



CRWD changes meeting time, location for '13

Board of Managers sets monthly meetings for 6 p.m. at SWCD office in Austin

AUSTIN, Minn. – Thursday, Jan. 17, 2013 – Starting in February, the Cedar River Watershed District's Board of Managers will begin its monthly meetings an hour earlier and at a new location for the 2013 year.

On Wednesday, the CRWD board voted to have its regular monthly meetings begin at 6 p.m. The board also decided to change its meeting location to the Mower County Soil & Water Conservation District office, 1408 21st Ave. N.W., in Austin. The SWCD office is located just east of U.S. 218 North, next to Collision Specialists Inc. The CRWD board had been meeting at Austin's nature center.

Board members decided on the changes during their meeting Wednesday as part of other annual business decisions, including electing manager Kevin Kiser to his first term as the board's Chair. Manager Sue Olson was elected as Vice Chair.

CRWD board members also unanimously approved another one-year agreement with the Mower County SWCD to provide staffing and administrative services for operating the watershed district. The SWCD has provided these services since the CRWD was established in 2007.

State and local officials formed the CRWD in response to the Cedar River Watershed's worst-known floods occurring in 2000 and 2004. The CRWD's top priorities are aimed at reducing flooding and improving water quality within the Cedar River Watershed.

In December, the CRWD was named Minnesota's top watershed program by the Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts for its work to reduce flooding and improve water quality in the Cedar River Watershed.

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