

**Minutes of the Cedar River Watershed District
1408 21st Ave NW, Austin, MN 55912
Wednesday, July 16th, 2025
Meeting held at the Austin office**

Managers Present: Steve Kraushaar Mike Jones
Mike Merten Kevin Kiser
Jason Weis Sue Olson
Joe Sheely

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

Chairman Olson, called the board meeting to order.

Agenda

Weis made a motion to approve the July agenda. Merten seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

Public Input

No public input.

Secretary's Report

The minutes were presented to the board from the June 18th, 2025, board meeting. Olson made a motion to approve the minutes. Weis seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

Treasurer's Report

Jones reviewed the June month end reports with the board. Kraushaar made a motion to approve the June month end reports. Merten seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

The July payables report, check #4224-4228, was reviewed with the board. Kiser made a motion to approve the payables for July. Merten seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

Action Items

Set Hearing for 2026 Budget

Jones made a motion to set the hearing for the 2026 Budget for August 20, 2025, at 6:00pm.

Prior to the regular scheduled meeting, Merten seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

Partners Reports

Dodge SWCD, Dave Livingston

Livingston updated the board on Dodge SWCD.

BWSR, Annie Gunness
Not in attendance.

Discussion and Updates

319 Updates

Fox updated the board on the new 319 grant. The grant should be ready for use by fall 2025.

Flood Hazard Funding Request

Fox talked about the flood hazard funding request that he submitted.

Updated Preliminary 2026 Budget

The board held discussion.

Program Summary Discussion/Updates

Fox and the board discussed updating the program summary. Staff will bring an updated program summary to the August board meeting for approval.

Ellis Ditch Update

Fox updated the board on a discussion he had with a landowner about a potential future project to help with flood water retention for the Ellis ditch.

Manager's Reports

Chairman Report

Nothing new.

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

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

Opposed: None

Next meeting will be Wednesday, August 20, 2025.

Submitted by,

Kevin Kiser, Secretary, jkc