Minutes of the Cedar River Watershed District
1408 21st Ave NW, Austin, MN 55912
Wednesday, March 18, 2026
Meeting held at the Mower SWCD Office, Austin

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

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

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Weis.

Agenda

The following additions were made to the agenda: 2025 Year End and February Financial Reports to the Treasurers Report, along with Project Plans to Discussion and Updates. Jones made a motion to approve the March agenda with additions. 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 February 18, 2026, board meeting. Kraushaar made a motion to approve the minutes. Jones seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Jones, Kraushaar, Merten, Kiser, Olson, Weis, Sheely
Opposed: None

Treasurer's Report

The payables report was reviewed with the board. Merten made a motion to approve the payables for March. Weis seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Jones, Kraushaar, Merten, Kiser, Olson, Weis, Sheely
Opposed: None

Jones went through the year end 2025 financial reports and the 2026 program summary. Merten made a motion to approve the year end 2025 financial reports and the 2026 program summary. Sheely seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Jones, Kraushaar, Merten, Kiser, Olson, Weis, Sheely
Opposed: None

Discussion and Updates

Financial Status Update

Fox gave an update on the district's current funds, upcoming project expenses and funds remaining. The board held discussion.

Project Plans

Fox explained project #26-24 and #27-24 to the board. The board discussed the projects.

Action Items

Audit Bid

Jones made a motion to approve the audit bid of $13,000 from CliftonLarsonAllen for the 2025 audit. Kraushaar seconded the motion.
Affirmative: Jones, Kraushaar, Merten, Kiser, Olson, Weis, Sheely
Opposed: None

Set Project Hearing for Project #26-24- Rugg

Jones made a motion to set the hearing for Project #26-24- Rugg for April 15, 2026 at 6:00pm. Sheely seconded the motion.
Affirmative: Jones, Kraushaar, Merten, Kiser, Olson, Weis, Sheely
Opposed: None

Set Project Hearing for Project #27-24- Tapp

Weis made a motion to set the hearing for Project #27-24- Tapp for April 15, 2026 at 6:15pm. Merten seconded the motion.
Affirmative: Jones, Kraushaar, Merten, Kiser, Olson, Weis, Sheely
Opposed: None

Authorization for Administrator to apply for CWF Competitive Grant

Fox informed the board of the CWF Competitive Grant application. He talked about the projects to be funded with the grant funds and the match funds needed. Kraushaar made a motion to approve that Fox apply for the CWF Competitive Grant. Sheely seconded the motion.
Affirmative: Jones, Kraushaar, Merten, Kiser, Olson, Weis, Sheely
Opposed: None

Partners Reports

Dodge SWCD, Dave Livingston

Livingston updated the board on the Dodge SWCD.

BWSR, Annie Gunness

Not in attendance.

Manager's Reports

Discussion was held on the managers that are up for reappointment, Kraushaar, Merten and Kiser.

Merten 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, March 18, 2026 at 6:30pm.

Submitted by,

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Joe Sheely, Secretary, jkc