

Minutes of the Cedar River Watershed District
1408 21st Ave NW, Austin, MN 55912
Wednesday, June 17, 2026
Meeting held at the Mower SWCD Office, Austin

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

Others Present: Cody Fox, Administrator Jeanne Crump, Mower SWCD
 Dave Copeland, BWSR Dave Livingston, Dodge SWCD
 Glenn Hahn, Dodge SWCD

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

Agenda

A change was made to the agenda to move Dobbins Phase III Projects from Discussion Items to Action Items. Olson made a motion to approve the adjusted June agenda. Kraushaar seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

Public Input

No public input.

Secretary's Report

The minutes were presented to the board of the May 20, 2026, board meeting. Merten made a motion to approve the minutes. Kraushaar seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

Treasurer's Report

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

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

Opposed: None

The June payables report, check #4321-4326, was reviewed with the board. Olson made a motion to approve the payables for June. Sheely seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

Action Items

Dobbins Phase III Projects

Fox talked about the additional Dobbins Phase III projects and funding. The board held discussion. Olson made a motion to approve, due to the benefits of the projects, payment of attorney and easement costs up to \$10,000 for a 25-year easement for the 5 water and sediment control basins. The CRWD funding is contingent on state and federal dollars funding the projects, with CRWD bearing costs associated with acquiring the easements with the landowners being responsible for maintenance on the basins for the 25 years. Jones seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

Discussion and Updates

No additional items.

Partners Reports

Dodge SWCD, Dave Livingston

Livingston updated on the June SWCD board meeting. He informed the board that he will no longer be on the Dodge SWCD board as of December 31, 2026. He introduced Glenn Hahn, his replacement on the CRWD committee.

BWSR, Dave Copeland

Copeland updated the board on Gunness's return from leave in mid-September, the Cedar Wapsi watershed plan amendment, along with updates on the CWF grant that was applied for.

Manager's Reports

Kiser informed the board that he is moving in September and will no longer be in Dodge County. Due to this, he will not be able to be on the CRWD board as the Dodge County representative.

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

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

Opposed: None

Next meeting will be Wednesday, July 15, 2026, at 6:00pm.

Submitted by,

Joe Sheely, Secretary, jhc