

Minutes of the Cedar River Watershed District
1408 21st Ave NW, Austin, MN 55912
Wednesday, August 19, 2026
Meeting held at the Austin office

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

Others Present: Cody Fox, Administrator Jeanne Crump, Mower SWCD
 James Fett, Mower SWCD
 Dave Copeland, BWSR Dave Livingston, Dodge SWCD
 Stephanie Rathburn, Isthmus Engineering

Public Hearing for the 2027 Administrative, Project and Maintenance Levies

Chairman, Jason Weis called the public hearing to order.

2027 Budget, Administrative, Project and Maintenance Levy

Fox talked about the 2027 budget breakdown and 2027 proposed levy. The board held discussion.

Public Input

No Input

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

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

Opposed: None

Chairman Weis, called the board meeting to order.

Agenda

Olson made a motion to approve the updated August agenda. Sheely seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

Public Input

None

Secretary's Report

The minutes were presented to the board of the July 15, 2026, board meeting. Olson made a motion to approve the minutes. Kiser seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

Treasurer's Report

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

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

Opposed: None

The August payables report, check #4338-4353, was reviewed with the board. Kraushaar made a motion to approve the payables for August. Weis seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

Action Items

2027 Budget & Levy Resolution

Olson made a motion to approve the 2027 Budget and Levy as presented to the public during the August 19, 2026, hearing with the following proposed levy amounts for 2027, Administrative-\$250,000, Project-\$100,000, and Maintenance-\$20,000. Jones seconded the motion. Crump did a roll call vote.

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

Opposed: None

Permitting

Stephanie Rathburn, Isthmus Engineering, gave a presentation on the work being done in Blooming Prairie along Hwy 218. District engineer, John Schulte V, reviewed the information in conjunction with CRWD staff and found the project reduced flow rates leaving the site under the design condition to the maximum amount practicable. Therefore, a recommendation for the approval of the permit application.

Jones made a motion to approve the permit consistent with the recommendation of the district engineer. Olson seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

Discussion and Updates

Hayfield Study

Fox informed the board that Bolton & Menk is working for the city of Hayfield on a resiliency study due to drainage issues and flooding through Hayfield over the years. The study will be reviewed and discussed with engineers. Additional information and feedback will be presented to the board once all information has been fully reviewed.

Partners Reports

Dodge SWCD, Dave Livingston

Livingston updated the board on Dodge SWCD, to include; the Dodge SWCD August board meeting, along with Dodge projects.

BWSR, Dave Copeland

Copeland updated the board on BWSR, to include; Gunness return to work, Cedar Wapsi watershed plan amendments, and the competitive clean water fund grant that was approved for the watershed district.

Manager's Reports

Chairman Report

Nothing new.

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

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

Opposed: None

Next meeting will be Wednesday, September 16, 2026.

Submitted by,

Joe Sheely, Secretary, jkc