

Minutes of the Cedar River Watershed District
1408 21st Ave NW, Austin, MN 55912
Wednesday, March 20, 2024
Meeting held at the Mower SWCD office

Managers Present: Mike Jones Mike Merten
 Kevin Kiser Sue Olson
 Jason Weis

Manager via Zoom: Jim Gebhardt (non-voting)

Others Present: Cody Fox, Administrator Jeanne Crump, Mower SWCD
 Tim Ruzek, Mower SWCD Dave Livingston, Dodge SWCD
 Dave Copeland, BWSR Mitch Wenum, City of Austin

Chairman Merten called the board meeting to order.

Agenda

Kiser made a motion to approve the updated March agenda. Weis seconded the motion.
Affirmative: Jones, Kiser, Merten, Olson, Weis
Opposed: None

Public Input

No public input.

Secretary's Report

The minutes were presented to the board from the February 21, 2024, board meeting. Merten made a motion to approve the minutes. Kiser seconded the motion.
Affirmative: Jones, 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. Kiser seconded the motion.
Affirmative: Jones, Kiser, Merten, Olson, Weis
Opposed: None

The board discussed the January-February month end reports. Weis made a motion to approve the January-February month end reports. Olson seconded the motion.
Affirmative: Jones, 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. Weis seconded the motion.
Affirmative: Jones, Kiser, Merten, Olson, Weis
Opposed: None

Discussion and Updates

Whitewater Update- Mitch Wenum

Wenum updated the board on the next steps of the Whitewater project in Austin.

Action Items

Cost Share (319)

Jones made a motion to approve the cost share contract for Zach Nelson for his water and sediment control basin project. The total cost estimate of the project is \$12,663.00 and the 319 cost share payment at 15% will be \$1,899.45. An additional 75% of the grant will be funded by the Cedar Wapsipinicon 1W1P grant. Olson seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Jones, Kiser, Merten, Olson, Weis

Opposed: None

Approval for Project #26-24 Initiation

Fox informed the board on project #26-24. Jones made a motion to approve the initiation of project #26-24 Red Rock 34 flood reduction project. Merten seconded the motion.

Crump called for a roll call of votes:

Affirmative: Jones, Kiser, Merten, Olson, Weis

Opposed: None

Partners Reports

Dodge SWCD, Dave Livingston

Livingston talked about the March Dodge SWCD board meeting, projects, cover crops and drill activity/options.

BWSR, Dave Copeland

Copeland informed the board about new staff, Cedar Wapsi WBIF grant reconciliation.

Discussion and Updates (continued)

Outreach Report:

Ruzek updated the board on outreach in the watershed, to include; Orchard Creek access, canoemobile, and the 2023 annual report.

Project Updates:

Fox talked about the current and upcoming projects.

Manager's Reports

Chairman Report

Nothing new.

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

Affirmative: Jones, Kiser, Merten, Olson, Weis

Opposed: None

Next meeting will be Wednesday, April 17, 2024.

Submitted by,

Jason Weis, Secretary, jkc