

Minutes of the Cedar River Watershed District
1408 21st Ave NW, Austin, MN 55912
Wednesday, December 17, 2025
Meeting held at the Austin office

Managers Present: Mike Jones Mike Merten
 Steve Kraushaar Kevin Kiser
 Jason Weis

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

Vice Chairman Weis, called the board meeting to order.

Agenda

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

Affirmative: Jones, Kraushaar, Merten, Kiser, Weis

Opposed: None

Public Input

None.

Secretary's Report

The minutes were presented to the board of the November 19, 2025, board meeting. Jones made a motion to approve the minutes. Weis seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Jones, Kraushaar, Merten, Kiser, Weis

Opposed: None

Treasurer's Report

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

Affirmative: Jones, Kraushaar, Merten, Kiser, Weis

Opposed: None

The December payables report, check #4259-4263, was reviewed with the board. Jones made a motion to approve the payables for December. Weis seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Jones, Kraushaar, Merten, Kiser, Weis

Opposed: None

Action Items

2026 Final Budget

The board discussed the final 2026 budget. Kraushaar made a motion to approve the final 2026 budget. Merten seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Jones, Kraushaar, Merten, Kiser, Weis

Opposed: None

Levy Certification

Weis made a motion to certify the levy for 2026, which includes \$250,000 for administrative, \$100,000 for projects and \$20,000 for project maintenance. Jones seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Jones, Kraushaar, Merten, Kiser, Weis

Opposed: None

2026 Partner Agreement

The board discussed the 2026 partner agreement. An adjustment needs to be made on the bottom of page one, change 2025 to 2026. Kraushaar made a motion to approve the 2026 partner agreement with Mower SWCD with the change on page one. Kiser seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Jones, Kraushaar, Merten, Kiser, Weis

Opposed: None

Partners Reports

Dodge SWCD, Dave Livingston

Livingston updated on Dodge SWCD's December board meeting.

BWSR, Annie Gunness

Gunness was not in attendance, but she provided a report. Fox went through the report with the board.

Discussion and Updates

Project Funding Updates

Fox updated the board on the DNR Bonding opportunity. The board discussed different options for matching funds. Fox informed them on the meeting he had with the Hormel Foundation.

The board gave Fox recommendations.

Manager's Reports

Chairman Report

Nothing new.

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

Affirmative: Jones, Kraushaar, Merten, Kiser, Weis

Opposed: None

Next meeting will be Wednesday, January 21, 2026.

Submitted by,

Kevin Kiser, Secretary, jkc