years, total of \$6,615.00. Payments for this project will be paid out on a year-by-year basis. Olson seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

CRWD Cost Share

Fox and Hanson explained the gully cleanout project for Neil Drees. The total cost of the project is \$19,435.00, with \$2500.00 to be used for site prep and critical area seeding. Olson made a motion to approve the Neil Drees site prep and critical area seeding cost share contract for \$1875.00, 75% of the cost estimate of \$2500.00. Funding for this project will come out of the CRWD projects account. Weis seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

Partners Reports

Dodge SWCD, Dave Livingston

Livingston gave an update.

BWSR, Dave Copeland

Copeland updated the board on in person meetings and grants/funding available.

Discussion and Updates

Monitoring Season

Fett updated the board on the upcoming monitoring season.

Grant Updates

Hanson talked about new grants.

Outreach Update

Ruzek updated the board on outreach in the watershed.

Manager's Reports

Chairman Report

The board thanked Hanson for all his work/time with the CRWD.

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

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

Opposed: None

Next meeting will be Wednesday, May 18, 2022.

Submitted by,

Mike Merten, Secretary, jkc