

Minutes of the Cedar River Watershed District
1408 21st Ave NW, Austin, MN 55912
Wednesday, April 19, 2023
Meeting held at the Mower SWCD office

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

Others Present: Cody Fox, Administrator Jeanne Crump, Mower SWCD
Tim Ruzek, Mower SWCD James Fett, Mower SWCD
Dave Livingston, Dodge SWCD

Chairman Gebhardt called the board meeting to order.

Agenda

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

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

Opposed: None

Public Input

No public input.

Secretary's Report

The minutes were presented to the board from the March 22, 2023, board meeting. Kraushaar made a motion to approve the minutes. Weis seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

Treasurer's Report

The board discussed the March month end reports. Merten made a motion to approve the March month end reports. Olson seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

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

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

Opposed: None

Action Items

Discussion/Approval Project #9-17 Easement Payment

Fox updated the board on the Alan Akkerman easement payment issue. He explained that he received an email from Adam Ripple, with Rinke-noonan which states he has no concerns with the Board moving forward with the project and approving the bids. The board held discussion. Payment approval continues with the motion from the March meeting.

Approval/Rejection of Bids for Project #9-17

Fox talked about the bids that were received. The board held discussion. Hodgman Drainage's bid came in the lowest. Olson made a motion to award the bid for project #9-17 to Hodgman Drainage. Jones seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

Signoff Authority for Project #9-17

Kraushaar made a motion to give signoff authority to Fox for documents relating to project #9-17. Kiser seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

Summer Construction Policy

The board discussed the proposed Summer Construction Policy. Kraushaar made a motion to adopt the Summer Construction Policy. Olson seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

Partners Reports

Dodge SWCD, Dave Livingston

Livingston talked about the April Dodge SWCD board meeting.

BWSR, Dave Copeland

Not in attendance.

Discussion and Updates

Permitting- 90 and 218

Fett updated the board on permitting in the watershed.

Dodge County FEMA

Fox talked about the FEMA floodplain changes and Dodge County landowner who received a letter regarding the changes.

Outreach

Ruzek informed the board that the whitewater feasibility study on the Austin downtown dam is moving forward. He updated the board on other outreach in the watershed.

Manager's Reports

Chairman Report

Nothing new.

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

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

Opposed: None

Next meeting will be Wednesday, May 17, 2023.

Submitted by,

Sue Olson, Secretary, jkc