

Minutes of the Cedar River Watershed District
1408 21st Ave NW, Austin, MN 55912
Wednesday, May 17, 2023
Meeting held at the Mower SWCD office

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

Others Present: Cody Fox, Administrator Jeanne Crump, Mower SWCD
Dave Copeland, BWSR Dave Livingston, Dodge SWCD
Tom Gile, BWSR

Chairman Gebhardt called the board meeting to order.

Agenda

Olson made a motion to approve the May agenda. Merten seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

Public Input

No public input.

Secretary's Report

The minutes were presented to the board from the April 19, 2023, board meeting. Merten made a motion to approve the minutes. Weis seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

Treasurer's Report

The board discussed the April month end reports. Olson made a motion to approve the April month end reports. Kiser seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

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

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

Opposed: None

Action Items

Administrator Signoff Approval

Kiser made a motion to delegate board authority to Administrator to sign on behalf of the board. These items include grant applications, grant agreements, Elink financial reports, permits, contracts and other expenses that are within the framework of the budget. Olson seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

Cost Share Approval- Summer Construction

The following 2 applicants are requesting summer construction cost share for their projects.

Funding Source	Contract/ Payment Approval	Landowner	Project	Total Cost Share Rate	Estimated Acres	Total Payment	Date	Other Funding
Hormel Foundation	CONTRACT	Al Akkerman	Summer Construction	\$500/acre	25	\$12,500.00	5/17/2023	
CRWD	CONTRACT	MSJJ Bonanza	Summer Construction	\$200/acre	7	\$1,400.00	5/17/2023	\$3,000.00

Kraushaar made a motion to approve the applications for summer construction cost share for Al Akkerman and MSJJ Bonanza. Weis seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

Partners Reports

Dodge SWCD, Dave Livingston

Livingston talked about the May Dodge SWCD board meeting, and flooding in the county.

BWSR, Dave Copeland

Copeland updated the board on BWSR programs, to include legislative items with a summary at the June board meeting, along with other grant updates.

Drainage Registry Update, Tom Gile

Gile explained the drainage registry and what it entails. Discussion was held.

Discussion and Updates

Whitewater Feasibility Study

Fox informed the board that the engineering company who will be doing the study is currently in Austin and is meeting with the community to discuss the study.

MN Watersheds Tour- June 20-21

Fox talked about the MN Watersheds tour that will take place June 20th and 21st. Individuals from all over the state will see projects from Shell Rock River WD, Turtle Creek WD and CRWD.

Manager's Reports

Chairman Report

Nothing new.

Kiser 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, June 21, 2023.

Submitted by,

Sue Olson, Secretary, jkc