

# Minutes of the Cedar River Watershed District

1408 21<sup>st</sup> Ave NW, Austin, MN 55912

Wednesday, February 21, 2024

Hybrid meeting held at the JC Hormel Nature Center, along with remotely via Zoom

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

Manager via Zoom: Jim Gebhardt (non-voting)

Mower SWCD Staff: Cody Fox, Administrator      Jeanne Crump  
                                 Tim Ruzek    Paul Hunter  
                                 Micah Peterson                                      Jessica Bulman

Mower SWCD Sup: Randy Smith                      Jim Kellogg  
                                 Rod Moe    Jay Soltau

Others Present: Dave Copeland, BWSR  
                                 Dave Livingston, Dodge SWCD

Chairman, Mike Merten called the board meeting to order.

## Agenda

Kiser made a motion to approve the February agenda. Olson seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Kraushaar, Merten, Kiser, Olson, Weis

Opposed: None

## Public Input

No public input.

## Secretary's Report

The minutes were presented to the board from the January 17, 2024, board meeting. Olson made a motion to approve the minutes. Merten seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Kraushaar, Merten, Kiser, Olson, Weis

Opposed: None

## Treasurer's Report

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

Affirmative: Kraushaar, Merten, Kiser, Olson, Weis

Opposed: None

## Action Items

No action items for February

## Partners Reports

### Dodge SWCD, Dave Livingston

Livingston updated the board on the open admin position in Dodge and miscellaneous other staff.

### BWSR, Dave Copeland

Copeland talked with the board on the RFP for water storage grants, along with the upcoming Dobbins CIP grant reconciliation.

## **Discussion and Updates**

### **Property Purchase**

Fox explained that there is a small property downstream of a project completed several years ago that is still eroding and could be improved. Fox mentioned the owner has called about selling the property. Fox explained the project has some value to CRWD and wouldn't cost a lot with Clean Water dollars available for the repair. The board advised Fox to look more into legal aspects of the job and what options are available.

## **Manager's Reports**

### **Chairman Report**

Nothing new.

Kiser made a motion to adjourn the board meeting. Weis seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Kraushaar, Merten, Kiser, Olson, Weis

Opposed: None

Next meeting will be Wednesday, March 20, 2024.

Submitted by,

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*Jason Weis, Secretary, jkc*