

**Regular Meeting
South Washington Watershed District
Tuesday, March 10, 2026 6:00 p.m.
City of Woodbury Public Works Building**

1. Call to Order and Setting of Agenda

Manager Doucette called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. A motion was made by Manager Stephens to approve the Agenda. Manager Filipiak seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Roll Call:

- Sharon Doucette, President
- Emily Stephens, Vice President
- David Filipiak, Secretary
- Mike Madigan, Manager

Staff:

- John Loomis, Administrator
- Melissa Imse, Operations Manager
- Kyle Axtell, Watershed Project Manager
- Tony Randazzo, Watershed Restoration Specialist
- Abby Tekiela, Water Resources Program Coordinator

Others:

- None

2. Public Open Forum. None.

3. Consent Agenda

Items on the Consent Agenda include: February 10, 2026, Regular Board Meeting minutes, February Claims Roster and Treasurer's Report: accounts payable \$233,380.18, accounts receivable \$59,313.42, 4M fund balance \$10,197,099.64, Calendar of Events, Development Reviews, Wetland Conservation Act, Cost Share, and Miscellaneous Correspondence. A motion was made by Manager Madigan to approve the Consent Agenda. Manager Stephens seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Manager's Report

Manager Doucette—Manager Doucette reported that she has been re-appointed to the SWWD Board.

Manager Stephens—None.

Manager Filipiak—None.

Manager Madigan—None.

5. Administrator Report

SWWD Project Updates. Included in the board packet are project updates on: Trout Brook, Glacial Valley Park and Open space, Campus Greening, Wilmes Lake Alum Treatment Facility, Hasenbank Woods and Stormwater Park, Markgrafs Lake Retrofit Analysis, Cottage Grove Ravine Regional Park, St. Croix Bluffs Regional Park, CR74-65th and Geneva, Newport Elementary Underground BMP, Lower Grey Cloud Slough Habitat Improvement, Watershed Management Plan Update, In-Lake AIS Management, Newport Open Space Planning, Cottage Grove Open Space Planning, Armstrong Lake Wetland Cattail Harvesting, SWWD Website Update, La and Ria Lake Outlets, and

Wild Rivers Conservancy Purple Loosestrife Community Science. SWWD received a request from Wild Rivers Conservancy for support for their purple loosestrife control program. The program recruits and engages volunteers to raise and release bugs that act as a biological control to limit expansion of the invasive purple loosestrife. The Valley Branch Watershed District has covered the requested funding amount. However, there may be future opportunities for SWWD to fund this program.

Lower St. Croix Watershed-Based Implementation Funding Convene Discussion. In previous biennial funding cycles for the BWSR Watershed-Based Implementation Funding (WBIF) program, the allocation to the Lower St. Croix (LSC) Metro area has been largely or fully directed toward the LSC Watershed Partnership for implementation of the basin-wide comprehensive plan. For FY26-27 the Metro LSC allocation is \$1,266,376. The upcoming convene meeting is scheduled for March 24, 2026, and Kyle Axtell will be serving as SWWD's voting representative. He has also been volunteering as the LSC Metro WBIF convene meeting coordinator. After discussion, the Board supports fully allocating the funding to the LSC Watershed Partnership for basin-wide implementation.

Agreements approved by the Administrator. SWWD's accounting policies authorizes the Administrator to approve purchases up to \$5,000 on behalf of the District. Under that policy, the Administrator approved the enclosed agreements in February.

- SWWD Grants Dashboard Task Order with Washington Conservation District-\$3,500

- 6. Grey Cloud Bathymetry Task Order #2026-001, Houston Engineering.** SWWD has routinely collected bathymetric data in the Grey Cloud channel since completion of the Grey Cloud bridge project that restored flow to track changes in sedimentation and channel formation. It has now been several years since we last collected data and are due for an update. The task order provides for that data collection and analysis. A motion was made by Manager Filipiak to approve Task Order #2026-001 for the Grey Cloud Bathymetry survey with Houston Engineering for up to \$25,100. Manager Stephens seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- 7. City of Woodbury Water Wise Implementation Program (WWWIP).** SWWD continues to support water conservation programs delivered by its partner Cities. The managers reviewed the program results from the 2025. Further, the City has requested continued financial support in 2026. SWWD has budgeted for that continued support. A motion was made by Manager Filipiak to approve the 2026 funding request for the City of Woodbury's Water Wise Implementation Program for up to \$25,000. Manager Madigan seconded. Motion unanimously.
- 8. Glacial Valley Park Maintenance Contract with Great River Greening.** Great River Greening (GRG) has been successfully managing vegetation throughout the CDSF/Glacial Valley Park since 2018. SWWD will continue to have GRG conduct vegetation management on the 148 acres of the CDSF through 2029. The four units are nearly established as grassland habitats. All units still have a variety of pressures from persistent invasive species and a lack of floral diversity and will have varying management needs in coming years. Staff has been satisfied with GRG's ability to use their own crews to address general site maintenance and to employ contractors to conduct activities beyond their capacity. Additionally, GRG leverages SWWD's ongoing work and funding to pursue additional grant funding, ongoing research and community/corporate work group involvement through regular GRG organized volunteer activities. Annual cost over the four-year contract is \$274/acre. A motion was made by Manager Stephens to approve the Glacial Valley Park

Maintenance Contract with Great River Greening for up to \$162,600. Manager Filipiak seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

9. **Armstrong Lake Cattail Harvesting Presentation.** Staff presented the results of the recent SWWD cattail harvesting pilot project at Armstrong Lake.

10. **Future Business and Meetings.**

- Regular Board Meeting, Tuesday, March 10, 2026, 6:00pm
- CAC Meeting, Tuesday, March 24, 2026, 6:00pm
- MSRC-Minnesota Stormwater Pond Symposium, March 31-April 1, 2026
- Mike Madigan Recognition, Tuesday, April 14, 2026 5:00pm
- Regular Board Meeting, Tuesday, April 14, 2026 6:00pm
- Lower St. Croix Policy Committee Meeting, Monday, April 27-, 2026 4:00pm
- Workshop and Regular Board Meeting, Tuesday, May 12, 2026 5:00pm

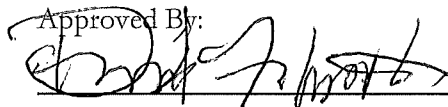
11. **Adjourn**

The next regular Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 14th at 6:00 pm. A motion was made by Manager Madigan to adjourn at 6:58 p.m. Manager Doucette seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Imse

Melissa Imse, Operations Manager

Approved By: 
Mr. David Filipiak, Secretary

4.14.26
Date