

# Minutes of the Cedar River Watershed District

1408 21<sup>st</sup> Ave NW, Austin, MN 55912

Wednesday, December 20, 2023

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

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

Manager via Zoom: Jim Gebhardt (non-voting)

Others Present: Cody Fox, Administrator  
                          Jeanne Crump, Office Manager  
                          Dave Livingston, Dodge SWCD  
                          Dave Copeland, BWSR

Secretary Sue Olson called the board meeting to order.

## Agenda

Jones made a motion to approve the December agenda. Weis seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Kraushaar, Jones, Kiser, Weis, Olson

Opposed: None

## Public Input

No public input.

## Secretary's Report

The minutes were presented to the board from the November 15, 2023, board meeting. Kraushaar made a motion to approve the November 15 meeting minutes. Kiser seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Kraushaar, Jones, Kiser, Weis, Olson

Opposed: None

## Treasurer's Report

Jones reviewed the November month end reports with the board. Weis made a motion to approve the November month end reports. Olson seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Kraushaar, Jones, Kiser, Weis, Olson

Opposed: None

The December payables report, check #4086-4094, was reviewed with the board. Kiser made a motion to approve the payables for December and to approve the payment of any remaining 2023 bills, including 4<sup>th</sup> quarter supervisor payroll. Olson seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Kraushaar, Jones, Kiser, Weis, Olson

Opposed: None

## Action Items

### 2024 CRWD Agreement

The board talked about the 2024 contract for services with the SWCD. Two adjustments were made to the agreement. Jones made a motion to approve the 2024 SWCD Contract for Services with adjustments. Olson seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Kraushaar, Jones, Kiser, Weis, Olson

Opposed: None

### 2024 Final Budget

Kiser made a motion to approve the final 2024 budget. Kraushaar seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Kraushaar, Jones, Kiser, Weis, Olson

Opposed: None

## **2024 Levy Certification**

Kiser made a motion to certify the levy for 2024, which includes \$250,000 for administrative, \$100,000 for projects and \$20,000 for project maintenance. Jones seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Kraushaar, Jones, Kiser, Weis, Olson

Opposed: None

## **Partners Reports**

### **Dodge SWCD, Dave Livingston**

Livingston updated the board on their December board meeting, along with office staff changes.

### **BWSR, Dave Copeland**

Copeland talked about the remaining funds in the Dobbins CIP grant and that they will be used to fund another project. He also talked about the closing out of the first Cedar Wapsipinicon 1W1P grant. Soil health grants were discussed.

## **Discussion and Updates**

### **MN Watersheds Thoughts**

Discussion was held on the MN Watersheds annual conference.

### **Joint SWCD/CRWD Meeting**

The board discussed a joint meeting with the Mower SWCD. The board suggested to have the joint meeting on January 17. Fox will check with the SWCD board.

### **Projects, Misc.**

Fox talked with the board on other projects in the watershed.

## **Manager's Reports**

No reports were given.

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

Affirmative: Kraushaar, Jones, Kiser, Weis, Olson

Opposed: None

Next meeting will be Wednesday, January 17, 2023.

Submitted by,

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*Sue Olson, Secretary*, jkc