

# Minutes of the Cedar River Watershed District

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

Wednesday, January 18, 2023

**Hybrid meeting held at the JC Hormel Nature Center and remotely via Zoom.**

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

Others Present: Cody Fox, Administrator Jeanne Crump, Mower SWCD (Zoom)  
Tim Ruzek, Mower SWCD Paul Hunter, Mower SWCD  
Larry Callahan, Mower SWCD James Fett, Mower SWCD  
Jessica Bulman, Mower SWCD Dave Livingston, Dodge SWCD

Vice Chairman Jim Gebhardt called the board meeting to order.

## Organization of Board Officers

Fox opened the floor for nomination of officers.

Olson nominated Gebhardt for Chairman. Kiser made a motion that nominations cease and to elect Gebhardt for Chairman. Olson seconded the nomination.

Affirmative: Kiser, Merten, Olson, Weis

Opposed: None

Abstained: Gebhardt

Olson nominated Merten for Vice Chairman. Kiser made a motion that nominations cease and to elect Merten for Vice Chairman. Olson seconded the nomination.

Affirmative: Gebhardt, Kiser, Olson, Weis

Opposed: None

Abstained: Merten

Kiser nominated Olson for Secretary. Merten made a motion that nominations cease and to elect Olson for Secretary. Kiser seconded the nomination.

Affirmative: Gebhardt, Merten, Kiser, Weis

Opposed: None

Abstained: Olson

Olson nominated Jones for Treasurer. Merten made a motion that nominations cease and to elect Jones for Treasurer. Olson seconded the nomination.

Affirmative: Gebhardt, Kiser, Merten, Olson, Weis

Opposed: None

2023 Office Holders are:

Jim Gebhardt, Chairman

Mike Merten, Vice Chairman

Sue Olson, Secretary

Mike Jones, Treasurer

## Agenda

BWSR Engineering Report was added to the Discussion Items. Merten made a motion to approve the January agenda with addition. Olson seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Gebhardt, Kiser, Merten, Olson, Weis

Opposed: None

## **Public Input**

No public input.

## **Secretary's Report**

The minutes were presented to the board from the December 21, 2022, board meeting. Olson made a motion to approve the minutes. Weis seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Gebhardt, Kiser, Merten, Olson, Weis

Opposed: None

## **Treasurer's Report**

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

Affirmative: Gebhardt, Kiser, Merten, Olson, Weis

Opposed: None

## **Action Items**

### **Set Location & Time of CRWD 2023 Meetings**

The board held discussion on the location and time for the 2023 Monthly Board Meetings. Kiser made a motion to keep the time of the meetings at 6:00pm and the location for meetings at the Mower SWCD office. Olson seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Gebhardt, Kiser, Merten, Olson, Weis

Opposed: None

### **Designate Bank**

Kiser made a motion to keep US Bank as the District Bank of depository for checking and the current, 1<sup>st</sup> State Bank MN in LeRoy for Savings. Weis seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Gebhardt, Kiser, Merten, Olson, Weis

Opposed: None

### **Legal Paper**

Olson made a motion to keep the District's legal paper with the Austin Daily Herald. Weis seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Gebhardt, Kiser, Merten, Olson, Weis

Opposed: None

## **Partners Reports**

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

Livingston updated the board on the SWCD January meeting.

### **BWSR, Dave Copeland**

No report.

## **Discussion and Updates**

### **2023 Board Roles**

Discussion held.

### **Roberts Creek Delistings**

The board discussed the presentation given before the board meeting by Emily Zanon, MPCA.

### **Outreach Update**

Ruzek talked about the proposed changes to the downtown dam in Austin. A feasibility study will be done for the project.

### **CIP Updates-Engineers Report**

Fox updated the board on projects.

**Soil Health Equipment Grant**

Fox updated the board on the funds available through the Department of Ag that landowners can apply for to purchase soil health equipment.

**Special Project Crop Damage Policy Proposal**

Fox talked about a proposed policy for crop damage. Fox will write up the policy and bring it to the board.

**BWSR Engineering Report**

Fox explained this report.

**Manager's Reports****Chairman Report**

Merten, Kiser and Kraushaar's terms are up this year.

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

Affirmative: Gebhardt, Kiser, Merten, Olson, Weis

Opposed: None

Next meeting will be Wednesday, February 16, 2023.

Submitted by,

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*Sue Olson, Secretary, jkc*