

**Minutes of the Cedar River Watershed District**  
**1408 21<sup>st</sup> Ave NW, Austin, MN 55912**  
**Wednesday, November 20, 2024**  
**Meeting held at the Mower SWCD office**

Managers Present:   Mike Jones                               Jim Gebhardt (via zoom)  
                              Steve Kraushaar               Kevin Kiser  
                              Mike Merten                 Jason Weis  
                              Sue Olson

Others Present:       Cody Fox, Administrator  
                              Dave Livingston, Dodge SWCD

Chairman Merten called the board meeting to order.

**Agenda**

Kraushaar made a motion to approve the November agenda. Kiser seconded the motion.

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

Opposed:       None

**Public Input**

No public input.

**Secretary's Report**

The minutes were presented to the board from the October 16th board meeting. Jones made a motion to approve the minutes. Olson seconded the motion.

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

Opposed:       None

**Treasurer's Report**

The board discussed the October month end reports. Kraushaar made a motion to approve the October month end reports. Olson seconded the motion.

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

Opposed:       None

The November payables were read to the board. Kiser made a motion to approve the payables for November, subject to approval of the administrator. Weis seconded the motion.

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

Opposed:       None

**Action Items**

**Audit**

The 2023 audit was reviewed and presented to the board. Jones made a motion to approve the audit review. Olson seconded the motion.

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

Opposed:       None

**Partners Reports**

**Dodge SWCD, Dave Livingston**

Livingston updated the board on Dodge SWCD projects and updates on seeding cover crops.

**BWSR, Dave Copeland**

Copeland was not in attendance.

## **Discussion and Updates**

### **RCPP Updates**

Fox discussed BWSR being awarded \$21M from USDA NRCS for water storage. Fox informed the board of the work staff are doing in front of the applications to be ready and competitive for the funding. Fox expects applications to not be open for several more months but will stay in touch with the grant leads for this future grant.

### **CRWD/SWCD Agreement**

Fox presented the previous year's (2024) CRWD/SWCD Agreement and stated he did not expect much for changes to the agreement. The agreement will be reviewed and executed at the December board meeting. Fox stated once the RCPP details are discovered, future years funding to SWCD may need to increase based on funding received and additional RCPP information.

## **Manager's Reports**

### **Chairman Report**

No additional to report.

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

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

Opposed: None

The next meeting will be Wednesday, December 18, 2024.

Submitted by,

---

*Jason Weis, Secretary, jkc*