

Minutes of the Cedar River Watershed District
1408 21st Ave NW, Austin, MN 55912
Wednesday, April 15, 2026
Meeting held at the Mower SWCD Office, Austin

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

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

Chairman, Weis called the public hearing for project #27-24 to order.

Project Establishment #27-24 Tapp

Fox gave a presentation on project #27-24. Discussion was held.

Public Comment

No public comment.

Jones made a motion to close the public hearing. Olson seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

Chairman, Weis called the public hearing for project #26-24 to order.

Project Establishment #26-24 Rugg

Fox gave a presentation on project #26-24. Discussion was held.

Public Comment

No public comment.

Merten made a motion to close the public hearing. Olson seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

The board meeting was called to order by Chairman, Weis.

Agenda

Olson made a motion to approve the April agenda. Kraushaar seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

Public Input

No public input.

Secretary's Report

The minutes were presented to the board of the March 18, 2026, board meeting. Jones made a motion to approve the minutes. Weis seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

Treasurer's Report

Jones reviewed the March month end reports with the board. Weis made a motion to approve the March month end reports. Olson seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

The April payables report, check #4287-4310, was reviewed with the board. Kraushaar made a motion to approve the payables for April. Sheely seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

Action Items

Establishment of Project #27-24

Olson made a motion that the managers recommend project #27-24 Tapp be established. Weis seconded the motion.

Crump led a roll call of votes.

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

Opposed: None

Establishment of Project #26-24

Olson made a motion that the managers recommend project #26-24 Rugg be established. Jones seconded the motion.

Crump led a roll call of votes.

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

Opposed: None

Approval of Easements for Project #27-24 & #26-24

Fox talked about the conservation and flowage easements for both projects. The documents will be taken to Mower County to be recorded April 16, 2026.

Olson made a motion to approve the easement payments for projects #27-24 & #26-24 to be disbursed after the recording of the documents. Merten seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

Authorization for Bids

Jones made a motion to authorize staff to advertise for bids for projects #27-24 & #26-24 with the May 13 bid opening. Sheely seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

Discussion and Updates

Flood Hazard Program Updates

Fox gave an update on the Phase III Flood Hazard Mitigation Funds.

Project Insurance

Fox explained that he is looking into insurance for watershed projects. He will bring back more information in the coming months.

Partners Reports**Dodge SWCD, Dave Livingston**

Livingston explained that the board meeting for Dodge SWCD is April 16 and that he will have an update at the May meeting.

BWSR, Dave Copeland

Not in attendance.

Manager's Reports

Nothing more to report.

Project Cost and Funding

Fox updated the board on the estimated remaining costs and funding for project #27-24 and #26-24.

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

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

Opposed: None

Next meeting will be Wednesday, May 20, 2026 at 6:00pm.

Submitted by,

Joe Sheely, Secretary, jhc