

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

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

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

Public Hearing for the 2025 Administrative, Project and Maintenance Levies

Chairman, Mike Merten called the public hearing to order.

2025 Budget, Administrative, Project and Maintenance Levy

Fox talked about the 2025 budget breakdown and 2025 proposed levy. The board held discussion.

Public Input

No Input

Kraushaar made a motion to close the public hearing. Kiser seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Kraushaar, Gebhardt, Kiser, Merten, Weis

Opposed: None

Chairman Merten called the board meeting to order.

Agenda

Gebhardt made a motion to approve the August agenda. Weis seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Kraushaar, Gebhardt, Kiser, Merten, Weis

Opposed: None

Public Input

No public input.

Secretary's Report

The minutes were presented to the board from the July 17, 2024, board meeting. Merten made a motion to approve the minutes. Gebhardt seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Kraushaar, Gebhardt, Kiser, Merten, Weis

Opposed: None

Treasurer's Report

The board discussed the July month end reports. Kiser made a motion to approve the July month end reports. Kraushaar seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Kraushaar, Gebhardt, Kiser, Merten, Weis

Opposed: None

The August payables report was reviewed with the board. Weis made a motion to approve the payables for August, check #s 4140-4150. Kraushaar seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Kraushaar, Gebhardt, Kiser, Merten, Weis

Opposed: None

Action Items

2025 Budget

Kraushaar made a motion to approve the 2025 Proposed Budget. Weis seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Kraushaar, Gebhardt, Kiser, Merten, Weis

Opposed: None

Resolution- 2025 Proposed Levy

Gebhardt made a motion to approve the 2025 Budget and Levy as presented to the public during August 21, 2024 hearing with the following proposed levy amounts for 2025, Administrative-\$250,000, Project-\$100,000, and Maintenance-\$20,000. Kiser seconded the motion. Crump did a roll call vote.

Affirmative: Kraushaar, Gebhardt, Kiser, Merten, Weis

Opposed: None

Partners Reports

Dodge SWCD, Dave Livingston

Livingston talked about the Dodge SWCD August board meeting. He also talked about the conservation tour that took place on August 7th.

BWSR, Dave Copeland

Copeland informed the board of the new grants available, current grants and RFPs. He also updated the board on BWSR staffing. He talked about future grant audits.

Discussion and Updates

Cedar/Wapsi Project Tour

The board discussed the August 7th conservation tour.

Dexter Project

Fox updated the board on the progress of the Dexter project.

Manager's Reports

Chairman Report

Merten talked about the U of M project meeting scheduled tomorrow, August 22nd. Discussion held.

Kraushaar talked about the upcoming Lidar update.

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

Affirmative: Kraushaar, Gebhardt, Kiser, Merten, Weis

Opposed: None

Next meeting will be Wednesday, September 18, 2024.

Submitted by,

Jason Weis, Secretary, jkc