

Minutes of the Cedar River Watershed District
1408 21st Ave NW, Austin, MN 55912
Wednesday, March 22, 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 Dave Livingston, Dodge SWCD
Dave Copeland, BWSR Alan Akkerman, Public

Chairman, Gebhardt called the public hearing to order.

Project Establishment #9-17- Akkerman

Fox gave a presentation on project #9-17. Discussion was held.

Public Comment

No public comment.

Jones made a motion to close the public hearing. Merten seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

Chairman Gebhardt called the board meeting to order.

Agenda

Merten made a motion to approve the March agenda. Olson 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 February 15, 2023, board meeting. Jones made a motion to approve the minutes. Kraushaar seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

Treasurer's Report

The year end reports were discussed. Jones made a motion to approve the year end reports. Olson seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

The board discussed the January-February month end reports. Olson made a motion to approve the January-February month end reports. Kraushaar seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

The March payables report was reviewed with the board. Olson made a motion to approve the payables for March with payment to Alan Akkerman contingent on approval of the project #9-17 easements under Action Items. Kiser seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

Action Items

Establishment of Project #9-17

Olson made a motion to establish project #9-17- Akkerman. Jones seconded the motion.

Crump led a roll call of votes.

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

Opposed: None

Bid Procedures for Project #9-17

Kraushaar made a motion to authorize staff to let bids for the established project #9-17 with the April 19 bid opening. Olson seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

Project #9-17 Easements

Fox explained the Alan Akkerman easements for Project #9-17.

Kiser made a motion to approve the Conservation & Flowage Easements for Project #9-17, payable to Alan E. Akkerman. The amount of \$300,397.97 will be paid out contingent upon approval from legal counsel and final recording. Gebhardt seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

Jones left the meeting.

Summer Construction Policy

Fox talked about the Summer Construction Policy. The board held discussion. Changes were suggested. Fox will make changes and add the adjusted policy to the April agenda. Kraushaar made a motion to table action until the April board meeting. Merten seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

Partners Reports

Dodge SWCD, Dave Livingston

Livingston talked about the March Dodge SWCD board meeting.

BWSR, Dave Copeland

Copeland talked with the board about the process for the establishment order and other documents sent to BWSR after approval. Fox will send the information to BWSR immediately following the board meeting. Fox expects BWSR to have the information approved and sent back by BWSR in advance of the next board meeting.

BWSR, Tom Gile- Drainage Registry Update

Gile not in attendance.

Discussion and Updates

2023 Outreach Plan

Ruzek talked with the board on his proposed 2023 Outreach Plan. Talked about the proposed whitewater project for the Austin downtown dam and played a video of the proposed project. The board held discussion.

CIP Funding Breakdown- CRWD Contributions

Fox talked about the project funding breakdown over the years.

Potential Bonding Bill

Fox updated on the SWCD Legislative Day at the Capitol and bonding bill potentials.

Manager's Reports

Chairman Report

Nothing new.

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

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

Opposed: None

Next meeting will be Wednesday, April 19, 2023.

Submitted by,

Sue Olson, Secretary, jkc