

Regular Meeting
South Washington Watershed District
Tuesday, April 14, 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 move Item #7-City of Cottage Grove 2026 Irrigation Controller Program to the Consent Agenda. Manager Madigan 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:

- Mary Ellen Reihsen, SWWD Attorney
- Andrea Date

2. Public Open Forum. The Managers welcomed Andrea Date to the SWWD.

3. Consent Agenda

Items on the Consent Agenda include: March 10, 2026, Regular Board Meeting minutes, March Claims Roster and Treasurer's Report: accounts payable \$440,435.64, accounts receivable \$50,897.68, 4M fund balance \$10,008,619.95, Calendar of Events, Development Reviews, Wetland Conservation Act, Cost Share, Miscellaneous Correspondence and Item #7-City of Cottage Grove 2026 Irrigation Controller Program. A motion was made by Manager Stephens to approve the Consent Agenda. Manager Filipiak seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Manager's Report

Manager Doucette—Manager Doucette reported that she attended the CAC meeting.

Manager Stephens—Manager Stephens reported that she attended the Minnesota Stormwater Research Council Pond Symposium.

Manager Filipiak—Manager Filipiak reported that he attended the Minnesota Stormwater Research Council Pond Symposium.

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 Groundwater and Ecosystems Services Studies.

Watershed Management Plan Update. 60-day Agency review is complete. Staff are working on the comments and responses received. The Managers will review the comments and responses at the May workshop.

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 March.

- Wild Rivers Conservancy Purple Loosestrife Control-\$1,000

- 2026 Coordinated Capital Improvement Program.** The SWWD Board of Managers approved the 2026 Coordinated Capital Improvement Program at its December 9, 2025 regular meeting, making up to \$650,000 available for capital improvement and maintenance projects in the South Washington management unit that help improve water quality, stormwater management, de-icing operations, and the resiliency of District resources. For 2026, approximately \$5,000 in the East Mississippi management unit and \$5,000 in the Lower St. Croix management unit is available for projects in those areas. SWWD received Seventeen applications. The Citizens Advisory Committee reviewed the applications at its March 24, 2026 meeting and passed a series of motions recommending that all seventeen applications be considered by the Board for either full or partial funding. With further consideration given by Staff to SWWD goals, application prioritization, and available budget and funding resources, eleven CCIP application are recommended for approval. The Managers reviewed the applications. A motion was made by Manager Madigan to approve the Staff recommended funding of eleven CCIP applications for a total of \$1,253,000. Manager Filipiak seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- City of Cottage Grove 2026 Irrigation Controllers Program.** This item was approved under the Consent Agenda.
- All Saints Lutheran Church Stewardship Grant Application.** Staff have been working with the Washington Conservation District since summer of 2025 developing a project with All Saints Lutheran Church in Cottage Grove to reconstruct and improve an existing large raingarden that intercepts runoff from a large area of the church's parking lot. Originally constructed in 2009 with cost-share assistance from SWWD, the raingarden has lost much of its original storage capacity despite evidence of ongoing maintenance by the church. This project will re-excavate the basin beyond its original volume, re-plant native perennials, and install a new pre-treatment grit chamber at the inlet to the basin, making maintenance easier for the church and increasing the next life span of the raingarden. After discussion, a motion was made by Manager Stephens to approve the cost-share agreement for this project for 75% of the total project cost, not to exceed \$20,620.69. Manager Filipiak seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- 2025 Annual Report.** The draft 2025 Annual Report was emailed to the Managers prior to the meeting for review. The approved Annual Report must be submitted to the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources. The 2025 Financial Audit will be completed for the May Board meeting for approval. The audit will be included in the Annual Report. A motion was made by Manager Madigan to approve the 2025 Annual Report and authorize submittal to the required State Agencies. Manager Stephens seconded. Motion carried 3-0 with Manager Doucette abstaining from the vote.
- SWWD Artist-in-Residence Contract Extension.** The 2025 cycle of the SWWD Artist-in-Residence program has been of great interest to community members, organizations, and

professional colleagues. As staff have developed the program over the last three years, one thing has become clear- that more time is needed. The vision for the future of this program is to extend the timeline to accommodate for seasonal changes, increased visibility of the program, and greater opportunity to capture and highlight the work that the District does and the value in the natural resources it serves. Staff recommend extending the contract of current Artist Taylor Mills to April 30th, 2027. After discussion, a motion was made by Manager Filipiak to extend the Artist-in-Residence contract with Taylor Mills through April 30, 2027. Manager Doucette seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

- 11. Resolution #2026-002, Mike Madigan Recognition.** The Managers and Staff thanked Manager Mike Madigan for his years of service and dedication to the SWWD. A motion was made by Manager Filipiak to approve Resolution #2026-002. Manager Stephens seconded. Motion carried 3-0 with Manager Madigan abstaining from the vote.

12. Future Business and Meetings.

- Mike Madigan Recognition, Tuesday, April 14, 2026 5:00pm
- Regular Board Meeting, Tuesday, April 14, 2026 6:00pm
- City of Woodbury Council Meeting Mike Madigan Recognition, Wednesday, April 22, 2026 7:30 pm.
- Lower St. Croix Policy Committee Meeting, Monday, April 27-, 2026 4:00pm
- Cities of Woodbury and Cottage Grove Joint Meeting, Woodbury Central Park, Wednesday, April 29, 2026, 5:00 pm.
- Workshop and Regular Board Meeting, Tuesday, May 12, 2026 5:00pm
- Regular Board Meeting, Tuesday, June 9, 2026 6:00 pm.
- CAC Meeting, Tuesday, June 23, 2026 6:00 pm.

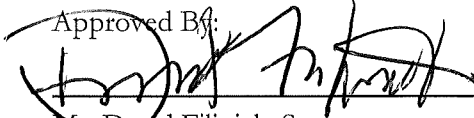
13. Adjourn

The next regular Board Meeting and Workshop will be held on Tuesday, May 12th at 5:00 pm. A motion was made by Manager Filipiak to adjourn at 7:19 p.m. Manager Doucette seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Imse

Melissa Imse, Operations Manager

Approved By: 
Mr. David Filipiak, Secretary

7.14.26
Date