Minutes of the Cedar River Watershed District 1408 21st Ave NW, Austin, MN 55912 Wednesday, August 18, 2021 Hybrid meeting held at the Austin office, along with remotely via Zoom video

Managers Present:	Jim Gebhardt Steve Kraushaar Kevin Kiser Sue Olson	Mike Jones Mike Merten Jason Weis-Zoom
Others Present:	Justin Hanson, Administrator Jeanne Crump, Mower SWCD Tim Ruzek, Mower SWCD Dave Livingston, Dodge SWCD Dave Copeland, BWSR	

Public Hearing for the 2022 Administrative and Project Levies

Vice Chairman, Steve Kraushaar called the public hearing to order.

2022 Budget, Administrative, Project and Maintenance Levy

Hanson talked about the 2022 budget breakdown and the levy proposals. Hanson gave an update on projects and funding in the watershed to date. The board held discussion.

Public Input

Livingston talked about Dodge County and upcoming projects.

Jones made a motion to close the public hearing. Olson seconded the motion.Affirmative:Gebhardt, Jones, Kraushaar, Merten, Kiser, Olson, WeisOpposed:None

Vice Chairman Kraushaar called the board meeting to order.

Agenda

Olson made a motion to approve the August agenda. Kiser seconded the motion. Affirmative: Gebhardt, Jones, Kraushaar, Merten, Kiser, Olson, Weis Opposed: None

Public Input

No public input.

Action Items

Secretary's Report

The minutes were presented to the board from the July 18, 2021 board meeting. Merten made a motion to approve the July 18 meeting minutes. Weis seconded the motion. Affirmative: Gebhardt, Jones, Kraushaar, Merten, Kiser, Olson, Weis Opposed: None

Treasurer's Report

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

Affirmative:Gebhardt, Jones, Kraushaar, Merten, Kiser, Olson, WeisOpposed:None

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

Affirmative: Gebhardt, Jones, Kraushaar, Merten, Kiser, Olson, Weis Opposed: None

2020 Audit

Kiser made a motion to approve the 2020 audit that was completed by CliftonLarsonAllen. Gebhardt seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Gebhardt, Jones, Kraushaar, Merten, Kiser, Olson, Weis Opposed: None

Proposed 2022 Budget

The board held discussion on the 2022 Budget. The board talked about the proposed \$20,000 Maintenance Levy. Kiser made a motion to approve the proposed 2022 Budget, to include the \$20,000 Maintenance Levy. Olson seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Gebhardt, Jones, Kraushaar, Merten, Kiser, Olson, Weis Opposed: None

Resolution for 2022 Proposed Levy

Jones made a motion to approve the resolution for the 2022 Levy: Administrative-\$250,000, Project-\$100,000, and Maintenance-\$20,000. Weis seconded the motion. Crump led a roll call of votes. Affirmative: Gebhardt, Jones, Kraushaar, Merten, Kiser, Olson, Weis Opposed: None

Discussion and Updates

Project Planning Exercise

Hanson went through the proposed long term planning Capital Improvement Project list. The board held discussion.

Outreach Update, Tim Ruzek

Ruzek updated the board on activities going on in the watershed, to include; Fish Clean initiative, litter grabbers/river cleanups, fall Canoemobile, Cedar River access site and a potential Turtle Creek canoe access site.

Senator Dornink Visit

Hanson talked about the visit to the office today by Senator Gene Dornink.

Manager's Reports

Nothing new to report.

BWSR Report, Dave Copeland

Copeland updated the board on the CWF grant that Hanson applied for and the next steps that will be taken by BWSR towards approving it. He also talked about the BWSR board tour scheduled for August 25th.

Kiser made a motion to adjourn the board meeting. Olson seconded the motion. Affirmative: Gebhardt, Jones, Kraushaar, Merten, Kiser, Olson, Weis Opposed: None

Next meeting will be Wednesday, September 15, 2021.

Submitted by,

Jím Gebhardt, Secretary, jkc