

Minutes of the Cedar River Watershed District

1408 21st Ave NW, Austin, MN 55912

Wednesday, January 17, 2024

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

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

Manager via Zoom: Jim Gebhardt (non-voting)

Others Present: Cody Fox, Administrator
 Jeanne Crump, Mower SWCD
 Dave Livingston, Dodge SWCD

Administrator, Fox, called the board meeting to order.

Organization of Board Officers

Fox opened the floor for nomination of officers.

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

Affirmative: Kraushaar, Merten, Kiser, Olson, Weis

Opposed: None

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

Affirmative: Kraushaar, Merten, Kiser, Olson, Weis

Opposed: None

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

Affirmative: Kraushaar, Merten, Kiser, Olson, Weis

Opposed: None

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

Affirmative: Kraushaar, Merten, Kiser, Olson, Weis

Opposed: None

2024 Office Holders are:

Mike Merten, Chairman
Sue Olson, Vice Chairman
Jason Weis, Secretary
Mike Jones, Treasurer

Agenda

Weis made a motion to approve the January agenda. Olson seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Kraushaar, Merten, Kiser, Olson, Weis

Opposed: None

Public Input

No public input.

Secretary's Report

The minutes were presented to the board from the December 20, 2023, board meeting. Kraushaar made a motion to approve the minutes. Kiser seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Kraushaar, Merten, Kiser, Olson, Weis

Opposed: None

Treasurer's Report

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

Affirmative: Kraushaar, Merten, Kiser, Olson, Weis

Opposed: None

Action Items

Set Location & Time of CRWD 2023 Meetings

The board held discussion on the location and time for the 2024 Monthly Board Meetings.

Kraushaar 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: Kraushaar, Merten, Kiser, Olson, Weis

Opposed: None

Designate Bank

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

Affirmative: Kraushaar, Merten, Kiser, Olson, Weis

Opposed: None

Legal Paper

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

Affirmative: Kraushaar, Merten, Kiser, Olson, Weis

Opposed: None

2023 Audit Bid

The board discussed the bid from CliftonLarsonAllen for the 2023 Audit. Olson made a motion to approve the 2023 audit bid from CliftonLarsonAllen. Kiser seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Kraushaar, Merten, Kiser, Olson, Weis

Opposed: None

Partners Reports

Dodge SWCD, Dave Livingston

Livingston updated the board on the SWCD January meeting and staffing in the District.

BWSR, Dave Copeland

Not in attendance.

Discussion and Updates

2024 Board Roles

Not discussed.

Outreach/Whitewater Update

This will be discussed at the joint meeting in February.

Joint SWCD/CRWD Meeting

The joint meeting is scheduled February 21st starting at 5:00 with the SWCD meeting. Supper after that, with the CRWD meeting beginning at 7:00.

MPCA Climate Resiliency Project Funding

Fox talked about additional funding for the MPCA Climate Resiliency project.

CPL Project

Fox informed the board that the CPL Dobbins Phase II project for Tapp will be beginning soon.

Manager's Reports

Chairman Report

Nothing new.

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

Affirmative: Kraushaar, Merten, Kiser, Olson, Weis

Opposed: None

Next meeting will be Wednesday, February 21, 2024.

Submitted by,

Jason Weis, Secretary, jkc