



CRWD sets 2012 levy with no tax increase

In approving next year's budget, board keeps same taxing level as 2011

AUSTIN, Minn. – Thursday, Dec. 22, 2011 – Property taxes collected by the Cedar River Watershed District will remain the same next year.

On Wednesday, the Cedar River Watershed District's Board of Managers approved the district's 2012 tax levy at \$225,000 – the same levy it previously set for 2011. That amount was the proposed maximum levy set by the CRWD board this summer.

CRWD managers set the levy while approving the CRWD's budget for 2012 during its monthly meeting at the Jay C. Hormel Nature Center's Ruby Rupner Auditorium in Austin.

Overall, the CRWD will have a \$337,000 budget for 2012, which includes grant money revenue for projects.

CRWD officials have been setting aside "seed money" for future projects once the district had rules in place. Those rules became effective Dec. 1, 2011. All watershed districts are required by state law to implement rules to accomplish their purpose.

Projects by the CRWD are focused on the district's two main goals of reducing flooding and improving water quality within the Cedar River Watershed.

Formed in 2007 in response to the area's frequent major floods, the CRWD covers 278,540 acres that include much of western Mower County along with parts of Dodge, Steele and Freeborn counties.

Copies of the new rules are available at the Mower County Soil & Water Conservation District office in Austin and online at the CRWD's website – www.cedarriverwd.org.

Who: The Cedar River Watershed District's Board of Managers.

What: Voted to set the CRWD's tax levy at \$225,000 for 2012 – the same level approved for 2011.

Where/When: Jay C. Hormel Nature Center in Austin on Wed., Dec. 21.

Why: The CRWD board set the levy as part of approving the watershed district's budget for 2012.

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