Minutes of the Cedar River Watershed District
1408 21st Ave NW, Austin, MN 55912
Wednesday, February 18, 2026
Meeting held at the JC Hormel Nature Center, 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
James Fett, Mower SWCD
Tim Ruzek, Mower SWCD

Administrator, Fox, called the board meeting to order.

Organization of Board Officers

Fox opened the floor for nomination of officers.

Olson nominated Weis for Chairman. Olson made a motion that nominations cease and to elect Weis for Chairman. Jones seconded the nomination.
Affirmative: Jones, Kraushaar, Merten, Kiser, Olson, Weis, Sheely
Opposed: None

Olson nominated Kiser for Vice Chairman. Olson made a motion that nominations cease and to elect Kiser for Vice Chairman. Weis seconded the nomination.
Affirmative: Jones, Kraushaar, Merten, Kiser, Olson, Weis, Sheely
Opposed: None

Olson nominated Sheely for Secretary. Olson made a motion that nominations cease and to elect Sheely for Secretary. Merten seconded the nomination.
Affirmative: Jones, Kraushaar, Merten, Kiser, Olson, Weis, Sheely
Opposed: None

Olson nominated Jones as Treasurer. Olson made a motion that nominations cease and to elect Jones for Treasurer. Kraushaar seconded the nomination.
Affirmative: Jones, Kraushaar, Merten, Kiser, Olson, Weis, Sheely
Opposed: None

2026 Office Holders are:
Jason Weis, Chairman
Kevin Kiser, Vice Chairman
Joe Sheely, Secretary
Mike Jones, Treasurer

Agenda

A change was made to the Secretary's Report section of the Agenda, minutes from previous month to previous meeting. Jones made a motion to approve the February agenda. Sheely 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 from the December 17, 2025, board meeting. Kraushaar made a motion to approve the minutes. Weis seconded the motion.
Affirmative: Jones, Kraushaar, Merten, Kiser, Olson, Weis, Sheely
Opposed: None

Treasurer's Report

The payables report was reviewed with the board. Olson made a motion to approve the payables for January. Merten seconded the motion.
Affirmative: Jones, Kraushaar, Merten, Kiser, Olson, Weis, Sheely
Opposed: None

Action Items

Set Location & Time of CRWD 2026 Meetings

The board held discussion on the location and time for the 2026 Monthly Board Meetings. Olson made a motion to keep the time of the meetings at 6:00pm and the location for meetings at the Mower SWCD office. Weis seconded the motion.
Affirmative: Jones, Kraushaar, Merten, Kiser, Olson, Weis, Sheely
Opposed: None

Designate Bank

Jones made a motion to keep US Bank as the District Bank of depository for checking and 1st State Bank MN in LeRoy for Savings. Olson seconded the motion.
Affirmative: Jones, Kraushaar, Merten, Kiser, Olson, Weis, Sheely
Opposed: None

Legal Paper

Olson made a motion to keep the district's legal paper with the Austin Daily Herald. Jones seconded the motion.
Affirmative: Jones, Kraushaar, Merten, Kiser, Olson, Weis, Sheely
Opposed: None

Administrator Signoff Authority

Olson made a motion to assign the CRWD Administrator as the authorized signatory for the watershed district. Sheely seconded the motion.
Affirmative: Jones, Kraushaar, Merten, Kiser, Olson, Weis, Sheely
Opposed: None

Partners Reports

Dodge SWCD, Dave Livingston

Not in attendance.

BWSR, Annie Gunness

Not in attendance.

Discussion and Updates

Permit Discussion & Updates

Fett informed the board on a current permit application. He explained the scenario and that the applicant is working with him. The board agreed with Fett and instructed him to go ahead with the permit approval.

Capital Project Updates

Fox gave an update on the current projects and funding.

Manager's Reports

Chairman Report

Nothing new.

Olson made a motion to adjourn the board meeting. Merten seconded the motion.
Affirmative: Jones, Kraushaar, Merten, Kiser, Olson, Weis, Sheely
Opposed: None

Next meeting will be Wednesday, March 18, 2025.

Submitted by,

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Joe Sheely, Secretary, jkc