



SOUTH WASHINGTON WATERSHED DISTRICT

**South Washington Watershed District-Regular Meeting
Tuesday, July 14, 2026 6:00 p.m.
City of Woodbury Public Works building
2301 Tower Drive**

AGENDA

- 1) Call to Order and Setting of Agenda
- 2) Public Open Forum
- 3) Consent Agenda
- 4) Manager Reports
- 5) Administrator's Report
 - a) Project Update
 - b) Minnesota Watersheds 2026 Annual Meeting on Resolutions and Petitions
- 6) 2027 Draft Budget
 - a) Discussion: 2027 Draft Budget
- 7) Water Quality Database Reporting Platform, Barr Engineering Task Order #2026-001
 - a) Discussion: Water Quality Database Reporting Platform Barr Task Order #2026-001
 - b) Decision: Water Quality Database Reporting Platform Barr Task Order #2026-001
- 8) Washington Conservation District Monitoring Services Agreement Amendment
 - a) Discussion: Washington Conservation District Monitoring Services Agreement Amendment
 - b) Decision: Washington Conservation District Monitoring Services Agreement Amendment
- 9) Lake Elmo Medical Center Permit Application
 - a) Discussion: Lake Elmo Medical Center Permit Application
 - b) Decision: Lake Elmo Medical Center Permit Application
- 10) Future Business and Meetings
 - a) Regular Board Meeting, Tuesday, July 14, 2026 6:00pm
 - b) Goat and Sheep Grazing at Glacial Valley Park, July 9-23
 - c) Lower St. Croix Policy Committee Meeting, Monday, July 27, 2026 4:00pm
 - d) St. Croix Workshop on the Water, Thursday, July 30, 2026 5:00pm

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- k) East Metro Water Resource Education Program (EMWREP) 20th Anniversary Celebration, Rustic Roots Winery, Scandia, Tuesday, September 29, 2026, 5-7pm

11) Adjourn

Consent Agenda-July 14, 2026

- a) Approval of Minutes
 - i) 6/9/2026 Regular Meeting
- b) Treasurers Report
 - i) Accounts payable June 26
 - ii) Financials year to date and Fund Balances
 - iii) Manager Per Diem
- c) Calendar/Meetings
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- d) Development Reviews
 - i) Final
 - (1) None
 - ii) On Going
 - (1) Lake Elmo WTP, Lake Elmo
 - (2) Bailey West, Woodbury, Newport, Maplewood
 - iii) New
 - (1) None
- e) Wetland Conservation Act
 - i) Notice of Application-CSAH 19 Revised/2026-SWW-05
 - ii) Notice of Application-Jamaica South-WAG Farms

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- iii) Notice of Application-Charles and Ezriel Roach
- iv) Notice of Decision-TMT Land 4600 Cottage Grove Drive
- v) Notice of Decision-CSAH 19 Revised/2026-SWW-05
- vi) Notice of Decision-New Life Church
- vii) Notice of Decision-Charles and Ezriel Roach
- f) Stewardship Grant Program-Final Payment and Applications
 - i) Shirene Gounili-Final Payment \$500.00
 - ii) Marin Morrell-26-022-Final Payment \$263.18
 - iii) Jonathan Hunt-26-026-Application and Final Payment \$453.82
 - iv) April Powers-26-004-Final Payment \$500.00
 - v) Angela Peterson-26-005-Final Payment \$500.00
 - vi) Julie Close-26-009-Application \$500.00
 - vii) Rita Brock-26-012-Application \$500.00
 - viii) David Nuccio-26-027-Application \$500.00
 - ix) Jarrelle Harper-26-024-Application \$500.00
 - x) Ryan Brandt-26-028-Application \$500.00
 - xi) Robert Ness-26-030-Application \$500.00
 - xii) Susan Berndt-26-029-Application \$500.00
- g) Miscellaneous Correspondence

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Date: July 10, 2026	South Washington Watershed District Request for Board Action	Consent Agenda Item a
Title: SWWD Board Minutes	Board Action Requested: Approval of Minutes: 6/9/2026 Regular Meeting	Required Signatures SWWD Secretary
Reviewed by: JHL		
Background/Justification:		
Previous Action: None		Contact: JHL
Date Received: July 10, 2026	SWWD Administrator/Date: July 10, 2026	SWWD Attorney/Date
Financial Implications: N/A		Comments:
Fund N/A	Explanation	Fund Balance: N/A
Decision Needed/Date	Administrative Recommendation <u>Approval</u> Informational Denial No Recommendation	Comments

**Regular Meeting
South Washington Watershed District
Tuesday, June 9, 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 ChapdeLaine to approve the agenda. Manager Stephens seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Roll Call:

- Sharon Doucette, President
- Andrea Date, Vice President
- Emily Stephens, Treasurer
- Kevin ChapdeLaine, Manager

Staff:

- John Loomis, Administrator
- Melissa Imse, Operations Manager
- Kyle Axtell, Planning & Projects Program Manager
- Tony Randazzo, Senior Restoration Ecologist
- Abby Tekiela, Water Resources Program Manager

Others:

- Mary Ellen Reihsen, SWWD Attorney
- Mr. Dan Belka

2. Public Open Forum. None

3. Consent Agenda

Items on the Consent Agenda include: May 12, 2026, Regular Board Meeting minutes, May Claims Roster and Treasurer's Report: accounts payable \$349,905.79, accounts receivable \$28,716.26, 4M fund balance \$9,219,001.32, Calendar of Events, Development Reviews, Wetland Conservation Act, Stewardship Grant Applications and Payments, and Miscellaneous Correspondence. A motion was made by Manager ChapdeLaine to approve the Consent Agenda. Manager Stephens seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Oath of Office. Manager Date took the Oath of Office to serve on the SWWD Board. Her term expires April 30, 2029.

Kevin ChapdeLaine Resignation and Board of Officers and Committee

Appointments. Manager ChapdeLaine submitted his letter of resignation from the SWWD Board effective August 31, 2026, to Washington County. The county has initiated the process of appointing a new manager to finish out Manager ChapdeLaine's term. With Manager ChapdeLaine's departure and Manager Date's appointment to the SWWD Board, the managers discussed Board Officers and Committee appointments. After discussion, a motion was made by Manager Doucette to appoint Manager Stephens as the SWWD Treasurer. Manager Date seconded. The motion carried unanimously. A motion was made by Manager ChapdeLaine to appoint Manager Date as the SWWD Vice President. Manager Stephens seconded. Motion carried unanimously. A motion was made by Manager Doucette to appoint Manager Stephens to the SWWD Personnel Committee. Manager

ChapdeLaine seconded. Motion carried unanimously. A motion was made by Manager Doucette to appoint Manager Date as the alternate to the Lower St. Croix Policy Committee. Manager ChapdeLaine seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Manager's Report

Manager Doucette—None.

Manager Stephens—None.

Manager ChapdeLaine—None.

Manager Date—Manager Date reported that she attended Metro Watersheds meeting and the Washington County Consortium meeting.

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, Groundwater and Ecosystems Services Studies, and Administrative items.

Minnesota Watersheds Resolutions. Minnesota Watersheds has provided proposed resolutions for the managers to review. After discussion, the managers directed staff to prepare review comments to submit to Minnesota Watersheds. The resolutions will then be considered by Minnesota Watersheds' resolutions committee for potential recommendation.

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 following agreements in May:

1. Burdock treatment at Cottage Grove Ravine Park, The Land Stewards - \$4,631.25
2. 2026 Spring CLP Treatments on Markgrafs and Wilmes (North Basin), PLM - \$2,528.80
3. CDO Phase 5 Development Coordination, Task Order SRF2026-001, \$5,000
4. Ravine Lake Outlet Construction-Change Order 1, ACM, LLC -\$4,000

- 6. Watershed Management Plan Public Hearing.** At 6:20, A motion was made by Manager Chapdelaine to suspend the regular meeting and open the SWWD Watershed Management Plan Public Hearing. Manager Stephens seconded. Motion carried unanimously. One member of the public, Mr. Dan Belka was present on Microsoft Office Teams to discuss his previous comments and SWWD's response to those comments. No new comments were received. At 6:55, Manager Doucette closed the Public Hearing and reconvened the regular meeting.
- 7. Watershed Management Plan 90-Day Review.** A motion was made by Manager ChapdeLaine and seconded by Manager Stephens to approve Resolution #2026-003 authorizing submitting of the Watershed Management Plan for 90-day review and approval to BWSR. Motion carried 3-0 with Manager Doucette abstaining from the vote.
- 8. 2027 Draft Budget.** The managers reviewed the 2027-2036 Long-Range Workplan and budget schedule. Staff will continue to refine the 2027 draft budget for discussion at the July Board meeting. A motion was made by Manager ChapdeLaine to adopt the 2027 budget schedule. Manager Date seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

9. **Wetland Conservation Act-Bailey West Replacement Plan and No-Loss.** SWWD and Washington Conservation District staff have convened the technical evaluation panel (TEP) to review the WCA replacement plan and no-loss application submitted for the Bailey West development at the Woodbury/Newport border. The managers reviewed the Notice of Decision as recommended by the TEP. A motion was made by Manager Stephens to approve the WCA replacement plan and no-loss application for the Bailey West development. Manager ChapdeLaine seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

10. **Bailey School Forest Vegetation Management with the Land Stewards.** Bailey School Forest Park in Newport is undergoing a transformation away from woodlands and grasslands dominated by non-native invasive species and novel forests remnant of past Bailey Nursery activities. The Entry Forest is undergoing a season of removals of invasives before reseedling and planting species typical of the Oak Woodland/Savanna that certainly existed on the site prior to European settlement. In 2026, forestry mowing will continue, and a contract is needed to do the finer scale work of spot mowing and spot herbicide treatments on the full 9-acre area covered under an Expedited CPL grant. General forestry mowing will be conducted by City of Newport using new mower funded in part by SWWD CCIP program. The Land Stewards were chosen based on best quality proposal for work and their ability to provide the full range of services and equipment needed (large mowers, grapples, spot mowing and spot treatment) to complete the range of tasks required this season. A motion was made by Manager ChapdeLaine to approve the Bailey School Forest Vegetation Management contract with the Land Stewards for up to \$10,335. Manager Stephens seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

11. **Future Business and Meetings.**

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12. **Adjourn**

The next regular Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 14th at 6:00 pm. A motion was made by Manager ChapdeLaine to adjourn at 7:55 p.m. Manager Doucette seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Imse

Melissa Imse, Operations Manager

Approved By:

Mr. David Filipiak, Secretary

Date



Date: July 10, 2026	South Washington Watershed District Request for Board Action	Consent Agenda Item b
Title: SWWD Monthly Accounting	Board Action Requested: Approval of: Treasurers Report Accounts payable for June 2026 Manager Date Per Diem	Required Signatures SWWD Treasurer
Reviewed by: JHL		
Background/Justification Accounts Payable June 26: \$369,642.87 Accounts Receivable June 26: \$36,241.01 4M fund Balance June 26: \$8,938,990.66 Andrea Date Per Diem: \$661.25		
Previous Action: None		Contact: JHL
Date Received: July 10, 2026	SWWD Administrator/Date: July 10, 2026	SWWD Attorney/Date
Financial Implications: N/A		Comments:
Fund N/A	Explanation	Fund Balance: N/A
Decision Needed/Date	Administrative Recommendation <u>Approval</u> Informational Denial No Recommendation	Comments



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Vendor	Description	Invoice #	Amount
City of Woodbury	August Rent	1824	\$ 3,429.27
Andrea Date	2nd Quarter Per Diem	See Attached	\$ 661.25
Shirene Gounili	Stewardship Plant Grant Reimbursement	See Attached	\$ 500.00
Jonathan Hunt	Stewardship Plant Grant Reimbursement	See Attached	\$ 453.82
Taylor Mills	Artist in Residence May Payment	14	\$ 750.00
Minneapolis Commercial Mower & Welding Inc	Brush Cutter	sale	\$ 4,322.89
Marin Morrell	Stewardship Plant Grant Reimbursement	See Attached	\$ 263.18
Angela Peterson	Stewardship Plant Grant Reimbursement	See Attached	\$ 500.00
April Powers	Stewardship Plant Grant Reimbursement	See Attached	\$ 500.00
Insight	BI Software	1101402643	\$ 26.67
The Land Stewards	Burdock Treatment Ravine Park	476	\$ 4,631.25
Washington County	CR 74	236371	\$ 101,920.11
Payroll, Benefits, and EFT Payments	18 EFT, 10 Direct Dep, 2 Checks		\$ 251,684.43
Minnesota Life Ins. Co.	July 2026 Life Prem	Check	\$ 207.95
Madison National Life	July 2026 LTD and STD	Check	\$ 255.69
Deferred Compensation		EFT	\$ 3,770.00
PERA		EFT	\$ 6,345.37
US Bank	Federal W/H & FICA	EFT	\$ 10,967.92
MN Dept of Revenue	State W/H and Paid Leave	EFT	\$ 2,248.12
Health Partners	Insurance Premium	EFT	\$ 6,917.36
US Bank Credit Card	Credit Card Payment	EFT	\$ 316.22
US Bank Equipment	Copier Rental	EFT	\$ 208.97
Optum	H.S.A. Fee	EFT	\$ 4.25
Abdo	May 2026 Payroll	524902	\$ 455.00
ACM LLC	Ravine Outlet Channel	Pay Request 2	\$ 82,289.29
Barr Engineering	Monitoring Plan Update	23821358.00-10	\$ 4,025.00
Hellmuth & Johnson Legal	May Legal Services	EFT	\$ 1,230.00
Houston Engineering	Development Reviews Inv 82427	EFT	\$ 6,029.75
Houston Engineering	Grey Cloud Channel Analysis Inv 82428	EFT	\$ 20,022.51
SRF Consulting	Ravine Lake Outlet INV 17696.00-22	EFT	\$ 14,877.09
Stantec	EcoSystems Management Plan	2568024	\$ 22,871.75
Stantec	Groundwater Feasibility Study	2568022	\$ 11,403.50
Stantec	2026 Lake Vegetation Management	2568021	\$ 6,159.00
Washington Conservation District	May Tech Inv 7511	EFT	\$ 6,996.25
Washington Conservation District	May Monitoring Inv 7502	EFT	\$ 16,349.00
			\$ 369,642.87

Accounts Receivable	Description	Check #	Amount
CPL Grant Bailey School Forest			\$ 8,999.17
Permit Fee and Xcel			\$ 504.97
4M	May Interest		\$ 26,736.87
Total			\$ 36,241.01

Emily Stephens, SWWD Treasurer	Date July 14, 2026



Date: July 10, 2026	South Washington Watershed District Request for Board Action	Consent Agenda Item c
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Financial Implications: N/A		Comments:
Fund N/A	Explanation	Fund Balance: N/A
Decision Needed/Date	Administrative Recommendation Approval <u>Informational</u> Denial No Recommendation	Comments



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Title: Development Reviews	Board Action Requested: None Requested	Required Signatures
Reviewed by: JHL		
Background/Justification: Development Reviews i) <u>Final</u> (1) None ii) <u>On Going</u> (1) Lake Elmo WTP, Lake Elmo (2) Bailey West, Woodbury, Newport, Maplewood iii) <u>New</u> (1) None		
Previous Action: None		Contact: JHL
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Financial Implications: N/A		Comments:
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June 2026 Development Reviews

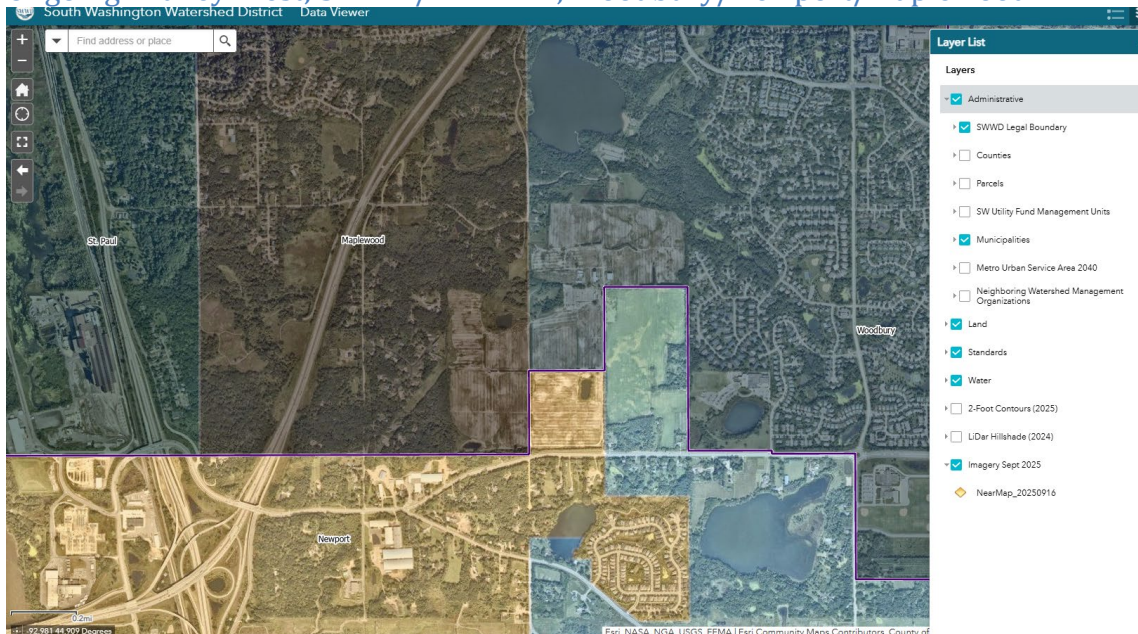
Ongoing: Lake Elmo WTP; Lake Elmo

May 2026: No change.

October 2025: Lake Elmo is proceeding with wetland delineation and WCA permitting related to ongoing well suitability testing. Most of the wetlands within the property are in Valley Branch WD. SWWD has delegated WCA administration for this property to VBWD.

December 2024: Lake Elmo is looking for sites for a future well and water treatment plant to remove PFAS from the City's drinking water supply. The site they are currently looking at sits upstream of Armstrong Lake. As part of the feasibility assessment, the city is required to do a 72 hour pump test at the site which would require continuous pumping of ~3cfs. That water would ultimately discharge into Armstrong Lake. SWWD modeled the inflow in the District's NWS XP model to evaluate potential downstream impacts. Even under a concurrent flood scenario there is no impact.

Ongoing: Bailey West; SWWD/RWMWD, Woodbury/Newport/Maplewood



June 2026: Woodbury has approved the master plan for the site. Newport has begun approving plans for the Bailey business park, MFR, and gas station.

May 2026: WCA replacement plan and No-Loss decision as recommended by the TEP is included in the June Board packet for Board consideration.

April 2026: Woodbury and Newport have both completed the EAW process related to this project with both Cities make a negative declaration on the need for further study.

March 2026: SWWD has received a WCA application for the project. A TEP meeting will be scheduled.

February 2026: SWWD staff are engaged with its partners to review and coordinate regulatory responsibilities for the proposed Bailey West project that straddles the boundaries of SWWD and RWMWD and Cities of Woodbury, Newport, and Maplewood. Currently, staff expects that review and enforcement of SWWD stormwater rules will be led by the Cities and that SWWD will retain WCA LGU responsibility for wetland impacts within SWWD. We will assist RWMWD as needed to ensure that their rules are met as most of the proposed development would ultimately drain to RWMWD.

Final: Municipal Reviews, Cottage Grove

The City of Cottage Grove enforces compliance with District rules through City permits. The following projects have been permitted in 2026.

- Mississippi Landing 3rd Addition, final plat, development agreement
- Yellow Tree MFR, PUD, preliminary and final plats
- Ravara Trails PUD, Preliminary Plat
- Talcott Glen Preliminary Plat
- McHattie Landing PUD, Preliminary Plat
- Kwik Trip TH61 Preliminary Plat, Final Plat
- Geneva Meadows 2nd Addition preliminary plat

Final: Municipal Reviews, Newport

The City of Newport enforces compliance with District rules through City permits. The following projects have been permitted in 2026.

- Eastridge Heights Preliminary Plat, PUD, Final Plat
- Bailey Business Park preliminary plat, PUD
- Bailey Rd MFR and Gas station preliminary plat, PUD

Final: Municipal Reviews, Woodbury

The City of Woodbury enforces compliance with District rules through City permits. The following projects have been permitted in 2026.

- Woodbury Leadership Academy addition site and building plans
- Country Estates 2nd Addition preliminary and final plats
- Forty-seven Pines PUD, preliminary and final plats
- Westwind 4th Addition final plat



Date: July 10, 2026	South Washington Watershed District Request for Board Action	Consent Agenda Item e
Title: Wetland Conservation Act	Board Action Requested:	Required Signatures SWWD Administrator
Reviewed by: JHL		
Background/Justification: i) Notice of Application-CSAH 19 Revised/2026-SWW-05 ii) Notice of Application-Jamaica South-WAG Farms iii) Notice of Application-Charles and Ezriel Roach iv) Notice of Decision-TMT Land 4600 Cottage Grove Drive v) Notice of Decision-CSAH 19 Revised/2026-SWW-05 vi) Notice of Decision-New Life Church vii) Notice of Decision-Charles and Ezriel Roach		
Previous Action: None		Contact: JHL
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Financial Implications: N/A		Comments:
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Decision Needed/Date	Administrative Recommendation <u>Approval</u> Informational Denial No Recommendation	Comments

Minnesota Wetland Conservation Act

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

Date this Notice was sent:	06/10/2026
Date Complete Application received:	05/27/2026
Local Government Unit:	SWWD
County:	Washington
Applicant and (if applicable) Applicant's Representative:	Washington County
Project Name/Number:	CSAH 19 Revised/2026-SWW-05
Type of Application (check all that apply): Note: If a <u>complete</u> boundary/type application (i.e. delineation report) is submitted with another type of application, then check both application types.	☒ Boundary/Type ☐ Sequencing (submitted separately from a replacement plan) ☐ Replacement Plan ☐ Bank Plan ☐ Exemption Identify which exemption by Rule or Statute Citation: ☐ No-Loss Identify which provision by Rule or Statute Citation:
Application Materials (check one):	☒ Attached ☐ Other (ftp or other accessible file sharing site):
Comments on this Application must be received by (date): Note: For replacement plan, sequencing, bank plan, and boundary/type applications, the comment period must be at least 15 business days from the date the notice of application is sent.	07/01/2026
Where to send comments:	Name: Jay Riggs Address: 455 Hayward Ave N, Oakdale, MN Email: jriggs@mnwcd.org
Decision-Maker on this Application (check one):	☒ Staff ☐ Board/Council ☐ Other. Specify: Specify anticipated decision date if known:

Notice Distribution

Notice Recipients (check all that apply):	☒ SWCD TEP Member (if different from LGU): Jay Riggs
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	☒ BWSR TEP Member: Ben Meyer ☒ DNR Representative: Dan Scollan ☒ Watershed District or WMO (if applicable): John Loomis ☐ bank.administrator.bwsr@state.mn.us (Bank Plan Applications Only) ☒ Applicant: Washington County ☒ Applicant's Representative (if applicable): ☐ Members of the Public Requesting Notices (if applicable): ☐ Others:
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LGU Representative Name & Signature:	Jay Riggs 
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Minnesota Wetland Conservation Act

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

Date this Notice was sent:	06/10/2026
Date Complete Application received:	05/28/2026
Local Government Unit:	SWWD
County:	Washington
Applicant and (if applicable) Applicant's Representative:	WAG FARMS INC ETAL
Project Name/Number:	Jamaica South Delineation/2026-SWW-06
Type of Application (check all that apply): Note: If a <u>complete</u> boundary/type application (i.e. delineation report) is submitted with another type of application, then check both application types.	☒ Boundary/Type ☐ Sequencing (submitted separately from a replacement plan) ☐ Replacement Plan ☐ Bank Plan ☐ Exemption Identify which exemption by Rule or Statute Citation: ☐ No-Loss Identify which provision by Rule or Statute Citation:
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Where to send comments:	Name: Jay Riggs Address: 455 Hayward Ave N, Oakdale, MN Email: jriggs@mnwcd.org
Decision-Maker on this Application (check one):	☒ Staff ☐ Board/Council ☐ Other. Specify: Specify anticipated decision date if known:

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	☒ BWSR TEP Member: Ben Meyer ☒ DNR Representative: Dan Scollan ☒ Watershed District or WMO (if applicable): John Loomis ☐ bank.administrator.bwsr@state.mn.us (Bank Plan Applications Only) ☒ Applicant: WAG FARMS INC ETAL ☒ Applicant's Representative (if applicable): ☐ Members of the Public Requesting Notices (if applicable): ☐ Others:
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LGU Representative Name & Signature:	Jay Riggs 
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Minnesota Wetland Conservation Act

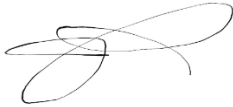
NOTICE OF APPLICATION

Date this Notice was sent:	06/16/2026
Date Complete Application received:	06/15/2026
Local Government Unit:	SWWD
County:	Washington
Applicant and (if applicable) Applicant's Representative:	ROACH CHARLES & EZRIEL
Project Name/Number:	Roach Delineation/2026-SWW-08
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LGU Representative Name & Signature:	Jay Riggs 
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Minnesota Wetland Conservation Act

NOTICE OF DECISION

Date this Notice was sent:	06/29/2026
Local Government Unit:	SWWD
County:	Washington
Applicant and (if applicable) Applicant's Representative:	TMT LAND XI LLC
Project Name/Number:	4600 Cottage Grove Drive No Loss/2026-SWW-09
Type of Decision (check all that apply): Note: Boundary/type, sequencing, replacement plan, and bank plan decisions require an associated notice of application prior to the decision being made.	☐ Boundary/Type ☐ Sequencing (submitted separately from a replacement plan) ☐ Replacement Plan ☐ Bank Plan ☐ Exemption Identify which exemption by Rule or Statute Citation: ☒ No-Loss Identify which provision by Rule or Statute Citation: A
Decision: Note: All replacement plan approvals are conditional upon confirmation from BWSR of withdrawal of specified credits and/or financial assurance received for project-specific replacement.	☐ Denied ☒ Approved. Valid for ☒ 5 yrs (default); ☐ Other. Specify: ☐ Approved with Conditions List Conditions:
LGU Representative Name & Signature:	 Jay Riggs

Decision Timeline

An LGU must approve or deny a request within 60 days of receiving a complete application per MINN. STAT. § 15.99.

Date Complete Application Received:	06/15/2026
Date of Decision:	06/29/2026
If applicable, date of <i>written extension</i> to 60-day decision timeline & number of days extended: Reason for Extension (check one):	☐ Other process or decision required to occur before WCA decision. Describe: ☐ Additional information and/or revision to application submitted. ☐ Applicant request. ☐ Other. Describe:

Decision Summary

Technical Evaluation Panel Recommendation (check one):	☐ No Recommendation ☒ Approval or approval with conditions (attach recommendation) ☐ Denial (attach recommendation)
LGU Findings (check all that apply):	☐ Findings attached ☒ Findings: The TEP reviewed the application and recommends approval. As noted in the 2022 Boundary and Type NOD, the wetlands on the site are incidental. The LGU concurs with the TEP findings and approves the application. The decision is valid for 5 years.

Notice Distribution

Notice Recipients (check all that apply):	☒ SWCD TEP Member (if different from LGU): Jay Riggs ☒ BWSR TEP Member: Ben Meyer ☒ DNR Representative: Dan Scollan ☒ Watershed District or WMO (if applicable): John Loomis ☐ bank.administrator.bwsr@state.mn.us (Bank Plan Applications Only) ☒ Applicant: TMT LAND XI LLC ☒ Applicant's Representative (if applicable): ☐ Members of the Public Requesting Notices (if applicable): ☐ Others:
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Appeal Process

Appeal Process (check one):	☐ Local Appeal Process (if established). ☒ Board of Water & Soil Resources (see instructions below)
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Minnesota Wetland Conservation Act

NOTICE OF DECISION

Date this Notice was sent:	07/01/2026
Local Government Unit:	SWWD
County:	Washington
Applicant and (if applicable) Applicant's Representative:	Washington County
Project Name/Number:	CSAH 19 Revised/2026-SWW-05
Type of Decision (check all that apply): Note: Boundary/type, sequencing, replacement plan, and bank plan decisions require an associated notice of application prior to the decision being made.	☒ Boundary/Type ☐ Sequencing (submitted separately from a replacement plan) ☐ Replacement Plan ☐ Bank Plan ☐ Exemption Identify which exemption by Rule or Statute Citation: ☐ No-Loss Identify which provision by Rule or Statute Citation:
Decision: Note: All replacement plan approvals are conditional upon confirmation from BWSR of withdrawal of specified credits and/or financial assurance received for project-specific replacement.	☐ Denied ☒ Approved. Valid for ☒ 5 yrs (default); ☐ Other. Specify: ☐ Approved with Conditions List Conditions:
LGU Representative Name & Signature:	 Jay Riggs

Decision Timeline

An LGU must approve or deny a request within 60 days of receiving a complete application per MINN. STAT. § 15.99.

Date Complete Application Received:	05/11/2026
Date of Decision:	07/01/2026
If applicable, date of <i>written extension</i> to 60-day decision timeline & number of days extended: Reason for Extension (check one):	☐ Other process or decision required to occur before WCA decision. Describe: ☐ Additional information and/or revision to application submitted. ☐ Applicant request. ☐ Other. Describe:

Decision Summary

Technical Evaluation Panel Recommendation (check one):	☐ No Recommendation ☒ Approval or approval with conditions (attach recommendation) ☐ Denial (attach recommendation)
LGU Findings (check all that apply):	☐ Findings attached ☒ Findings: The TEP reviewed the delineations within the revised and expanded project area and recommends approval of all delineations. The LGU concurs and approves.

Notice Distribution

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Minnesota Wetland Conservation Act

NOTICE OF DECISION

Date this Notice was sent:	06/29/2026
Local Government Unit:	SWWD
County:	Washington
Applicant and (if applicable) Applicant's Representative:	NEW LIFE COMM CHUR
Project Name/Number:	New Life Church No Wetland/2026-SWW-10
Type of Decision (check all that apply): Note: Boundary/type, sequencing, replacement plan, and bank plan decisions require an associated notice of application prior to the decision being made.	☐ Boundary/Type ☐ Sequencing (submitted separately from a replacement plan) ☐ Replacement Plan ☐ Bank Plan ☐ Exemption Identify which exemption by Rule or Statute Citation: ☒ No-Loss Identify which provision by Rule or Statute Citation: A
Decision: Note: All replacement plan approvals are conditional upon confirmation from BWSR of withdrawal of specified credits and/or financial assurance received for project-specific replacement.	☐ Denied ☒ Approved. Valid for ☒ 5 yrs (default); ☐ Other. Specify: ☐ Approved with Conditions List Conditions:
LGU Representative Name & Signature:	 Jay Riggs

Decision Timeline

An LGU must approve or deny a request within 60 days of receiving a complete application per MINN. STAT. § 15.99.

Date Complete Application Received:	01/08/2026
Date of Decision:	06/29/2026
If applicable, date of <i>written extension</i> to 60-day decision timeline & number of days extended: Reason for Extension (check one):	☐ Other process or decision required to occur before WCA decision. Describe: ☐ Additional information and/or revision to application submitted. ☐ Applicant request. ☐ Other. Describe:

Decision Summary

Technical Evaluation Panel Recommendation (check one):	☐ No Recommendation ☒ Approval or approval with conditions (attach recommendation) ☐ Denial (attach recommendation)
LGU Findings (check all that apply):	☐ Findings attached ☒ Findings: The application was received in the winter and a field review was conducted recently to confirm there are no wetlands on the site. TEP reviewed the application and recommends approval. The LGU concurs with the TEP findings. The decision is valid for 5 years.

Notice Distribution

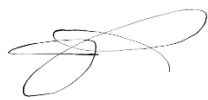
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NOTICE OF DECISION

Date this Notice was sent:	07/07/2026
Local Government Unit:	SWWD
County:	Washington
Applicant and (if applicable) Applicant's Representative:	ROACH CHARLES & EZRIEL
Project Name/Number:	Roach Delineation/2026-SWW-08
Type of Decision (check all that apply): Note: Boundary/type, sequencing, replacement plan, and bank plan decisions require an associated notice of application prior to the decision being made.	☒ Boundary/Type ☐ Sequencing (submitted separately from a replacement plan) ☐ Replacement Plan ☐ Bank Plan ☐ Exemption Identify which exemption by Rule or Statute Citation: ☐ No-Loss Identify which provision by Rule or Statute Citation:
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LGU Representative Name & Signature:	 Jay Riggs

Decision Timeline

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Date Complete Application Received:	06/15/2026
Date of Decision:	07/07/2026
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Decision Summary

Technical Evaluation Panel Recommendation (check one):	☐ No Recommendation ☒ Approval or approval with conditions (attach recommendation) ☐ Denial (attach recommendation)
LGU Findings (check all that apply):	☐ Findings attached ☒ Findings: The TEP reviewed the site on June 26th and revisions are shown on the attached figure. The TEP recommends approval of the revised delineation. The LGU concurs and approves. This approval is valid for 5 years.

Notice Distribution

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Date: July 10, 2026	South Washington Watershed District Request for Board Action	Consent Agenda Item f
Title: Stewardship Grant Program	Board Action Requested: Approve Applications and Payments	Required Signatures SWWD Administrator
Reviewed by: JHL		
Background/Justification: Staff approved eight \$500 mini grants over the past month which are listed below for information. We have received five reimbursement requests which are included below for Board approval of payment. i) Shirene Gounili-Final Payment \$500.00 ii) Marin Morrell-26-022-Final Payment \$263.18 iii) Jonathan Hunt-26-026-Application and Final Payment \$453.82 iv) April Powers-26-004-Final Payment \$500.00 v) Angela Peterson-26-005-Final Payment \$500.00 vi) Julie Close-26-009-Application \$500.00 vii) Rita Brock-26-012-Application \$500.00 viii) David Nuccio-26-027-Application \$500.00 ix) Jarrelle Harper-26-024-Application \$500.00 x) Ryan Brandt-26-028-Application \$500.00 xi) Robert Ness-26-030-Application \$500.00 xii) Susan Berndt-26-029-Application \$500.00		
Previous Action: None		Contact: JHL
Date Received: July 10, 2026	SWWD Administrator/Date: July 10, 2026	SWWD Attorney/Date
Financial Implications: N/A		Comments:
Fund	Explanation	Fund Balance: N/A
Decision Needed/Date	Administrative Recommendation <u>Approval</u> Informational Denial No Recommendation	Comments

SWWD Reimbursement



Name:	Shirene Gounili		
Address:	10515 Glen Eagle Rd, Woodbury, MN 55129		
Date:	6/10/2026	Grant ID:	NA

Receipt Date	Vendor	Item	Plant Species	Scientific Name	Count	Cost	Total Cost	Eligible - SWWD Only
5/31/2026	Gertens	Plant	Aquilegia "Earlybird Red and Yellow"	<i>Aquilegia unknown</i>	3	\$ 10.99	\$ 32.97	No
		Plant	Black Scallop Ajuga	<i>Bugleweed</i>	3	\$ 10.99	\$ 32.97	No
		Plant	Earlybird™ Purple and White Columbine	<i>Aquilegia unknown</i>	2	\$ 10.99	\$ 21.98	No
		Plant	Aruncus, Dwarf Goatsbeard "Nobel Spirit"	<i>Aruncus aethusifolius</i>	2	\$ 10.99	\$ 21.98	No
		Plant	Heuchera, Purple Leaf Coral Bells 'Forever® Purple'	<i>Daylily</i>	3	\$ 14.99	\$ 44.97	No
		Plant	Aruncus Dio Goats Berad	<i>Aruncus dioicus</i>	1	\$ 10.99	\$ 10.99	No
		Plant	Butterfly weed	<i>Asclepias tuberosa</i>	1	\$ 16.99	\$ 16.99	Yes
		Plant	Foxglove Beardtongue	<i>Penstemon digitalis</i>	1	\$ 16.99	\$ 16.99	Yes
		Plant	Prairie Ironweed	<i>Vernonia fasciculata</i>	1	\$ 16.99	\$ 16.99	Yes
		Plant	Short-beak Sedge	<i>Carex brevior</i>	1	\$ 16.99	\$ 16.99	Yes
		Plant	Queen-of-the-meadow	<i>Filipendula rubra</i>	1	\$ 16.99	\$ 16.99	Yes
5/31/2026	Gertens	Plant	Jacob's Ladder 'Golden Feathers'	<i>Polemonium</i>	3	\$ 19.99	\$ 59.97	No
		Plant	Rudbeckia, Black-Eyed Susan 'Deamii'	<i>Rudbeckia fulgida var. deamii</i>	1	\$ 12.99	\$ 12.99	No
		Plant	Spring Symphony® Foam Flower Tiarella 'Spring Symphony'	<i>Tiarella</i>	1	\$ 14.99	\$ 14.99	No
		Plant	Pulmonaria, Lungwort 'Moonshine'	<i>Pulmonaria</i>	1	\$ 19.99	\$ 19.99	No
		Plant	Japanese Spikenard 'Sun King'	<i>Aralia cordata</i>	1	\$ 21.99	\$ 21.99	No
		Plant	Penstemon digitalis "Dark Towers"	<i>Penstemon digitalis</i>	1	\$ 12.99	\$ 12.99	No
6/1/2026	Home Depot	Plant	VG Phlox Hybrid	<i>Phlox hybrid</i>	1	\$ 9.98	\$ 9.98	No
		Plant	Eupatorium Common Boneset	<i>Eupatorium unknown</i>	1	\$ 9.98	\$ 9.98	Yes
		Plant	Monarda	<i>Monarda unknown</i>	1	\$ 9.98	\$ 9.98	No
		Plant	Delphinium	<i>Delphinium unknown</i>	1	\$ 19.98	\$ 19.98	No
							\$ -	
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							\$ -	
Total Project Cost							\$443.65	
							Taxes \$	38.12
							Shipping \$	-
							Total Eligible Cost \$	133.05
							Total Ineligible Cost \$	348.72
							Subtotal \$	133.05
							SWWD Grant Amount Awarded \$	500.00
							Reimbursement Total \$	500.00

**SOUTH WASHINGTON
WATERSHED DISTRICT**

Receipt Date	Vendor	Item	Plant Species	Scientific Name	Count	Total Cost	Eligible - SWWD Only
5/30/2026	Goodwill - Cottage Grove	Herbivore barriers			4	\$ 25.96	Yes
5/30/263	Hidden Treasures Thrift Store	Herbicide - Roundup			1	\$ 8.32	Yes
5/30/2026	Goodwill - Arden Hills	Herbivore barriers			1	\$ 32.90	Yes
5/30/2026	Flying Pig Thrift	Herbivore barriers			1	\$ 1.00	Yes
5/16/2026	Washington County Native Plant Sale	Plant	Blue Mistflower	Conoclinium coelestinum	1	\$ 8.00	No
		Plant	Lead Plant	Amorpha canescens	1	\$ 8.00	Yes
5/16/2026	U of M Master Gardener Plant Sale	Plant	Harebells	Campanula rotundifolia	1	\$ 13.00	Yes
5/16/2026	Independent Grower	Plant	Canadian Wild Ginger	Asarum canadense	2	\$ 10.00	Yes
5/16/2026	Northern Holler Nursery & Gardens	Plant	Ohio Spiderwort	Tradescantia ohiensis	3	\$ 78.00	Yes
		Plant	Woodland Phlox	Phlox divaricata	3		Yes
5/16/2026	Glacial Ridge Growers	Plant	Rough Blazing Star	Liatris aspera	1	\$ 20.00	Yes
5/16/2026	Ramsey County Master Gardeners Plant Sale	Plant	Rue Anemone	Thalictrum thalictroides	1	\$ 12.00	Yes
		Plant	Bottle Gentian	Gentiana andrewsii	2		Yes
		Plant	Obedient Plant	Physostegia virginiana	1		Yes
5/17/2026	Northern Holler Nursery & Gardens	Plant	Prairie Smoke	Geum triflorum	1	\$ 5.50	Yes
		Plant	Common Blue Violet	Viola soroia	1	\$ 5.50	Yes
		Plant	Prairie Phlox	Phlox pilosa	1	\$ 7.50	Yes
		Plant	Aromatic Aster	Symphyotrichum oblongifolium	1	\$ 3.50	Yes
		Plant	Blue Lobelia	Lobelia siphilitica	1	\$ 5.50	Yes
		Plant	Cream Gentian	Gentiaa flavida	1	\$ 9.50	Yes
		Plant	Common Evening Primrose	Oenothera biennis	1	\$ 5.50	Yes
		Plant	Hoary Vervain	Verbena stricta	1	\$ 3.50	Yes
Total							\$263.18
Total Project Cost							\$263.18
Taxes							\$ 12.07
Shipping							\$ -
Total Eligible Cost							\$ 267.25
Total Ineligible Cost							\$ 8.00
Subtotal							\$ 267.25
SWWD Grant Amount Awarded							\$500.00
Reimbursement Total							\$263.18



Contact: Abby Tekiela | Abby.Tekiela@swwdmn.gov | 651.728.6827

GENERAL INFORMATION (SWWD USE ONLY)

Contract #:	Other State or Federal Funds?	Amendment?	Canceled?
26-026	☐ Yes ☒ No	☐ Yes ☐ No Date:	☐ Yes ☐ No Date:

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Applicant Name: Jonathan Hunt	Address: 2487 Timberlea Dr. Woodbury, MN 55125
Phone: (651) 785-5774	Email: jonhunt2010@gmail.com

PROJECT LOCATION

Address: 2487 Timberlea Dr. Woodbury, MN 55125	Parcel ID: 1602821320084
Nearest Downstream Lake/Stream/Wetland: Unnamed Pond or Wetland	Est. Distance to Waterbody: 200 feet

CONTRACT INFORMATION

I (we), the undersigned, do hereby request cost-share assistance from the South Washington Watershed District (SWWD) to help defray the cost of installing the following practice(s) listed in this contract. This Grant Contract is for support of land and water resources protection and education efforts between SWWD, a public body with powers set forth in Minnesota Statutes 103B and 103D, and Jonathan Hunt (Applicant). It is understood that:

1. SWWD's Stewardship Grant Program is a reimbursement program. The Applicant will be reimbursed according to contract terms upon successful completion of the project and submission of all required documentation.
2. The Applicant is responsible for full establishment, operation, and maintenance of all practices applied under this program, and to ensure that the conservation objective of the practice is met and the effective life, a minimum of 10 years, is achieved.
3. The specific operation and maintenance requirements for the conservation practice listed are described in the operation and maintenance plan prepared for this contract and provided to the Applicant by SWWD and/or its technical representative. The Applicant is responsible for carrying out the operation and maintenance plan throughout the effective life of the practice.
4. Should the Applicant fail to maintain the practice during its effective life, the land occupier is liable to the SWWD for up to 100% of the amount of financial assistance received to install and establish the practice. The Applicant is not liable for grant assistance received if the was caused by reasons beyond the Applicant's control, or if conservation practices are applied at the Applicant's expense that provide equivalent protection of the resources.
5. Practice(s) must be planned and installed in accordance with technical standards and specifications of the SWWD and/or its technical representative.
6. Increases in the practice units or cost must first be approved by the SWWD through amendment of this contract as a condition to increase the grant payments.

7. This contract, when approved by the SWWD, will remain in effect unless canceled by mutual agreement, except where installations of practices covered by this contract have not been started within one (1) year following SWWD approval of this contract, this contract will be automatically terminated on that date. Practices shall be installed by two (2) years following SWWD approval of this contract unless this contract is amended by mutual consent to reschedule the work and funding.
8. Items of cost for which reimbursement are claimed shall be supported by invoices/receipts for payments and will be verified by the SWWD as practical and reasonable. The SWWD has the authority to adjust the costs submitted for reimbursement.
9. The Applicant will grant the SWWD, and its representatives, access to the parcel where the conservation practice will be located to inspect the practice.
10. The Applicant is responsible for obtaining all necessary approvals and complying with all permits and/or other legal requirements applicable to the practice.
11. The Applicant shall not accept cost-share funding from local, state, federal or other sources combined, that exceed 100% of the total cost to establish the conservation practice. Copies of all forms and contracts pertinent to other local, state, or federal programs that contribute funds toward this project shall be provided to the SWWD.

CONSERVATION PRACTICE

Description: Pollinator	Total Cost Estimate: \$350.00
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APPLICANT SIGNATURES

Date: 06/02/26	Applicant: Jonathan Hunt
Date:	Landowner (if different than applicant):

TECHNICAL ASSESSMENT & COST ESTIMATE

I have the appropriate technical expertise, have reviewed the site where the above listed practice is to be installed, find it is needed, and find that the estimated benefits and costs are practical and reasonable.

Date: 06/04/26	Technical Representative: Elissa Thompson
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SWWD AUTHORIZATION & GRANT AMOUNT

The SWWD has authorized a grant award to the Applicant in the amount not to exceed \$500.00 or % of the total eligible cost, whichever is less.

Date: 06/08/26	Authorized SWWD Representative: John Loomis
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**SOUTH WASHINGTON
WATERSHED DISTRICT**

Receipt Date	Vendor	Item	Plant Species	Scientific Name	Count	Cost	Total Cost	Eligible - SWWD Only
5/31/2026	Home Depot	Cedar Mulch			15	\$ 3.97	\$ 59.55	Yes
		Soil			1	\$ 14.47	\$ 14.47	Yes
6/1/2026	Home Depot	Cedar Mulch			4	\$ 3.97	\$ 15.88	Yes
6/10/2026	Out Back Nursery	Plant	Prairie Phlox	Phlox pilosa	2	\$ 12.95	\$ 18.14	Yes
		Plant	Prairie Smoke	Geum triflorum	4	\$ 6.95	\$ 27.80	Yes
		Plant	Common Lake Sedge	Carex lacustris	12	\$ 12.95	\$ 108.84	Yes
		Plant	Smooth Blue Aster	Symphyotrichum laeve	1	\$ 12.95	\$ 9.07	Yes
		Plant	Wild Geranium	Geranium maculatum	1	\$ 15.95	\$ 11.17	Yes
		Plant	Lance-leaf Coreopsis	Coreopsis lanceolata	2	\$ 12.95	\$ 18.14	Yes
		Plant	Marsh/Red Milkweed	Asclepias incarnata	2	\$ 12.95	\$ 18.14	Yes
		Plant	Prairie Blazingstar	Liatris pycnostachya	2	\$ 12.95	\$ 18.14	Yes
		Plant	Prairie Sage	Artemisia ludoviciana	3	\$ 12.95	\$ 27.21	Yes
		Plant	Stiff Goldenrod	Solidago rigida	1	\$ 12.95	\$ 9.07	Yes
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Total Project Cost							\$355.62	
							Taxes	\$ 49.10
							Shipping	\$ -
							Total Eligible Cost	\$ 404.72
							Total Ineligible Cost	\$ -
							Subtotal	\$ 404.72
							SWWD Grant Amount Awarded	\$ 500.00
							Reimbursement Total	\$ 453.82

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Reimbursement Total	\$	500.00
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GENERAL INFORMATION (SWWD USE ONLY)

Contract #: 26-009	Other State or Federal Funds? ☐ Yes ☒ No	Amendment? ☐ Yes ☐ No Date:	Canceled? ☐ Yes ☐ No Date:
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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Applicant Name: Julie Close	Address: 6050 Glen Rd. Woodbury MN
Phone: (651) 214-5579	Email: julclose@yahoo.com

PROJECT LOCATION

Address: 6050 Glen Rd. Woodbury MN	Parcel ID: 3102821230004
Nearest Downstream Lake/Stream/Wetland: Unnamed Pond or Wetland	Est. Distance to Waterbody:

CONTRACT INFORMATION

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CONSERVATION PRACTICE

Description: 70'x50'	Total Cost Estimate: \$600.00
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APPLICANT SIGNATURES

Date: 04/07/26	Applicant: Julie Close
Date:	Landowner (if different than applicant):

TECHNICAL ASSESSMENT & COST ESTIMATE

I have the appropriate technical expertise, have reviewed the site where the above listed practice is to be installed, find it is needed, and find that the estimated benefits and costs are practical and reasonable.

Date: 04/08/26	Technical Representative: Elissa Thompson
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SWWD AUTHORIZATION & GRANT AMOUNT

The SWWD has authorized a grant award to the Applicant in the amount not to exceed \$500.00 or % of the total eligible cost, whichever is less.

Date: 07/09/26	Authorized SWWD Representative: John Loomis
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Contact: Abby Tekiela | Abby.Tekiela@swwdmn.gov | 651.728.6827

GENERAL INFORMATION (SWWD USE ONLY)

Contract #:	Other State or Federal Funds?	Amendment?	Canceled?
26-012	☐ Yes ☒ No	☐ Yes ☐ No Date:	☐ Yes ☐ No Date:

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Applicant Name: Rita N. Brock	Address: 7388 Irvin Ave S, Cottage Grove, MN, 55016, USA
Phone: (510) 459-5123	Email: Rnbrock50@gmail.com

PROJECT LOCATION

Address: 7388 Irvin Ave S, Cottage Grove, MN, 55016, USA	Parcel ID: 0902721130048
Nearest Downstream Lake/Stream/Wetland: Mississippi River	Est. Distance to Waterbody: 7,000 feet

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CONSERVATION PRACTICE

Description: pollinator woodland shade garden 2000 Sq ft	Total Cost Estimate: \$700.00
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APPLICANT SIGNATURES

Date: 04/21/26	Applicant: Rita N Brock
Date:	Landowner (if different than applicant):

TECHNICAL ASSESSMENT & COST ESTIMATE

I have the appropriate technical expertise, have reviewed the site where the above listed practice is to be installed, find it is needed, and find that the estimated benefits and costs are practical and reasonable.

Date: 04/27/26	Technical Representative: Elissa Thompson
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SWWD AUTHORIZATION & GRANT AMOUNT

The SWWD has authorized a grant award to the Applicant in the amount not to exceed \$500.00 or % of the total eligible cost, whichever is less.

Date: 05/06/26	Authorized SWWD Representative: John Loomis
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Contact: Abby Tekiela | Abby.Tekiela@swwdmn.gov | 651.728.6827

GENERAL INFORMATION (SWWD USE ONLY)

Contract #: 26-027	Other State or Federal Funds? ☐ Yes ☒ No	Amendment? ☐ Yes ☐ No Date:	Canceled? ☐ Yes ☐ No Date:
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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Applicant Name: David Nuccio	Address: 5166 Sundial Ln, Saint Paul, MN, 55129, USA
Phone: (608) 769-5833	Email: nuccioda@hotmail.com

PROJECT LOCATION

Address: 5203 Sundial Ct, Woodbury, MN, 55129, USA	Parcel ID: 3402821220161
Nearest Downstream Lake/Stream/Wetland: Mississippi River	Est. Distance to Waterbody: 1,771 feet

CONTRACT INFORMATION

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CONSERVATION PRACTICE

Description: Pollinator planting	Total Cost Estimate: \$500.00
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APPLICANT SIGNATURES

Date: 06/04/26	Applicant: Ed Pilgreen
Date:	Landowner (if different than applicant):

TECHNICAL ASSESSMENT & COST ESTIMATE

I have the appropriate technical expertise, have reviewed the site where the above listed practice is to be installed, find it is needed, and find that the estimated benefits and costs are practical and reasonable.

Date: 06/08/26	Technical Representative: Elissa Thompson
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SWWD AUTHORIZATION & GRANT AMOUNT

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Date: 06/08/26	Authorized SWWD Representative: John Loomis
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Contact: Abby Tekiela | Abby.Tekiela@swwdmn.gov | 651.728.6827

GENERAL INFORMATION (SWWD USE ONLY)

Contract #: 26-024	Other State or Federal Funds? ☐ Yes ☒ No	Amendment? ☐ Yes ☐ No Date:	Canceled? ☐ Yes ☐ No Date:
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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Applicant Name: Jarrelle Harper	Address: 9553 77th St S, Cottage Grove, MN, 55016, USA
Phone: (360) 241-6362	Email: jarrelleharper@gmail.com

PROJECT LOCATION

Address: 9553 77th St S, Cottage Grove, MN, 55016, USA	Parcel ID: 1002721430192
Nearest Downstream Lake/Stream/Wetland:	Est. Distance to Waterbody:

CONTRACT INFORMATION

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CONSERVATION PRACTICE

Description: Pollinator Garden , approx 600sq ft	Total Cost Estimate: \$683.94
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APPLICANT SIGNATURES

Date: 05/14/26	Applicant: Jarrelle Harper
Date:	Landowner (if different than applicant):

TECHNICAL ASSESSMENT & COST ESTIMATE

I have the appropriate technical expertise, have reviewed the site where the above listed practice is to be installed, find it is needed, and find that the estimated benefits and costs are practical and reasonable.

Date: 05/18/26	Technical Representative: Elissa Thompson
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SWWD AUTHORIZATION & GRANT AMOUNT

The SWWD has authorized a grant award to the Applicant in the amount not to exceed \$500.00 or % of the total eligible cost, whichever is less.

Date: 07/09/26	Authorized SWWD Representative: John Loomis
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Contact: Abby Tekiela | Abby.Tekiela@swwdmn.gov | 651.728.6827

GENERAL INFORMATION (SWWD USE ONLY)

Contract #: 26-028	Other State or Federal Funds? ☐ Yes ☒ No	Amendment? ☐ Yes ☐ No Date:	Canceled? ☐ Yes ☐ No Date:
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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Applicant Name: Ryan Brandt	Address: 11285 Ivywood Trl, Saint Paul, MN, 55129, USA
Phone: (763) 232-4063	Email: ryan.brandt@gmail.com

PROJECT LOCATION

Address: 11285 Ivywood Trl, Saint Paul, MN, 55129, USA	Parcel ID: 2402821240009
Nearest Downstream Lake/Stream/Wetland:	Est. Distance to Waterbody:

CONTRACT INFORMATION

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CONSERVATION PRACTICE

Description: 510 sq ft native pollinator & infiltration garden split into a backyard basin and foundation planting. Connects 4 downspouts and sump pump via buried 4" Sch 40 PVC to a rock bioswale and terminal rain garden basin near the storm outlet.	Total Cost Estimate: \$1700.00
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APPLICANT SIGNATURES

Date: 06/16/26	Applicant: ryan brandt
Date:	Landowner (if different than applicant):

TECHNICAL ASSESSMENT & COST ESTIMATE

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Date: 06/17/26	Technical Representative: Elissa Thompson
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SWWD AUTHORIZATION & GRANT AMOUNT

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Date: 07/07/26	Authorized SWWD Representative: John Loomis
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Contact: Abby Tekiela | Abby.Tekiela@swwdmn.gov | 651.728.6827

GENERAL INFORMATION (SWWD USE ONLY)

Contract #: 26-030	Other State or Federal Funds? ☐ Yes ☒ No	Amendment? ☐ Yes ☐ No Date:	Canceled? ☐ Yes ☐ No Date:
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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Applicant Name: Robert O Ness, Jr	Address: 9640 Hillingdon Rd, Saint Paul, MN, 55125, USA
Phone: (651) 900-4431	Email: bobness7759@gmail.com

PROJECT LOCATION

Address: 9640 Hillingdon Rd, Saint Paul, MN, 55125, USA	Parcel ID: 1502821130068
Nearest Downstream Lake/Stream/Wetland: Colby Lake	Est. Distance to Waterbody: 1,500 feet

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CONSERVATION PRACTICE

Description: Pollinator Planting	Total Cost Estimate: \$1188.00
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APPLICANT SIGNATURES

Date: 06/21/26	Applicant: Robert O. Ness, Jr.
Date:	Landowner (if different than applicant):

TECHNICAL ASSESSMENT & COST ESTIMATE

I have the appropriate technical expertise, have reviewed the site where the above listed practice is to be installed, find it is needed, and find that the estimated benefits and costs are practical and reasonable.

Date: 06/22/26	Technical Representative: Elissa Thompson
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SWWD AUTHORIZATION & GRANT AMOUNT

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Date: 07/07/26	Authorized SWWD Representative: John Loomis
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Contact: Abby Tekiela | Abby.Tekiela@swwdmn.gov | 651.728.6827

GENERAL INFORMATION (SWWD USE ONLY)

Contract #:	Other State or Federal Funds?	Amendment?	Canceled?
26-029	☐ Yes ☒ No	☐ Yes ☐ No Date:	☐ Yes ☐ No Date:

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Applicant Name: Susan J Berndt	Address: 6801 Lamar Ave S, Cottage Grove, MN, 55016, USA
Phone: (651) 768-9672	Email: susanjberndt@gmail.com

PROJECT LOCATION

Address: 6801 Lamar Ave S, Cottage Grove, MN, 55016, USA	Parcel ID: 0102721330016
Nearest Downstream Lake/Stream/Wetland: Unnamed Pond or Wetland	Est. Distance to Waterbody: 4,812 feet

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CONSERVATION PRACTICE

Description: Pollinator Planting,	Total Cost Estimate: \$500.00
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APPLICANT SIGNATURES

Date: 06/17/26	Applicant: Susan J Berndt
Date:	Landowner (if different than applicant):

TECHNICAL ASSESSMENT & COST ESTIMATE

I have the appropriate technical expertise, have reviewed the site where the above listed practice is to be installed, find it is needed, and find that the estimated benefits and costs are practical and reasonable.

Date: 06/18/26	Technical Representative: Elissa Thompson
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SWWD AUTHORIZATION & GRANT AMOUNT

The SWWD has authorized a grant award to the Applicant in the amount not to exceed \$500.00 or % of the total eligible cost, whichever is less.

Date: 07/07/26	Authorized SWWD Representative: John Loomis
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Date: July 10, 2026	South Washington Watershed District Request for Board Action	Consent Agenda Item g
Title: Miscellaneous Correspondence	Board Action Requested: None	Required Signatures None
Reviewed by: JHL		
Background/Justification:		
Previous Action:		Contact: JHL
Date Received: July 10, 2026	SWWD Administrator/Date: July 10, 2026	SWWD Attorney/Date
Financial Implications: None		Comments:
Fund	Explanation	Fund Balance: N/A
Decision Needed/Date	Administrative Recommendation Approval <u>Informational</u> Denial No Recommendation	Comments



Date: July 10, 2026	South Washington Watershed District Request for Board Action	Agenda Item #4
Title: Manager Reports	Board Action Requested: None	Required Signatures None
Reviewed by: JHL		
Background/Justification		
Previous Action: None		Contact: JHL
Date Received: July 10, 2026	SWWD Administrator/Date: July 10, 2026	SWWD Attorney/Date
Financial Implications: N/A		Comments:
Fund N/A	Explanation	Fund Balance: N/A
Decision Needed/Date	Administrative Recommendation <u>Approval</u> Informational Denial No Recommendation	Comments



Date: July 10, 2026	South Washington Watershed District Request for Board Action	Agenda Item # 5a
Title: SWWD Projects Update	Board Action Requested: None requested at this time	Required Signatures None
Reviewed by: JHL		Presented by: Staff
Background/Justification: Please review the attached memorandum for a monthly status update on SWWD's ongoing projects.		
Previous Action: None		Contact: JHL
Date Received: July 10, 2026	SWWD Administrator/Date: July 10, 2026	SWWD Attorney/Date
Financial Implications:		Comments:
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Memo

To: SWWD Board of Managers
From: Kyle Axtell, SWWD Watershed Project Manager
Date: July 10, 2026
Re: SWWD Projects Update

Capital Projects & Project Development

CR74 (65th Street) Ravine Stabilization

SWWD is working with Washington County to stabilize an actively eroding ravine west of the intersection of Geneva and 65th Street (CR74) in Newport as part of a road reconstruction project in 2026. Road work has commenced throughout the project site; ravine work is expected to begin in late July or August. SWWD's total expected share of cost to complete this project will be \$116,858 (\$45,528 in BWSR FY25 WBIF grant funding, and \$71,330 in SWWD funds). Construction is expected to be complete by late summer.



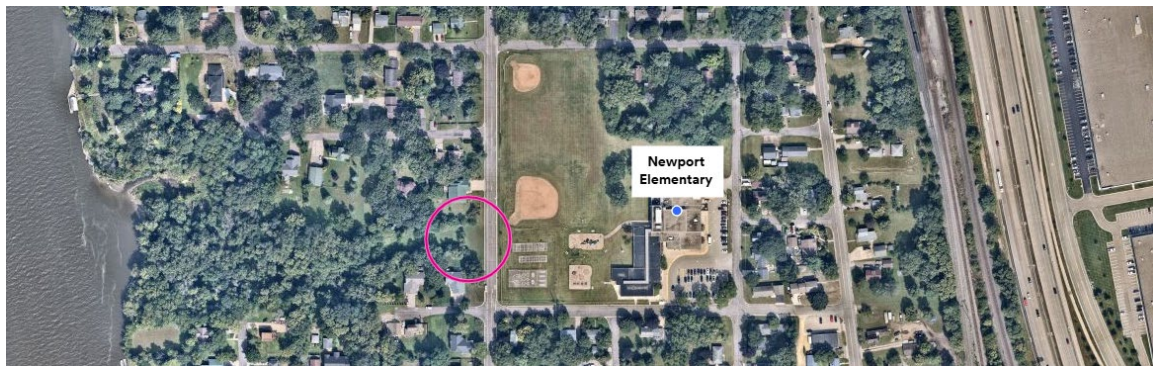
Ravine Lake Outlet Channel Stabilization

SWWD is working on a channel stabilization project between the Ravine Lake outlet and the frontage road along TH61. This short stream reach has been degrading and eroding since completion of the CDO phase 3 work on the lake outlet. Construction and restoration are nearly complete. Staff will work with the project engineer to verify all completed work meets specifications.



Newport Elementary Underground BMP

SWWD has received a \$250,000 Clean Water Legacy Partners grant from BWSR for this project. HR Green has begun design work. Construction is not expected until 2027.



Grey Cloud Slough Habitat Restoration Project

Staff are happy to report that SWWD's application for \$3,500,000 in 3M Priority 2 funding has been approved by the Minnesota DNR!



It may be several months before an executed grant agreement is in place. When combined with expected local budgetary commitments over the coming years, SWWD will have sufficient local match funding to leverage roughly \$11-12 million in Section 204 funding through the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) to complete this project.

SWWD and DNR staff have been working to develop this project aimed at restoring historic island complexes while improving aquatic and terrestrial habitat in the lower slough area. The timeline for this project is currently estimated at 8 years for completion. SWWD's Section 204 Letter of Intent has been acknowledged by the USACE and we currently await confirmation that the USACE will begin its feasibility study.

Wilmes Lake BMP Reconstruction

Staff continue to develop a new BMP concept at the site of the Wilmes Lake Iron-Enhanced Sand Filter with Barr Engineering. Outreach is underway to local neighbors while Barr completes a preliminary plan set. The new project is expected to consist of a large CC17 filter similar to the one installed at Seasons Park. Planning will continue through 2026 with construction expected in late winter and spring of 2027.

All Saints Lutheran Church Biofiltration Basins

SWWD first provided cost-share to help construct a large raingarden off the south parking lot at All Saints Lutheran Church (ASLC) in Cottage Grove back 2009. In 2026, additional cost-share was approved to re-excavate much of the basin and provide a new pretreatment structure. SWWD and WCD staff recently provided guidance as ASLC pursued and was successful in receiving a \$90,000 BWSR Clean Water Legacy Partners grant to install three additional biofiltration basins to treat most of ASLC's larger north parking lot. WCD is developing final plans now and construction is expected this fall.



Glacial Valley Park Interpretive Center

SWWD has a final concept design for the future Glacial Valley Park Interpretive Center and is ready to proceed with design of the structures. The plan has been to have the park features ready to be

installed as development progresses with the extension of Glacial Valley Road as it would provide access and utilities for the learning center. Facility parking is expected to be provided jointly with the City of Woodbury as it plans a new adjacent park area. An application requesting \$1,500,000 in 3M Priority 2 funding to complete this facility was not awarded. Project development has been placed on hold again as staff seeks external funding sources.

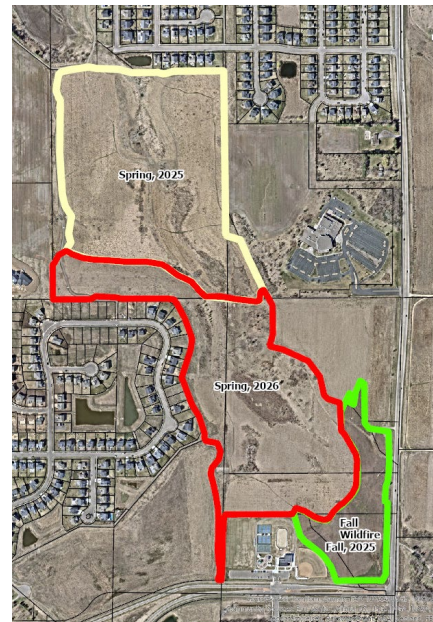
Ecosystem Services & Landscape Restoration

Glacial Valley Park



Great River Greening (GRG) continues maintenance activities along the edges of the site in the Cedarhurst neighborhood and throughout prairies, targeting woody species, especially aspen/cottonwood clumps. Staff have identified research plots and collected data on 8 units covering approximately 11 acres to assess ways to improve floral diversity and tall grass reduction through burn timing, sheep grazing, high mowing and targeted herbicide treatments. Broadcast “snow seeding” took place in February, 2026.

The entire northern units were successfully managed with prescribed fire in spring, 2025 (44.4 ac.), fall, 2025 (11.34 ac.) and spring, 2026 (42 ac.). These burns help to set back woody species and cool season grasses and help foster the growth of diverse flowering species throughout the prairies and savanna.



Staff is conducting efforts to increase diversity in tall grass dominated areas using a variety of techniques on 11 acres of newly seeded areas. These efforts will compile data that assesses a variety of treatments. Treatments in 8 units will assess

differences in timing of prescribed fire along with sheep/goat grazing, high mid summer mowing and high wick herbicide treatments.

Campus Greening

Staff are working with new School District facilities staff to assist with long-term maintenance of all Campus Greening natural areas, helping to identify equipment needs, scheduling and training so that District staff can be more active in future site management.

Lake and Middleton

Teachers and staff have seeded into pots a diverse array of flowers to be grown in the classroom. These plants were planted by students on June 2, 2026. Middle school students conducted seeding of materials collected in fall on a number of sites around the middle and elementary school campuses and will continue to collect seed when the school year begins in fall.

Crestview Elementary

Staff are working with the School District to review and ensure alterations to campus will be restored to native plant communities where planned. Staff will work with the district to monitor establishment activities, making sure that important activities are not skipped as prairie buffers establish. Staff is working with the WCD and School District to control persistent weeds that are still present (Buckthorn and Garlic Mustard) in northern woodlands. A small contract with a local contractor will address some of the heavy regrowth of Siberian elm and buckthorn along Hinton Boulevard prior to another seed rain.

Nuevas Fronteras

Areas near the underground BMP will continue to be reseeded and staff will continue to monitor and assess ways to retain native species in a regularly disturbed site. Some overseeding may be needed along the woodland adjacent to railroad.

Valley Crossing

Staff will continue to monitor and work with School District to take on future maintenance.

Grey Cloud and Cottage Grove

A second spring burn was not completed due to lack of fuel. Staff worked with Prairie Restorations to complete their contract by conducting a flail mow followed by drill seeding of grasses into the prairies around Cottage Grove Middle School. Staff will work with the school district over the summer to address specific needs throughout these campuses.

Cottage Grove Elementary and Oltman Middle Schools

The WCD has funding available through the BWSR Pollinator Pathways program to restore habitat on school campuses. Neither Olman nor Cottage Grove Elementary School met Campus Greening program requirements, but BWSR funding will allow the schools to restore up to an acre of prairie each. Restoration site prep Cottage Grove has been ongoing through summer. Oltman will begin in Spring, 2026. Staff are assisting with planning and will provide cost-share dollars as match for state grant.

Carpenter Nature Center

CNC completed in-classroom and in-field Water Quality programming with 6th graders at Cottage Grove and Lake Middle Schools in Spring, 2026. CNC programming continues in fall of 2026 and spring of 2027 at Oltman and Woodbury Middle Schools. Ramsey Washington Metro Watershed District is funding the CNC programs at Woodbury Middle School. As of the spring, 2026 season, all 6th Graders in the School District participate in the experiential education program.



Hasenbank Woods Restoration



Hasenbank Woods restoration continues. After foliar treatment of buckthorn in fall and continued clearing of woody debris in winter, the site received a prescribed burn on April 9, 2026. Good fuel from grass dominated seedlings provided ideal fuel to carry the fire successfully across the woodland groundlayer. In order to ensure safety of nearby residences, the contractor agreed to having overnight crews and thermal imaging drones monitor the site until all hotspots were extinguished. WCD crews will conduct foliar spraying of buckthorn again in fall 2025.

Flowering woodland species are beginning to bloom in great number one month after the burn. Garlic mustard and burdock appear to be the most pressing need in terms of weed control. Common Buckthorn appears to have been severely degraded following the combination of fall herbicide treatments and prescribed burn. A successful weed pull with



volunteers from HRGreen and the community tackled a variety of weed species throughout the site on May 28. Volunteers pulled garlic mustard and small buckthorn, and removed burdock tubers and plants before they could go to seed.

Staff provided support to the city to obtain grant funding for vegetation restoration around Fish Lake. Ongoing activities related to this action are being conducted throughout the site and include removal of heavily treed areas dominated by dead and dying green ash, prescribed burns, herbicide treatments and fine mowing to replace reed canary grass dominated wetlands with native sedge meadow communities.

Cottage Grove Ravine Regional Park

Staff are coordinating efforts to provide restoration and native plant community management within Cottage Grove Ravine Park with a focus on areas within SWWD's drainage easement. Discussions are focused on management of invasive species, with a focus on common buckthorn, garlic mustard and common burdock as well as the consideration of fencing to prevent undesired uses and support future grazing activities. Staff will continue to monitor and provide adaptive management in coordination with County Staff.

Cottage Grove Open Space Planning

Staff are working with the Cottage Grove Parks Department, assisting with ecological planning efforts at Mississippi Dunes Preserve, Still Ponds Preserve, and Vandenberg Lake. Friends of the Mississippi River completed a full site assessment and Natural Resources Management Plan for Mississippi Dunes in 2025. Staff worked with the WCD to produce a full site assessment and Natural Resources Management Plan for Still Ponds Park in 2025. Vandenberg Lake planning continues with staff seeking to secure funding to preserve 80 acres of open space containing quality, albeit degraded oak communities containing state-listed rare species. Staff is now working with City of Cottage Grove to identify funding sources to begin implementation of these natural resources projects.

Newport Open Space Planning

Staff are working with City of Newport and BWSR staff using state funding to conduct full ecological restoration and enhancement of the grasslands located along the Xcel transmission line corridors within the Bailey School Forest Park. BWSR and SWWD staff are conducting test plots to assess best approaches to invasive species control to include assessments of herbicides, fire, timing and seeding approaches. Project is a pilot to explore ways to conduct long term management of utility corridors that meet operation and safety needs of utilities while at the same time, supporting high quality native plant communities.

Staff have been working with the City of Newport to develop relationships with State Agencies, Companies, non-profits and residents to provide support for natural resource improvements and management along the river and bluffs. Great River Greening is using Outdoor Heritage Grant funds to improve habitat and slope stability in the Bailey School Forest Park. The project was partially funded in 2025, and the legislature provided the additional funding in the 2026 session which will allow Great River Greening to expand restoration activities on an additional 20 acres in the forested areas in ravines and lower on the bluffs within the park.



SWWD received a DNR expedited CPL grant for \$50,000 to assist with the restoration of 9 acres at the entry to Bailey School Forest Park. Over the next three years, staff will be working with the local residents, city staff, volunteers, school students, contractors and county agencies to transition the entry to the park from non-native forest to a more open oak dominated savanna and woodland with diverse ground layer vegetation. Forestry mowing, deceased oak removal and canopy thinning all occurred in January, 2026 showing dramatic changes to the entry area. STS crews will be working to clear buckthorn and hazard trees on another six acres through fall and winter. Staff is also working with Great River Greening, managing activities within the larger oak woodland. Forestry mowing and hand removals of buckthorn has been completed in a nine acre area. Frozen and ice crusted snow created ideal conditions to aggressively removal all buckthorn in this area with minimal ground contact by heavy tracked equipment.

Staff planned and led an Earth Week planting event at Bailey School Forest Park on April 25 in collaboration with volunteers, DNR staff and students from East Ridge High School. Volunteers participated in the planting, watering, mulching and fencing of 149 trees and shrubs into food thickets between grasslands and woodlands being restored on the site. The food thicket is designed to provide a range of habitat benefits through the planting of flowering and fruiting native species supporting birds and pollinators by providing food and shelter. These plantings will provide educational opportunities as well, offering neighbors and students first hand connections to the range of shall trees and shrubs of the region.

Stewardship Grants

In April and May, four Native Planting for Water Stewardship workshops have taken place. Attendance was high, with approximately 45 participants attending across the four workshops. Additionally, the new dashboard created with the help of WCD, has made processing applications more efficient. Feedback from the workshops is overwhelmingly positive and has created several leads to larger projects that will increase education in two Woodbury HOA neighborhoods.

Aquatic Vegetation & Invasive Species

Armstrong Lake Wetland Cattail Harvesting

The test plot at Armstrong Lake wetland was harvested by WCD and Conservation Corps crews during the last week of August 2025. Staff have completed a final report sharing results of the project. A poster presentation was displayed at the recent MSRC Stormwater Pond Symposium. There has been significant interest in our findings shown by other researchers. SWWD has applied for BWSR-funded Conservation Corps crew time in 2027 to continue harvesting efforts next year.

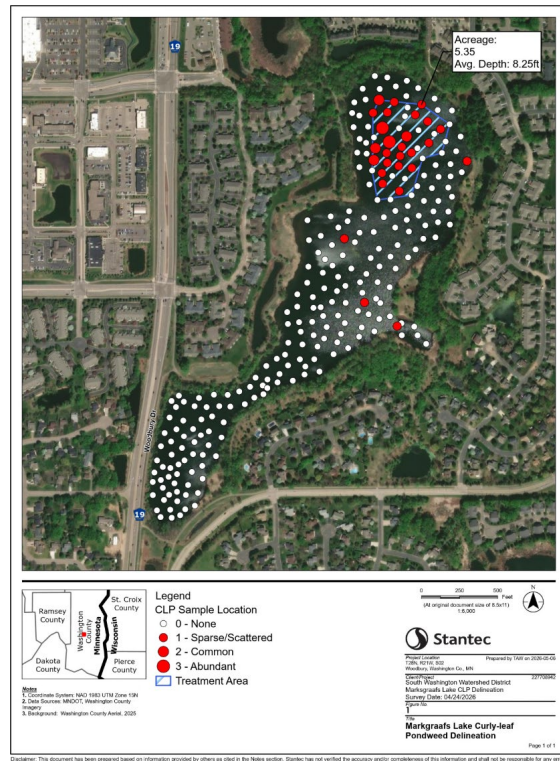
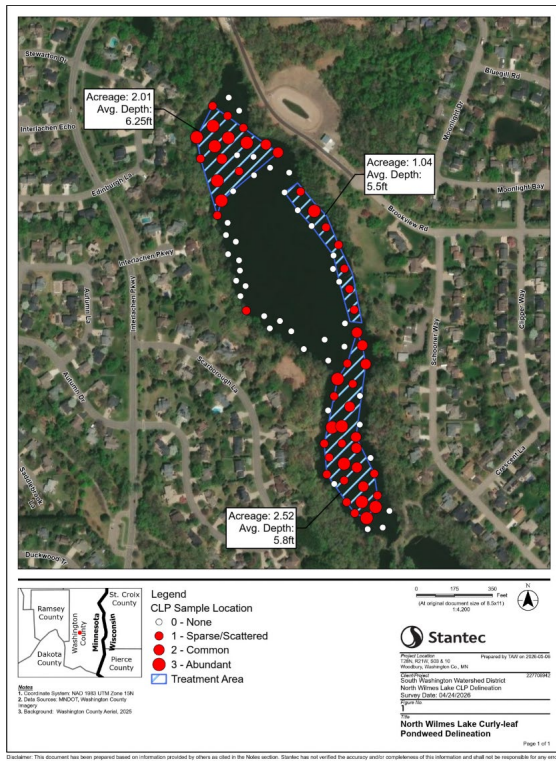
Goldfish at Hasenbank Park

Goldfish continue to be a persistent threat to Powers Lake. Previous efforts to electroshock them for removal from the stormwater ponds north of Hasenbank Woods were not effective (see photo from April 2026). DNR has issued a permit to Woodbury authorizing a rotenone treatment that will effectively kill all fish in the ponds. These ponds are directly connected to Powers Lake and eliminating the goldfish is a resource priority. Woodbury and SWWD have been conducting outreach to nearby neighbors to improve their understanding of this management approach. SWWD and Woodbury will equally share the cost of goldfish management.



Lake Management & AIS

Spring delineations at Markgrafs and Wilmes NB show a high presence of Curly Leaf Pondweed that requires treatment. Wilmes Nb has CLP throughout the lake except for the west bay. Markgrafs lake had a large patch in the north bay. Quotes for treatment will be submitted for approval to the board at the June meeting.



Modeling & Planning

La & Ria Lakes Outlets

In response to past flooding concerns, SWWD and its consultants continue to study the La and Ria Lakes outlets and the downstream drainage to the Mississippi River. Updated modeling has identified downstream concerns that have been shared with Woodbury and Newport. Once the Cities have had a chance to review, we will work with both Cities to identify next steps.



Groundwater & Ecosystem Services Studies

Two related studies are underway to assess the benefits of large-scale restoration and protection, identifying and ranking sites that provide high potential for watershed protection. The Groundwater Study, funded by the Minnesota Department of Health, has been developing mapping and ranking criteria that support protection of groundwater recharge and discharge areas. Project outcome will provide actionable steps that communities can take to protect

important areas on the landscape as well as offer models for land use practices. Cities and county partners have been fully engaged in the data collection process and discussions of needs.

The Ecosystem Services Study has identified a significant number of potential sites throughout the SWWD that may offer substantial benefit to watershed health. The consultant, in coordination with staff, are developing criteria for ranking site benefits. The ranking criteria will be applied to known sites to assist with long term program planning, but is also designed to be applicable to new sites not yet identified. Consultant is currently testing the ranking methods on known sites.

Administrative

Watershed Management Plan Update

SWWD's current WMP extends through October 2026. There is a substantial process to follow in updating the WMP, which SWWD began in 2024. SWWD has completed its 60-day agency review of its draft WMP and has sent responses to all comments received. Substantial edits were made to the WMP based on comments and a revised draft is now available on the SWWD website. A required public hearing was held at the 6/9 board meeting; no new comments were received. The final 90-day review draft was submitted to BWSR on July 1.

- February 2 to April 3, 2026: 60 Day Agency Review (COMPLETE)
- May 12, 2026 Board Workshop: Discuss comments and SWWD responses (COMPLETE)
- May 22, 2026: Send Response to Comments (COMPLETE)
- June 9, 2026 Board Meeting: Public Hearing (COMPLETE)
- July 1 to September 29, 2026: 90 Day BWSR Review (UNDERWAY)
- October 13, 2026 Board Meeting: Adopt Plan

SWWD 2027 Draft Budget.

Staff have begun working on the 2027 budget. The long range workplan from SWWD's draft WMP update is included in the board packet along with an initial draft of a 2027 budget. The long range workplan serves as a starting point for the 2027 budget. Staff will facilitate discussion at the June and July Board meetings to establish priorities for 2027 and develop and refine the budget. A Manager workshop will be held in August to finalize the preliminary budget for submittal to Washington County in September. The Public Hearing will be at the August board meeting.

SWWD Website Update

Staff received content migration and management training in October and gained access to the website to ensure correctness and to continue to add content. The website will publicly launch alongside the new Watershed Management Plan.

Artist-in-Residence

Taylor Mills attended the spring prescribed burn at Glacial Valley Park, photo and video are pending.



Date: July 10, 2026	South Washington Watershed District Request for Board Action	Agenda Item # 5b
Title: Minnesota Watersheds 2026 Annual Meeting on Resolutions and Petitions	Board Action Requested:	Required Signatures None
Reviewed by: JHL		Presented by: Loomis
Background/Justification: The MN Watersheds' 2026 Annual Meeting on Resolutions and Petitions meeting packet is enclosed. The meeting is scheduled for August 31 via Zoom. SWWD can delegate two managers and an alternate to represent SWWD. Staff suggests that Managers - review the meeting packet and bring any feedback or concerns to discuss at the meeting - delegate two Managers to attend the meeting to represent SWWD		
Previous Action: None		Contact: JHL
Date Received: July 10, 2026	SWWD Administrator/Date: July 10, 2026	SWWD Attorney/Date
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**Minnesota Watersheds
2026 Annual Meeting on Resolutions and Petitions
August 31, 2026
Via Zoom**

Member Meeting Materials

Enclosed are the following items:

1. Notice of Annual Meeting on Resolutions and Petitions
2. Delegate Appointment Form
3. Annual Meeting on Resolutions and Petitions Agenda
4. Minutes of the 2025 Annual Meeting on Resolutions and Petitions
5. Proposed Legislative Platform Updates
6. Proposed Resolutions
7. Active Resolutions

Please note that the Delegate Appointment Forms are **REQUIRED**. For the Annual Meeting on Resolutions and Petitions to be held, **a quorum of 22 delegates MUST be present and must include at least one delegate from each of the three regions.** Please return your Delegate Appointment Forms to Jan Voit at jvoit@mnwatersheds.com at your earliest convenience.

This packet has been distributed to managers, commissioners, administrators, and staff via email. No paper copies of this packet will be sent via the U.S. Postal Service.

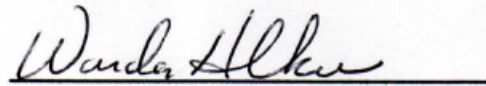
**We are looking forward to your participation in this year's
virtual Annual Meeting on Resolutions and Petitions!**

Minnesota Watersheds 2026 Annual Meeting on Resolutions and Petitions Notice

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the 2026 Annual Meeting on Resolutions and Petitions will be held by Zoom beginning at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, August 31 for the following purposes:

1. to receive and accept the report of the Secretary regarding the 2025 Annual Meeting on Resolutions and Petitions,
2. to consider and act upon proposed Legislative Platform updates, and
3. to consider and act upon proposed Resolutions.

Sincerely,



Wanda Holker
Secretary

Minnesota Watersheds 2026 Delegate Appointment Form

The _____ hereby certifies that it is

name of watershed organization

a watershed district or watershed management organization duly established and in good standing pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 103B or 103D and is a member of Minnesota Watersheds for the year 2026.

The _____ hereby further certifies

name of watershed organization

the following individuals have been appointed as delegates, or as an alternate delegate, all of whom are managers in good standing with their respective watershed district or watershed management organization.

Delegate #1: _____

Delegate #2: _____

Alternate: _____

Authorized by: _____
Signature _____ Date _____

Title

** Please return this form to jvoit@mnwatersheds.com at your earliest convenience. **



Annual Meeting on Resolutions and Petitions

AGENDA

Monday, August 31, 2026

10:00 a.m.

Join online: [CLICK HERE](#)

Join by phone: +1 312 626 6799

Meeting ID: 819 9915 5892

Passcode: 362794

GENERAL BUSINESS

10:00 a.m. Call to Order and Process Overview

10:05 a.m. Approval of Agenda (Action)

ACTION ITEMS

10:05 a.m. **2025 MEETING MINUTES** (Action)

10:10 a.m. **LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM** (Action)

10:30 a.m. **RESOLUTIONS HEARING** (Action)

Note: If you wish to testify "FOR" or "AGAINST", please raise your hand. You must be recognized by the chair before you speak. Limit your comments to two (2) minutes. Voting on each resolution will be done by hand raising.

Resolution 2026-01 – Encouraging DNR and USFWS to Construct Retention Sites on DNR and USFWS Lands for Storing Water

Resolution 2026-02 – Supporting Dedicated State Funding for SWCD and Watershed District Shoreline Management Assistance

Resolution 2026-03 – Supporting Statewide Training and Certification for Shoreline Management Staff

Resolution 2026-04 – Supporting Improved Public Education and Updated Shoreline Management Guidance

Resolution 2026-05 – Supporting Rule and Process Improvements for Public Waters Shoreline Alteration Management

Resolution 2026-06 – Seeking Revision of Minnesota State 477A.19 to Preserve \$10 Million of Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Aid

Resolution 2026-07 – Seeking Establishment of a Hazard Mitigation Fund

Resolution 2026-08 – Seeking Legislation that Allows Stormwater as an Alternative Water Source for Outdoor Uses

Resolution 2026-09 – To Protect Lake Ecosystems and Shoreline Integrity from Wake Boat Impacts

12:30 p.m. **ADJOURNMENT**

Minnesota Watersheds | 1005 Mainstreet | Hopkins, MN 55343 | mnwatersheds.com

For more information, contact Jan Voit, jvoit@mnwatersheds.com | 507-822-0921

Minnesota Watersheds

Annual Meeting on Resolutions and Petitions

By Zoom

August 25, 2025



1. CALL TO ORDER

The 2025 Minnesota Watersheds Annual Meeting on Resolutions and Petitions was convened at 10:00 a.m. by President Brad Kramer, Shell Rock River Watershed District (SRRWD). Twenty two delegates, with at least one delegate from each region, were required for a quorum. There were 33 delegates in attendance when the meeting began, representing all three regions. A quorum was present. The list of delegates can be found at the end of these minutes.

President Kramer explained meeting etiquette. Hand raising was practiced.

2. GENERAL BUSINESS

Agenda

Marcie Weinandt, Rice Creek Watershed District (RCWD) moved to approve the agenda. Mike Lee, SRRWD seconded the motion. The motion passed by hand raising.

3. LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM CHANGES

President Kramer reported on the proposed changes to the Legislative Platform as provided in the meeting packet. Don Pereira, Valley Branch Watershed District (VBWD) moved to approve the Legislative Platform changes. James Johnson, Roseau River Watershed District (RRWD) seconded the motion. The motion passed by hand raising.

4. RESOLUTIONS HEARING

Don Pereira, VBWD moved to open the Resolutions Hearing. The motion was seconded by Jill Crafton, Riley-Purgatory-Bluff Creek Watershed District (RPBCWD) which passed by hand raising. Don Pereira, VBWD, presided over the Resolutions Hearing.

Resolution 2025-01 Resolution Supporting a Legislative Amendment to Expand the Wetland Conservation Act Exemption of Public Drainage System Repairs

Nick Tomczik, RCWD presented the resolution. Marcie Weinandt, RCWD, moved to adopt Resolution 2025-01. Shawn Mazanec, Capitol Region Watershed District (CRWD) seconded the motion.

The vote on the motion to adopt Resolution 2025-01 was passed by hand raising: 30 in favor, nine opposed.

- **Adopted Resolution 2025-1: NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that Minnesota Watersheds supports the introduction of new legislation to amend Minnesota Statutes 103G.2241 and MN Rule 8420.0420 to expand the WCA exemption to include all public drainage system repairs and commits its staff to further discussion through the Drainage Work Group in 2025 to promote passage of such legislation in upcoming sessions.

Resolution 2025-02 Resolution Seeking Revision to MN Statute 383B.79 to Include Watershed Management Organizations

Laura Jester, Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission presented the resolution. Jill Crafton, RPBCWD, moved to adopt Resolution 2025-02. Chris-Ann Lauria, Nine Mile Creek Watershed District, seconded the motion.

The vote on the motion to adopt Resolution 2025-02 was passed by hand raising: 40 in favor, three opposed.

- **Adopted Resolution 2025-02: NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that Minnesota Watersheds seeks a revision to Minnesota Statutes, section 383B.79, Subd. 1 to explicitly include “joint powers watershed management organizations entirely or partially located in Hennepin County” to the list of political subdivisions that can participate in the county’s multijurisdictional reinvestment programs.

Resolution 2025-03 Resolution Seeking Legislative Reform to Increase MDNR and MPCA Permit Efficiency and Define Permit Application Completeness

Jan Voit, Minnesota Watersheds and Tim Kelly, Coon Creek Watershed District (CCWD) presented the resolution. Jason Lund, CCWD moved to adopt Resolution 2025-03. James Johnson, RRWD, seconded the motion. The vote on the motion to adopt Resolution 2025-03 was passed by hand raising: 38 in favor, two opposed.

- **Adopted Resolution 2025-03: NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that Minnesota Watersheds shall pursue legislation to amend Minnesota Statutes 15.99, 84.027, and 116.03 to:
 - separate permit completeness review from compliance standards review so that statutory deadlines for permit decisions are meaningfully triggered.
 - require MDNR and MPCA to develop and publish a list of practical, reasonable information and criteria that constitutes a complete permit application.
 - mandate that, once submitted by the applicant, the application is deemed complete and allows review timelines to begin.
 - require MDNR and MPCA to notify an applicant in writing, within 30 days of receiving a permit application, whether the application is complete or incomplete. If the agency determines the application is incomplete, specific provisions of applicable rules and statutes must be cited, an explanation of what additional information is needed must be provided, and the agency must advise the applicant how the deficiencies can be remedied. If action on the permit application is not completed within 150 days, the permit is deemed to be granted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that:

- the Board of Water and Soil Resources establish a formal process to distribute, on an annual basis, an accurate and complete list identifying Calcareous Fens to all watershed districts, watershed management organizations, and soil and water conservation districts.
- pre-application meetings shall be required upon request by a qualified local agency with a project identified in state-approved plans, Watershed Restoration and Protection Strategies, or other recognized water quality studies. Such meetings shall be scheduled within four weeks of the request.
- local agencies requesting such meetings must provide 10% - 20% design-level plans with sufficient specificity to identify natural resource concerns and constraints.
- failure of either MDNR or MPCA to attend a requested pre-application meeting shall be construed as satisfaction of relevant permitting standards, allowing the project to proceed toward final design and permitting.

Shawn Mazanec, CRWD, moved to close the resolutions hearing. Jill Crafton, RPBCWD, seconded the motion which passed by hand raising.

5. ADJOURNMENT

President Kramer thanked the members for their participation in the meeting. He thanked Don Pereira for chairing the Resolutions Hearing. The meeting adjourned at 11:39 a.m.

Wanda Holker, Secretary

REGION 1	Delegate 1	Delegate 2	Alternate
Bois de Sioux Watershed District	Linda Vavra		
Buffalo-Red River Watershed District	Peter Fjestad	Cathy Affield	
Cormorant Lakes Watershed District	None		
Joe River Watershed District	None		
Middle-Snake-Tamarac Rivers	Bill Petersen	Lein Schiller	
Pelican River Watershed District	Laurie Olson	Rick Michaelson	
Red Lake Watershed District	Gene Tiedemann		
Roseau River Watershed District	Jim Johnson	LaVerne Voll	
Sand Hill River Watershed District	Don Andringa		
Two Rivers Watershed District	Jerry Olsonawski	Daryl Klegstad	
Warroad River Watershed District	None		
Wild Rice Watershed District	Mike Christensen	Duane Erickson	
REGION 2	Delegate 1	Delegate 2	Alternate
Buffalo Creek Watershed District	None		
Cedar River Watershed District	None		
Clearwater River Watershed District	None		
Crooked Creek Watershed District	None		
High Island Creek Watershed District	None		
Kanaranzi-Little Rock Watershed District	None		
Lac Qui Parle-Yellow Bank Watershed District	Andrew Weber		
Middle Fork Crow River Watershed District	Ruth Schaefer	Jeff Gertgen	
North Fork Crow River Watershed District	Bob Brauchler	Jim Barchenger	Jim Weller
Okabena Ocheda Watershed District	Casey Ingenthron	Tom Ahlberg	
Shell Rock River Watershed District		Mike Lee	Brad Kramer
Turtle Creek Watershed District	None		
Upper Minnesota River Watershed District	Wanda Holker	Jon Bork	
Yellow Medicine River Watershed District	Tim Buysse	Randy Kamrath	
REGION 3	Delegate 1	Delegate 2	Alternate
Bassett Creek WMC	Joan Hauer		
Brown's Creek Watershed District	Celia Wirth		
Capitol Region Watershed District	Hawona Sullivan Janzen	Shawn Mazanec	Joe Collins
Carnelian Marine St. Croix Watershed District	Paul Richert	Nick Bancks	
Comfort Lake - Forest Lake Watershed District	Jackie Anderson		
Coon Creek Watershed District	Jim Hafner	Jason Lund	
Minnehaha Creek Watershed District	Bill Olson	Steve Sando	
Mississippi WMO	None		
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Ramsey Washington Metro Watershed District	Benjamin Karp		Mark Gernes
Rice Creek Watershed District	Marcie Weinandt		
Riley Purgatory Bluff Creek Watershed District	Jill Crafton	Tom Duevel	
South Washington Watershed District	Mike Madigan	Emily Stephens	
Vadnais Lake Area WMO	None		
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2025-2026 LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM

Abstract

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Purpose

Minnesota Watersheds represents both watershed districts and watershed management organizations (collectively referred to as Watersheds). That representation underscores the necessity of protecting Watershed powers, duties, and planning responsibilities on a watershed basis.

This legislative platform outlines Minnesota Watersheds positions on legislative matters and serves as the foundation for our organization to support or oppose various local, state, and federal legislation. The legislative platform is based on adopted resolutions and emerging issues as identified by the MAWA Legislative Platform Committee and the Minnesota Watersheds Resolutions and Legislative Committees and adopted by the membership. It also is designed to clearly articulate defined legislative policies so members and Minnesota Watersheds representatives on the Board of Water and Soil Resources Board, Clean Water Council, and Local Government Water Roundtable can accurately state our positions.

When a resolution sunsets at the end of five years, it is removed from our Active Resolutions but remains as a policy in the Legislative Platform.

Emerging Issues

New or developing problems or concerns may arise that require attention before or during the legislative session. Those problems or concerns likely have not been addressed through the resolutions process, may or may not be identified in the legislative platform, but will need to be addressed by the lobbying team and executive director through attendance and meetings, written comments, testifying at hearings, or legislation. Flexibility is necessary so that the lobbying team and executive director can be proactive on behalf of Minnesota Watersheds with state agencies, non-governmental organizations, and at the legislature.

The Minnesota Watersheds Manual of Policy and Procedures states: *In the event legislation or state agency policy is introduced that may cause harm to Minnesota Watersheds members and there is no policy adopted by Minnesota Watersheds on the issue, the Minnesota Watersheds Board of Directors may review the legislation or policy and adopt a temporary position on the issue on behalf of the organization. The policy position will be in effect until the next annual resolutions hearing. At that time, the membership must review the policy position and vote on whether it should become a permanent policy position or should expire.*

Finance

Watersheds are tasked with many responsibilities by Minnesota statute and local priorities are set by their boards. To effectively perform those duties, adequate funding is necessary. Although some Watersheds have levy authority, there are many other avenues of funding that are important for achieving local water management, as well as water quality and quantity goals.

1. Capacity

- a. Support Clean Water Funds for implementation, not capacity (Resolution 2021-01A and B)
- b. Support capacity funding for watershed districts (Resolution 2021-02)
- c. Seek Revision to MN Statute 383B.79 to Include Watershed Management Organizations (Resolution 2025-02)
- d. Support General Fund repayment of Soil and Water Conservation District capacity funds to the Clean Water Fund

2. Grant Funding

- a. Support metro watershed-based implementation funding for approved 103B plans only (Resolution 2021-07)
- b. Support a more equitable formula for watershed-based implementation funding in the metro
- c. Lobby for watershed-specific grant funding
- d. Lobby for the flood hazard mitigation grant program

Urban Stormwater

Watersheds and land use management partners work to reduce polluted stormwater runoff and/or increase infiltration from urbanization and hard surfaces. Many Watersheds in the state have adopted regulatory standards and/or official controls to successfully manage urban stormwater when land alterations occur. Watersheds also implement a variety of urban stormwater management practices to treat runoff before it enters our lakes, streams, and wetlands.

1. Stormwater Quality Treatment

- a. Support limited liability for certified commercial salt applicators (Resolution 2022-02)
- b. Support, partner/collaborate with a municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4s – municipal separate storm sewer system) (if/where appropriate) in permit compliance activities
- c. Support the use of green infrastructure and minimizing impervious surfaces, where practical, in urban development and planning
- d. Where it may exist, support removing duplication of urban stormwater regulatory standards and controls
- e. Support the rescission of the Department of Labor and Industry/Plumbing Board Final Interpretation of Inquiry PB0159, storm drainage surcharge to return to common engineering practice for stormwater pond design

2. Water Reuse

- a. Support the Stormwater Reuse Task Force and for the Minnesota Department of Health to complete a review process (Resolution 2022-01)
- b. Support efforts to clarify and simplify State Plumbing Board rulings and requirements to facilitate more reuse of rainwater/stormwater

Water Quantity

Watersheds are directed by statute to conserve the natural resources of the state by land use planning, flood control, and other conservation projects. Specific purposes refer to flood damage reduction, stream flows, water supply, and drainage systems, as well as to identify and plan for effective protection and improvement of surface water and groundwater, and to protect and enhance fish and wildlife habitat and water recreational facilities. Numerous past, present, and future legislative initiatives have affected how water quantity issues are managed at the local level. This very broad-based topic includes management of the volume of water (drought, flooding, water supply), the flow of water (drainage, storm water, channel restoration, habitat), and recreational (lakes, rivers, wetlands) activities like fishing, boating, and hunting.

1. Drainage

- a. Support the current statutory requirements for notification and coordination in the development of petitioned repairs, drainage improvement projects, and new drainage systems
- b. Support the addition of a classification for public drainage systems that are artificial watercourses
- c. Seek increased support for and participation in the Drainage Work Group (Resolution 2022-03)
- d. Oppose the drainage registry information portal
- e. Oppose incorporating increased environmental, land use, and multipurpose water management criteria (M.S. 103E.015 requirements)
- f. Support new legislation modeled after HF2687 and SF2419 (2018) regarding Department of Natural Resources regulatory authority over public drainage maintenance and repairs (Resolution 2023-03)
- g. Support a Legislative Amendment to Expand the Wetland Conservation Act Exemption of Public Drainage System Reports (Resolution 2025-01)
- h. Oppose mandatory Environmental Assessment Worksheets for drainage projects
- i. Investigate ways of maintaining water flow during periods of drought and explore opportunities for aquifer recharge
- j. Support increased state funding for planning and implementation of multipurpose drainage projects
- k. Oppose state rulemaking to regulate agricultural drainage
- l. Clarify that MPCA and DNR coordinate their activities, wherever appropriate, with the activities of watershed organizations and give deference to local government units implementing approved watershed management plans, comprehensive watershed management plans adopted under section 103B.801, total maximum daily load studies, and watershed restoration and protection strategies

2. Funding

- a. Obtain stable funding for flood damage reduction and natural resources enhancement projects (Resolution 2022-05)
- b. Clarify county financing obligations and/or authorize watershed district general obligation bonding for public drainage projects

3. Flood Control

- a. Support crop insurance to include crop losses within impoundment areas (Resolution 2021-05)
- b. Seek action for streamlining the Department of Natural Resources Flood Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (Resolution 2023-04)

4. Regulation

- a. Support temporary water storage on Department of Natural Resources wetlands during major flood events
- b. Support managing water flows in the Minnesota River Basin (statewide) through increased water storage and other strategies and practices

- c. Work with Minnesota Department of Transportation to support flood control and how to handle increased water volume issues along state and federal highway systems (example from Bemidji district of the Minnesota Department of Transportation)

5. Policy

- a. Support funding for watershed-based climate resiliency projects and studies
- b. Support funding for best management practices that protect and enhance groundwater supply
- c. Seek the ability to allow resale of acquisition buyout property (Resolution 2024-04)

Water Quality

Protecting and improving the quality of surface and ground water in our Watersheds is an essential component of managing water resources on a watershed basis.

1. Lakes

- a. Support limiting wake boat activities (Resolution 2022-06)
- b. Support designation change and research needs for the Chinese Mystery Snail
- c. Support temporary lake quarantine authorization to control the spread of aquatic invasive species
- d. Support streamlining permit applications for rough fish management
- e. Support dredging as a best management practice to manage internal phosphorus loads in lakes

2. Wetlands

- a. Support a statutory requirement for water level control structures in wetland restorations and wetland banks
- b. Support federal, state, and local funding for wetland restoration and protection activities
- c. Seek clarification of the statutorily modified definition of wetlands and the effects on watershed implementation of the Wetland Conservation Act ([Minnesota Laws 2024, Chapter 90, Article 3, section 77](#))

3. Rivers and Streams

- a. Support a statutory deadline for Department of Natural Resources Public Waters Work Permits (45-60 days)
- b. Support automatic transfer of public waters work permits to Watersheds (M.S. Chapter 103G.245 Subd.5)

4. Policy

- a. Support funding for watershed-based climate resiliency projects and studies
- b. Support funding for best management practices that protect groundwater quality
- c. Support development, adoption, and implementation of regulatory approaches to reducing chloride contamination in waters of the state (Resolution 2024-01)

Watershed Management and Operations

Protecting, enhancing, defending, and supporting existing Watershed statutory powers, duties, and planning responsibilities is necessary for effective and efficient watershed management and operations.

Specific Watershed powers, duties, and planning responsibilities are contained in Minnesota Statutes [Chapter 103B](#) and [Chapter 103D](#).

1. Watershed Powers

- a. Support and defend eminent domain powers [and the statutory appeals process](#) for watershed districts [as provided in M.S. 103D and 103E](#)
- b. Support Watershed powers to levy property taxes and collect special assessments
- c. Support a watershed district's power to accept the transfer of drainage systems in the watershed; to repair, improve, and maintain the transferred drainage systems; and to construct all new drainage systems and improvements of existing drainage systems in the watershed
- d. Support a Watershed's power to regulate the use and development of land within its boundaries

2. Watershed Duties

- a. Support a Watershed's duty to initiate projects
- b. Support a Watershed's duty to maintain and operate existing projects
- c. Allow alternative notice of watershed district proceedings by publication on the district's website (Resolution 2024-02)
- d. Support a Legislative Amendment to Clarify the Deadline for Watershed Districts to Certify Levies (Resolution 2025-06)

3. Watershed Planning

- a. Support a Watershed's ability to jointly or cooperatively manage and/or plan for the management of surface and ground water
- b. Support the connection between watershed-based implementation and funding
- c. Support development of a soil health goal for metropolitan watershed management plans
- d. Support education and outreach to encourage formation of watershed districts in unserved areas (Resolution 2023-06)

~~4. Human Resources~~

- ~~Seek revision to Minnesota Statute 471.617 to Include Watershed Districts and Watershed Management Organizations (Resolution 2025-04)~~

Agency Relations

Watershed organizations work with many federal and state agencies to accomplish their mission. While relationships vary from administrative to funding and regulatory, agency policies and procedures can have a major impact on Watershed operations and projects. Maintaining strong, positive relations and ensuring Watersheds have a role in policy making is key to successful watershed management and operations.

1. Advocacy

- a. Require a 60-day review period before state agencies adopt new policies related to water and watershed management (Resolution 2021-06)
- b. Increase collaborative efforts between Minnesota Watersheds and all state agencies involved in water management

2. Representation

- a. Support watershed district managers being appointed, not allowing county commissioners to serve as managers

3. Regulation

- a. Streamline the Department of Natural Resources permitting process by increasing responsiveness, decreasing the amount of time it takes to approve permits, providing a detailed fee schedule prior to application, and conducting water level management practices that result in their reaction more quickly to serious, changing climate conditions
- b. Require watershed district permits for all state agencies (Resolution 2023-01)
- c. Oppose mandatory Environmental Assessment Worksheets for drainage projects
- d. Request support to request new legislation to set permit review time limits upon the Department of Natural Resources (Resolution 2024-13)
- e. Seek Legislative Reform to Increase MDNR and MPCA Permit Efficiency and Define Permit Application Completeness (Resolution 2025-03)
- f. Improve Mitigation Under the Minnesota Endangered Species Act (Resolution 2025-05)

Regulations

Watershed representation on state and local panels and committees and the ability for Watersheds to regulate development and use of land within the organization's boundaries without prohibitive regulatory restrictions is necessary.

- a. Oppose legislation that forces spending on political boundaries
- b. Support the ability to appeal public water designations
- c. Seek Watershed membership on Wetland Technical Evaluation Panels (Resolution 2024-03)

Natural Resources

Minnesota Statutes direct Watersheds to conserve the natural resources of the state. Some of the purposes listed in statute are to conserve water in streams and water supply, alleviate soil erosion and siltation of water courses or water basins, regulate improvements by riparian property owners of the beds, banks, and shores of lakes, streams, and wetlands for preservation and beneficial public use; protect or enhance the water quality in water courses or water basins; and protect and preserve groundwater resources.

1. Planning

- a. Ensure timely updates to Wildlife Management Area plans
- b. Support Watershed inclusion in development of state plans (i.e., Prairie Plan, State Water Plan, etc.) related to water and watershed management

2. Policy

- a. Support funding for climate resiliency
- b. Seek clarification in the statutory language regarding funding for and updating the public waters inventory ([Minnesota Laws 2024, Chapter 116, Article 3, section 47](#))
- c. Seek the Department of Natural Resources to establish a "Comprehensive Guideline for Calcareous Fen Management" (Resolution 2024-05)

- d. Seek the Department of Natural Resources to adopt a program to incentivize calcareous fen management on private lands (Resolution 2024-07)
- e. Seek a formal process to distribute a complete list of calcareous fens annually (Resolution 2024-10)
- f. Seek the development of a calcareous fen work group (Resolution 2024-12)

3. Habitat

- a. Clarify buffer rule issues
- b. Support funding to reduce erosion and sedimentation
- c. Support funding for the enhancement, establishment, and protection of stream corridors and riparian areas
- d. Support funding for the enhancement and protection of habitats

Results

This section will document when an issue is resolved.

Water Quantity

Drainage (2024)

- Comply with the legislative mandate to review outlet adequacy and notification requirements in the Drainage Work Group
 - During the 2023 legislative session ([Minnesota Laws 2023, Chapter 60, Article 5, section 21](#)), BWSR and the DWG were directed by the legislature to evaluate and develop recommendations on the definition and application of outlet adequacy as provided in M.S. Chapter 103E.261 and public notice requirements for drainage activities, including a drainage registry portal. The report was developed during DWG meetings following the 2023 legislative session. The report was submitted to the legislature on February 1, 2024 as required by the statutory language.

Watershed Management and Operation

Human Resources (2026)

- Seek revision to Minnesota Statute 471.617 to Include Watershed Districts and Watershed Management Organizations (Resolution 2025-04)
 - SF3887 Pratt, Klein/HF3571 Bakeberg, Tabke, Cha, McDonald. A bill for an act relating to local government; allowing watershed districts to self-insure for certain employee health benefits; making technical changes; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 471.617, subdivisions 1, 2, 4, 4a. Passed both the House and Senate. Signed into law by Governor Walz on May 5.

Watershed Duties (2025)

- Support increased flexibility in the open meeting law
 - During the 2025 legislative session, the Open Meeting Law was amended to remove some of the requirements for remote meeting participation using interactive technology. Watershed boards and other local government bodies may conduct their meetings using interactive technology so long as:

- all members of the body participating in the meeting, wherever their physical location, can hear and see one another and can hear and see all discussion and testimony presented at any location at which at least one member is present;
- members of the public present at the regular meeting location of the body can hear and see all discussion and testimony and all votes of members of the body;
- at least one member of the body is physically present at the regular meeting location; and
- all votes are conducted by roll call so each member's vote on each issue can be identified and recorded.

Watershed Planning (2024)

- Support watershed autonomy during and following a One Watershed, One Plan development process
 - Changes were made to clarify and modernize M.S. Chapter 103D during the 2024 legislative session ([Minnesota Laws 2024, Chapter 90, Article 3, section 42](#)). M.S. Chapter 103D.401 was clarified that a watershed district maintains the authority to adopt a plan even when participating in a comprehensive watershed management planning program under section 103B.801 (One Watershed, One Plan/1W1P).

Legislative Committee Recommendations



The committee's recommendations on resolutions are as follows.

#	Resolution Title	Committee Recommendation
1	Encouraging DNR and USFWS to Construct Retention Sites on DNR and USFWS Lands for Storing Water	Recommends adoption
2	Supporting Dedicated State Funding for SWCD and Watershed District Shoreline Management Assistance	Recommends adoption
3	Supporting Statewide Training and Certification for Shoreline Management Staff	Recommends adoption
4	Supporting Improved Public Education and Updated Shoreline Management Guidance	Recommends adoption
5	Supporting Rule and Process Improvements for Public Waters Shoreline Alteration Management	Recommends adoption
6	Seeking Revision of Minnesota State 477A.19 to Preserve \$10 Million of Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Aid	Recommends adoption
7	Seeking Establishment of Hazard Mitigation Fund	Recommends adoption
8	Seeking Legislation that Allows Stormwater as an Alternative Water Sources for Outdoor Uses	Recommends adoption
9	To Protect Lake Ecosystems and Shoreline Integrity from Wake Boat Impacts	Recommends adoption

BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON MINNESOTA WATERSHEDS

RESOLUTION 2026-01

Resolution Encouraging DNR and USFWS to Construct Retention Sites on DNR and USFWS Lands for Storing Water

Proposing District: Wild Rice Watershed District
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Background that led to submission of this resolution:

Our Board of Managers feels that land owned by DNR and USFWS would provide opportunities for retention sites to store excess waters on wetlands owned and controlled by DNR and USFWS.

The primary goal outlined in the resolution is to reduce the frequency and severity of flooding impacts across Minnesota by increasing the capacity to temporarily store excess water during major flood events. The resolution emphasizes the strategic use of existing wetlands owned and managed by the DNR and USFWS as potential retention sites. This approach is intended to protect both public and private property by reducing downstream flood risks and providing opportunities for habitat improvements.

Additionally, the resolution supports a coordinated, interagency approach, including watershed districts, state agencies, and federal partners, to evaluate and implement these opportunities through a formal review process. The resolution does not establish detailed technical criteria or reference specific management plans; rather, it sets a policy direction and framework for further evaluation and collaboration.

The resolution proposes the establishment of a committee to work collaboratively with the DNR and USFWS to identify existing wetlands on public lands that could serve as floodwater retention sites.

While the resolution itself does not specifically reference LiDAR or other geospatial tools, the intent is to conduct a systematic identification and evaluation process of publicly owned wetlands. This effort will be improved by the high-resolution LiDAR that has been collected across the state of Minnesota. The ultimate tools and methodologies for that evaluation are not defined within the resolution and would be determined through coordination with the participating agencies.

Efforts to solve the problem

Our staff has worked with DNR to construct a control structure on the Goose Prairie WMA to allow excessive flood waters to be held during an identified date range in the spring. This structure allows excess floodwaters to be temporarily retained during a defined window in the spring, demonstrating the feasibility of using existing public wetlands for managed floodwater storage. This effort provides a successful, real-world example of how interagency coordination can result in functional projects that help reduce downstream flood impacts while also providing opportunities to improve habitat.

We would like there to be more effort and communication to encourage DNR and USFWS to review other parcels in which water could be stored to alleviate downstream flooding impacts.

Is legislative action the best means of addressing the matter? If yes, what is the purpose or intent of your proposal? If not, what advocacy steps could be taken with state or local government officials?

Communicate the possibility to utilize public lands to store water with legislators in an effort to have them support the resolution and develop a committee to review public lands and potential storage opportunities which can occur on them.

Anticipated support or opposition

This resolution would be of interest to other watershed districts, counties, cities and wildlife organizations.

This issue: (check all that apply)

Applies only to our district		Requires legislative action	
Applies only to 1 or 2 regions		Requires state agency advocacy	x
Applies to the entire state	x	Impacts MW bylaws or MOPP	

MINNESOTA WATERSHEDS RESOLUTION 2026-01

Resolution Encouraging DNR and USFWS to Construct Retention Sites on DNR and USFWS Lands for Storing Water

WHEREAS, the WRWD discussed the frequent, severe floods within the State of Minnesota and further discussed ways to reduce flood impacts; and

WHEREAS, it is the WRWD's desire for watershed districts and other drainage authorities within the State of Minnesota to discuss with the DNR and the USFWS about the construction of retention sites on certain existing wetlands owned by the Minnesota DNR and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for the temporary diversion and storage of excess water in times of major flood events within said retention sites as doing so would reduce flood impacts to both private and public property.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Minnesota Watersheds appoint a committee to meet with the DNR and USFWS, identify existing wetlands owned by DNR and USFWS that could serve as retention sites, and discuss the potential for construction of retentions sites and storage of excess waters on said existing wetlands owned and controlled by DNR and USFWS in times of major flood events.

Notes: Committee recommends adoption

Summary Background and Rationale for Shoreline Management Resolutions #2 - #5

Background that led to the submission of these resolutions

Minnesota's natural shorelines are continuing to disappear, contributing to degraded lake water quality, reduced habitat, and declining aquatic biological health. The 2023 Natural Shoreline Partnership report, *Minnesota's Vanishing Natural Shorelines: A Loss that Contributes to Degraded Lake Quality*, found that approximately 40 to 50 percent of Minnesota's natural shorelines have already been lost, and that natural shoreline loss is continuing at an estimated rate of 1 to 2 percent per decade. The report also found that mowed "lawn down to lake" shorelines allow 7 to 9 times more phosphorus to enter lakes than naturally vegetated shorelines and recommends a reasonable protection and restoration goal that 75 percent of a shoreline exist in natural vegetation at least 25 feet landward from the lake.

To explore this issue in greater depth, the statewide Natural Shoreline Partnership formed a Shoreline Protection Subcommittee to identify ways to improve how state agencies, local governments, SWCDs, watershed districts, and other partners regulate and provide technical services for shoreline property owners. The Subcommittee met several times between September 2024 and April 2025 to review challenges with existing state and local rules, DNR Public Water Restoration Rules, shoreline assessments, sand blankets, ice heaves, general permits, and DNR enforcement procedures.

A central conclusion of the Subcommittee was that Minnesota's public waters rules are not necessarily the primary barrier to natural shoreline protection. Rather, many of the most significant challenges arise from how shoreline alteration rules are explained to the public, how those rules are administered, how consistently they are applied, and how state and local governments coordinate on projects that often affect areas both above and below the ordinary high water level.

Several recurring issues were identified. Public-facing DNR guidance for riprap, sand blankets, and ice-heave repair may be outdated, misunderstood, or applied inconsistently. "No permit required" shoreline activities can be difficult to track and verify. Criteria for determining demonstrated erosion need are not always clear. Coordination among DNR, SWCDs, watershed districts, counties, cities, and townships varies across the state. Public agencies have also lost technical capacity for natural shoreline restoration, bioengineered stabilization, and field-based landowner assistance.

These issues create practical problems for landowners, contractors, local governments, and state agencies. Landowners may receive inconsistent information. Contractors may rely on long-standing practices that do not fully protect natural shoreline functions. Local governments may be asked to respond to shoreline impacts without adequate funding, training, or technical support. DNR staff may face increasing expectations without updated guidance, consistent procedures, or sufficient interagency coordination.

The following four resolutions are intended to address these related but distinct needs:

1. **Dedicated State Funding for Local Shoreline Management Assistance** — to build local capacity for landowner assistance, site evaluations, project review, restoration support, and permit coordination.
2. **Statewide Shoreline Management Training and Certification Program** — to improve consistency and technical understanding among state and local staff involved in shoreline evaluation, restoration, permitting, compliance, and landowner assistance.
3. **Updated Public Shoreline Guidance and Education** — to replace outdated public-facing shoreline alteration guidance and improve statewide communication about natural shoreline protection, bioengineering, riprap, sand blankets, ice-heave repair, permits, and alternatives to hard armoring.
4. **Public Waters Rule and Process Improvements for Shoreline Alterations** — to improve consistency in DNR implementation, develop clearer shoreline evaluation procedures, strengthen coordination among agencies and local governments, address recurring contractor violations, and improve rule and process clarity.

Together, these resolutions request that Minnesota Watersheds support state agency advocacy and, where necessary, legislative action to improve natural shoreline protection and restoration. The intent is not to create unnecessary regulation, but to make shoreline management more consistent, practical,

understandable, and effective for landowners, contractors, local governments, and state agencies while better protecting Minnesota's public waters and natural shoreline functions.

This issue applies statewide and affects watershed districts, watershed management organizations, SWCDs, counties, cities, townships, lake associations, landowners, contractors, DNR, BWSR, MPCA, and other partners involved in shoreline management and public waters protection.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON MINNESOTA WATERSHEDS RESOLUTION 2026-02

Resolution Supporting Dedicated State Funding for SWCD and Watershed District Shoreline Management Assistance

Proposing District: Carnelian Marine St. Croix Watershed District
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Background that led to the submission of this resolution

Minnesota's natural shorelines continue to be lost or degraded through cumulative shoreline alterations, vegetation removal, hard armoring, grading, sand blankets, and other activities that reduce water quality, habitat, and lake resilience. Local governments, including Soil and Water Conservation Districts, watershed districts, watershed management organizations, counties, cities, and townships, are often the first point of contact for landowners seeking help with shoreline stabilization, restoration, permitting, and natural shoreline alternatives.

As the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources and other partners improve shoreline evaluation, guidance, and implementation of public waters restoration and shoreline management requirements, additional workload will likely fall on local partners. Many SWCDs and watershed districts do not currently have dedicated funding or staff capacity to provide consistent technical assistance, site visits, project review, landowner support, monitoring, and follow-through for shoreline management.

Successful shoreline protection depends on timely, locally available assistance that helps landowners understand and implement natural shoreline practices before hard armoring or other damaging alterations occur.

Efforts to solve the problem

The statewide Natural Shoreline Partnership has documented the continuing loss of natural shoreline and the need for stronger coordination, education, technical assistance, incentives, and restoration support. A Shoreline Protection Subcommittee later examined shoreline alteration management in more detail and identified a need to rebuild local and state technical capacity for natural shoreline restoration, bioengineering, landowner assistance, and coordinated review.

Local governments, SWCDs, watershed districts, and lake associations already provide outreach and technical support where capacity exists. However, this assistance is inconsistent statewide because it often depends on local funding, grants, or limited staff availability.

Is legislative action the best means of addressing the matter? If yes, what is the purpose or intent of your proposal? If not, what advocacy steps could be taken with state or local government officials?

Yes. Legislative action is likely needed to establish dedicated and ongoing state funding for local shoreline management assistance.

The purpose of legislative action would be to create a stable state funding source that supports SWCDs, watershed districts, watershed management organizations, and other local partners in providing shoreline technical assistance, landowner site visits, project design support, permit coordination, monitoring, and implementation assistance.

If legislative action is not immediately pursued, Minnesota Watersheds should advocate with DNR, BWSR, MPCA, and legislative committees to recognize shoreline management as a shared state-local responsibility and to include shoreline technical assistance in future state funding programs.

Anticipated support or opposition

Support is anticipated from watershed districts, watershed management organizations, SWCDs, lake associations, local governments, fisheries and habitat advocates, and organizations working to protect water quality and aquatic life.

Opposition or concern may come from parties concerned about new state spending or increased local government involvement in shoreline projects. These concerns can be addressed by emphasizing that the funding is intended to provide practical landowner assistance, improve consistency, reduce confusion, and support voluntary natural shoreline restoration before enforcement or regulatory conflicts occur.

This issue (check all that apply)

Applies only to our district		Requires legislative action	x
Applies only to 1 or 2 regions	x	Requires state agency advocacy	x
Applies to the entire state		Impacts MW bylaws or MOPP	

MINNESOTA WATERSHEDS RESOLUTION 2026-02

Resolution Supporting State Funding for SWCD and Watershed District Shoreline Management Assistance

WHEREAS, Minnesota’s lakes, rivers, and public waters provide substantial public benefits, including water quality, fish and wildlife habitat, flood resilience, recreation, and property value protection; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota’s natural shorelines continue to be lost or degraded through cumulative shoreline alterations, vegetation removal, hard armoring, grading, and other activities that reduce habitat and water quality benefits; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources is working to improve shoreline evaluation, guidance, and implementation of public waters restoration and shoreline management requirements; and

WHEREAS, improved shoreline evaluation and implementation will likely create additional workload for local governments, including Soil and Water Conservation Districts, watershed districts, watershed management organizations, counties, and other local partners; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute 383B.79 does not expressly include joint powers watershed management organizations (WMOs) in the list of political subdivisions allowed to officially participate in these programs.

WHEREAS, local governments are often the first point of contact for landowners seeking assistance with shoreline stabilization, restoration, permitting, and natural shoreline alternatives; and

WHEREAS, many SWCDs and watershed districts do not currently have adequate dedicated funding or staff capacity to provide consistent technical assistance, site evaluations, landowner support, and project follow-through for shoreline management; and

WHEREAS, successful shoreline protection and restoration depends on timely, practical, and locally available technical assistance that helps landowners understand and implement natural shoreline practices before hard-armoring or other damaging alterations occur.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Minnesota Watersheds supports the creation of dedicated state funding to assist Soil and Water Conservation Districts, watershed districts, watershed management organizations, and other local government partners with shoreline management technical assistance, project review, landowner support, and implementation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this funding should support local staff time, technical evaluations, landowner site visits, project design assistance, permit coordination, monitoring, and follow-up needed to advance natural shoreline protection and restoration.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Minnesota Watersheds supports state funding that recognizes shoreline management as a shared state-local responsibility requiring adequate and ongoing local capacity.

Notes: Committee recommends adoption

BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON MINNESOTA WATERSHEDS

RESOLUTION 2026-03

Resolution Supporting Statewide Training and Certification for Shoreline Management Staff

Proposing District: Carnelian Marine St. Croix Watershed District
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Background that led to submission of this resolution

Shoreline management decisions often require technical evaluation of erosion causes, shoreline condition, vegetation, soils, slopes, wave energy, ice action, habitat impacts, water quality impacts, and the suitability of proposed stabilization or restoration methods. Inconsistent understanding and application of shoreline standards can result in inconsistent permitting decisions, landowner confusion, unnecessary hard armoring, and continued loss of natural shoreline functions.

The Wetland Conservation Act provides a useful model for structured training, certification, and interagency review that helps support consistent implementation across jurisdictions. Shoreline management would benefit from a similar statewide training and certification program for state and local staff involved in shoreline evaluation, permitting, restoration, compliance, and technical assistance.

Efforts to solve the problem

The Natural Shoreline Partnership's Shoreline Protection Subcommittee reviewed DNR Public Waters Rules, riprap, sand blankets, ice heaves, general permits, enforcement procedures, and local shoreline assessment work. The Subcommittee identified the need for shared training standards, consistent terminology, common evaluation methods, and improved understanding of natural shoreline restoration and bioengineering alternatives.

Local staff, SWCDs, watershed districts, counties, cities, townships, and DNR staff currently work on shoreline issues, but training and technical capacity vary significantly across the state. This creates inconsistent outcomes for landowners and natural resource protection.

Is legislative action the best means of addressing the matter? If yes, what is the purpose or intent of your proposal? If not, what advocacy steps could be taken with state or local government officials?

Legislative action may be needed if a formal statewide certification program requires statutory authority, dedicated funding, or direction to state agencies.

The purpose of legislative action would be to direct or fund the development of a statewide shoreline management training and certification program, modeled in part on the structured training and certification approach used for Wetland Conservation Act implementation. The program should include shoreline condition evaluation, erosion drivers, natural shoreline design, bioengineering methods, public waters permitting requirements, restoration standards, vegetation protection, habitat impacts, enforcement considerations, and long-term maintenance.

If legislation is not required, Minnesota Watersheds should advocate for DNR, BWSR, MPCA, SWCDs, watershed districts, and other partners to develop and implement the training program administratively.

Anticipated support or concern

Support is anticipated from watershed districts, SWCDs, local governments, state agency staff, lake associations, and professional organizations seeking more consistent shoreline evaluation and permitting.

Opposition or concern may come from those concerned about additional certification requirements, cost, or administrative burden. These concerns can be addressed by designing the program to improve consistency, provide practical field-based training, and support better landowner service rather than simply adding new requirements.

This issue (check all that apply)

Applies only to our district		Requires legislative action	x
Applies only to 1 or 2 regions		Requires state agency advocacy	x
Applies to the entire state	x	Impacts MW bylaws or MOPP	

MINNESOTA WATERSHEDS RESOLUTION 2026-03

Resolution Supporting Statewide Training and Certification for Shoreline Management Staff

WHEREAS, shoreline management decisions often require technical evaluation of erosion causes, shoreline condition, vegetation, soils, slopes, wave energy, ice action, habitat impacts, water quality impacts, and the suitability of proposed stabilization or restoration methods; and

WHEREAS, inconsistent understanding and application of shoreline standards can result in inconsistent permitting decisions, landowner confusion, unnecessary hard armoring, and continued loss of natural shoreline functions; and

WHEREAS, the Wetland Conservation Act provides a useful model for technical training, certification, and interagency review that helps support more consistent implementation across jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, shoreline management would benefit from a similar structured training and certification program for state and local staff involved in shoreline evaluation, permitting, restoration, compliance, and technical assistance; and

WHEREAS, watershed districts, watershed management organizations, SWCDs, counties, cities, townships, and DNR staff would benefit from shared training standards, consistent terminology, and common evaluation methods; and

WHEREAS, certification-based training would help ensure that shoreline evaluations consider the cause and degree of shoreline change, the impacts of proposed alterations, and the availability of natural or bioengineering alternatives before structural hard armoring is authorized.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Minnesota Watersheds supports development of a statewide shoreline management training and certification program for state and local staff, modeled in part on the structured training and certification approach used for Wetland Conservation Act implementation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the training program should include evaluation of shoreline condition, erosion drivers, natural shoreline design, bioengineering methods, public waters permitting requirements, restoration standards, vegetation protection, habitat impacts, enforcement considerations, and long-term maintenance.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Minnesota Watersheds supports development of a consistent shoreline evaluation framework that can be used by DNR staff, SWCDs, watershed districts, counties, cities, townships, and other local partners.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Minnesota Watersheds supports the use of technical evaluation panels or similar interagency review processes for complex shoreline alteration proposals, similar in concept to technical review processes used under the Wetland Conservation Act.

Notes: Committee recommends adoption

BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON MINNESOTA WATERSHEDS

RESOLUTION 2026-04

Resolution Supporting Improved Public Education and Updated Shoreline Management Guidance

Proposing District: Carnelian Marine St. Croix Watershed District
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Background that led to submission of this resolution

Landowners, contractors, consultants, local officials, and local government staff rely on public-facing information from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources when evaluating shoreline stabilization, restoration, and alteration options.

The Natural Shoreline Subcommittee identified several recurring issues with DNR guidance for riprap, sand blanket, and ice-heave “no permit required” documents. Requirements are often unmet, misunderstood or ignored; “no permit required” shoreline alterations are difficult to track and verify; criteria for determining a demonstrated need for riprap are ambiguous or inconsistently applied;

The outdated or incomplete shoreline alteration guidance documents can create confusion and may encourage practices that are not aligned with current natural shoreline science, restoration standards, state statute, or the protection of public waters.

Older riprap guidance and similar materials contribute to misunderstanding about when riprap is appropriate, what alternatives should be considered, and how natural shoreline functions should be protected. Public education materials should clearly identify the limited circumstances in which riprap, sand blankets, and ice-ridge repair are appropriate, explain the benefits of natural shorelines, including water quality protection, fish and wildlife habitat, slope stability, wave energy dissipation, climate resilience, and long-term property protection.

Efforts to solve the problem

The Natural Shoreline Partnership developed Minnesota’s Vanishing Natural Shorelines, which documented the scale of natural shoreline loss and the connection between shoreline alteration and degraded lake quality. The Shoreline Protection Subcommittee then identified the need to update public-facing shoreline materials, improve consistency in messaging, and better explain the difference between natural shoreline restoration, bioengineered stabilization, riprap, retaining walls, beach creation, vegetation removal, grading, and other shoreline alterations.

Local governments, SWCDs, watershed districts, lake associations, and state agencies already provide public education, but messaging is not always consistent and may be undermined by older or outdated state guidance still available to the public.

Is legislative action the best means of addressing the matter? If yes, what is the purpose or intent of your proposal? If not, what advocacy steps could be taken with state or local government officials?

Legislative action is not necessarily required if DNR can update all public-facing guidance, webpages, fact sheets, and permit materials administratively.

However, legislative action may be appropriate if agency direction or funding is needed to ensure outdated materials are replaced and updated guidance is developed in coordination with local governments, SWCDs, watershed districts, BWSR, MPCA, lake associations, and other partners.

The purpose or intent would be to ensure that Minnesota’s public shoreline guidance reflects current natural shoreline science, state statute, best available restoration practices, and clear permitting expectations.

If legislation is not pursued, Minnesota Watersheds should advocate directly with DNR and partner agencies to replace outdated shoreline alteration guidance, including older “Shoreline Alterations: Riprap” materials, and to coordinate statewide public education on natural shoreline protection and restoration.

Anticipated support or concern

Support is anticipated from watershed districts, SWCDs, lake associations, local governments, habitat advocates, and organizations working to improve water quality and shoreline stewardship.

Opposition or concern may come from various divisions or regional offices within the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources that have relied on existing shoreline alteration guidance, fact sheets, and implementation practices for decades. Concerns may include staff capacity to update guidance, uncertainty about changing long-standing interpretations, the need for internal consistency across DNR programs and regions, concern that revised materials could increase review workload, and reluctance to create expectations that existing past practices were inadequate or inconsistent.

This issue (check all that apply)

Applies only to our district		Requires legislative action	
Applies only to 1 or 2 regions		Requires state agency advocacy	x
Applies to the entire state	x	Impacts MW bylaws or MOPP	

MINNESOTA WATERSHEDS RESOLUTION 2026-04

Resolution Supporting Improved Public Education and Updated Shoreline Management Guidance

WHEREAS, landowners, contractors, consultants, local officials, and local government staff rely on public-facing information from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources when evaluating shoreline stabilization, restoration, and alteration options; and

WHEREAS, outdated shoreline alteration guidance can create confusion and may encourage practices that are not fully aligned with current natural shoreline science, restoration standards, state statute, or the protection of public waters; and

WHEREAS, the continued public availability of older shoreline riprap guidance may contribute to misunderstanding about when riprap is appropriate, what alternatives should be considered, and how natural shoreline functions should be protected; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota’s public education materials should clearly explain the benefits of natural shorelines, including water quality protection, fish and wildlife habitat, slope stability, wave energy dissipation, climate resilience, and long-term property protection; and

WHEREAS, effective public education should help landowners understand the difference between natural shoreline restoration, bioengineered stabilization, riprap, retaining walls, beach creation, vegetation removal, grading, and other shoreline alterations; and

WHEREAS, updated public education materials should support consistent messaging by DNR, SWCDs, watershed districts, counties, cities, townships, lake associations, contractors, consultants, and other partners.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Minnesota Watersheds supports the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources updating its public-facing shoreline management webpages, guidance documents, permit materials, and educational resources to reflect current natural shoreline science, state statute, and best available restoration practices.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Minnesota Watersheds supports replacing outdated “Shoreline Alterations: Riprap” guidance and similar materials with updated guidance that more clearly prioritizes avoidance, minimization, natural shoreline restoration, bioengineering, vegetation protection, and long-term shoreline function.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that updated public education materials should clearly identify when permits or notifications are required, what activities may violate public waters rules, and what alternatives are available to landowners before hard armoring is pursued.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Minnesota Watersheds supports coordinated public education among DNR, BWSR, SWCDs, watershed districts, counties, cities, townships, lake associations, and other partners to promote consistent shoreline management information statewide.

Notes: Committee recommends adoption

BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON MINNESOTA WATERSHEDS

RESOLUTION 2026-05

Resolution Supporting Rule and Process Improvements for Public Waters Shoreline Alteration Management

Proposing District: Carnelian Marine St. Croix Watershed District
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Background that led to submission of this resolution

Minnesota Rules part 6115.0215 establishes requirements for restoration and alteration of public waters, including activities that affect shorelines, beds, banks, and public water resources. Consistent implementation of Minnesota's public waters rules is necessary to protect natural shorelines, water quality, aquatic habitat, and the public interest in lakes, rivers, and streams.

Watershed districts and other local government partners have identified discrepancies and inconsistencies in the implementation of shoreline alteration rules, guidance, permitting, notification, and enforcement. These inconsistencies can result in landowner confusion, uneven regulatory outcomes, continued shoreline degradation, and reduced confidence in state and local shoreline management programs.

Shoreline alteration decisions should include a clear evaluation of existing shoreline condition, the cause and degree of shoreline change, the proposed alteration, less-impactful alternatives, and cumulative impacts to public waters. Contractors who repeatedly conduct shoreline alterations without required notice, permits, or approvals can create significant damage to public waters and place landowners and local governments in difficult compliance situations.

Efforts to solve the problem

The Natural Shoreline Partnership's Shoreline Protection Subcommittee reviewed challenges with existing state and local shoreline rules, DNR Public Waters Restoration Rules, shoreline assessments, sand blankets, ice heaves, general permits, and DNR enforcement procedures. The Subcommittee concluded that DNR Public Waters Rules are not necessarily the primary barrier to natural shoreline protection. Rather, the more significant problems are how shoreline alteration rules are expressed to the public, how those rules are administered, and how governments coordinate with each other on projects that span jurisdictional boundaries.

The Subcommittee developed recommendations to update DNR guidance, improve coordination among DNR and local governments, develop administrative procedures for "no permit required" shoreline work, create tools to determine demonstrated erosion need, strengthen training, clarify grading and filling requirements, encourage contractor training or certification, review General Permit barriers, and rebuild technical capacity for natural shoreline restoration and bioengineered shoreline design.

Is legislative action the best means of addressing the matter? If yes, what is the purpose or intent of your proposal? If not, what advocacy steps could be taken with state or local government officials?

Legislative action may be needed if rule changes, agency direction, funding, or statutory clarification are necessary to ensure consistent statewide implementation of public waters shoreline alteration requirements.

The purpose or intent of legislative action would be to support clearer, more consistent, and more coordinated implementation of Minnesota Rules part 6115.0215 and related public waters shoreline alteration requirements. This may include direction or support for DNR to:

1. Develop a consistent shoreline evaluation process;
2. Clarify how demonstrated erosion need is evaluated before riprap or other hard armoring is authorized;
3. Establish administrative procedures for "no permit required" shoreline work;
4. Improve coordination between DNR, local governments, SWCDs, and watershed districts;

5. Create a technical evaluation panel or similar interagency review process for complex or sensitive shoreline alteration proposals;
6. Ensure consistent DNR processes and determinations across regions and area offices;
7. Strengthen procedures for recurring contractor violations involving shoreline modifications completed without required notification, permits, or approvals; and
8. Review General Permit processes that may discourage natural or bioengineered shoreline alternatives.

If legislative action is not immediately pursued, Minnesota Watersheds should advocate directly with DNR, MPCA, BWSR, counties, SWCDs, watershed districts, and other partners to implement these process improvements administratively.

Anticipated support or concern

Support is anticipated from watershed districts, watershed management organizations, SWCDs, local governments, lake associations, fisheries and habitat advocates, and organizations working to protect water quality, aquatic life, and public waters.

Opposition or concern may come from shoreline contractors, some riparian landowners, and parties concerned about additional process requirements, delays, or limits on shoreline hardening. These concerns can be addressed through clear guidance, timely review procedures, contractor training, practical landowner assistance, and recognition that the resolution seeks consistency, coordination, and protection of public waters rather than unnecessary regulation.

This issue (check all that apply)

Applies only to our district		Requires legislative action	x
Applies only to 1 or 2 regions		Requires state agency advocacy	x
Applies to the entire state	x	Impacts MW bylaws or MOPP	

MINNESOTA WATERSHEDS RESOLUTION 2026-05

Resolution Supporting Rule and Process Improvements for Public Waters Shoreline Alteration Management

WHEREAS, Minnesota Rules part 6115.0215 establishes requirements for restoration and alteration of public waters, including activities that affect shorelines, beds, banks, and public water resources; and

WHEREAS, consistent implementation of Minnesota’s public waters rules is necessary to protect natural shorelines, water quality, aquatic habitat, and the public interest in lakes, rivers, and streams; and

WHEREAS, watershed districts and other local government partners have identified discrepancies and inconsistencies in the implementation of shoreline alteration rules, guidance, permitting, notification, and enforcement; and

WHEREAS, inconsistent application of public waters rules can result in landowner confusion, uneven regulatory outcomes, continued shoreline degradation, and reduced confidence in state and local shoreline management programs; and

WHEREAS, shoreline alteration decisions should include a clear evaluation of the cause, severity, and extent of shoreline change, the proposed alteration, the availability of less-impactful alternatives, and the cumulative impact to public waters; and

WHEREAS, contractors who repeatedly conduct shoreline alterations without required notice, permits, or approvals can create significant damage to public waters and place landowners and local governments in difficult compliance situations; and

WHEREAS, clearer rules, procedures, and enforcement expectations would improve consistency, fairness, and environmental outcomes for landowners, contractors, local governments, and state agencies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Minnesota Watersheds supports rule, guidance, and process improvements by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources to ensure consistent implementation of Minnesota Rules part 6115.0215 and related public waters shoreline alteration requirements.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Minnesota Watersheds supports development and implementation of a consistent shoreline evaluation process that considers the existing shoreline condition, the cause and degree of shoreline change, the proposed alteration, natural shoreline alternatives, and the public water impacts of the proposed work.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Minnesota Watersheds supports creation of a technical evaluation panel or similar interagency process for complex or potentially impactful shoreline alteration proposals, similar in concept to review processes used under the Wetland Conservation Act.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Minnesota Watersheds supports improved procedures to ensure consistent DNR processes and determinations across regions and area offices.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Minnesota Watersheds supports stronger and more consistent enforcement for recurring contractor violations involving shoreline modifications completed without required notification, permits, or approvals.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Minnesota Watersheds supports rule and process changes that make shoreline management more understandable, consistent, timely, and effective for landowners, contractors, local governments, and state agencies while better protecting Minnesota’s public waters and natural shorelines.

Notes: Committee recommends adoption

BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON MINNESOTA WATERSHEDS

RESOLUTION 2026-06

Resolution Seeking Revision of Minnesota State 477A.19 to Preserve \$10 Million of Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Aid

Proposing District: Prior Lake-Spring Lake Watershed District
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Background that led to submission of this resolution

For over a decade \$10 million has been annually appropriated from the state general fund for Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Prevention Aid pursuant to Minnesota Statute 477A.19. The commissioner of revenue computes an amount of AIS prevention aid payable to each county in the state for the following year. Counties must use the proceeds solely to prevent the introduction or limit the spread of AIS at all access sites within the county. In recent years, Scott County has allocated AIS Prevention Aid to Prior Lake-Spring Lake Watershed District (PLSLWD) to perform Curly-leaf pondweed treatments in district lakes and to offset the cost of boat inspections in district lakes.

As part of the 2025 legislative session, Minnesota Statute 477A.19 was revised to reduce the annual appropriation by 50 percent (\$5 million) for aid payable in 2027 and thereafter. At current funding levels, the AIS Prevention Aid comprises 37 percent of PLSLWD's aquatic vegetation management funding and comprises 50 percent of the PLSLWD's boat inspection funding.

Prior Lake is an extremely popular lake in the Minneapolis-St. Paul metropolitan area, with large numbers of boaters bringing their watercraft to the lake and thus increasing the risk of AIS spread. This issue is not limited to PLSLWD. The reduced funding negatively impacts counties, watershed organizations, soil and water conservation districts, lake associations, and other public agencies that work to prevent the spread of AIS.

Efforts to solve the problem

In 2025, when the proposed funding reduction was first brought forward, numerous organizations lobbied to retain historic funding levels. These efforts were successful in preserving the \$10 million funding levels for 2025 and 2026 and delaying the reduced \$5 million funding level to 2027. A coalition of lake associations are currently organizing to lobby for the preservation of the \$10 million funding levels during the 2027 legislative session. Watershed organizations should join with partners to lobby for the preservation of the \$10 million funding level.

Is legislative action the best means of addressing the matter? If yes, what is the purpose or intent of your proposal? If not, what advocacy steps could be taken with state or local government officials?

Legislative action is the only means of addressing the matter as Minnesota Statute 477A.19 calls for the funding level to be reduced to \$5 million in 2027. The intent of this proposal is to request that Minnesota Statute 477A. 19 be revised to change 2027 funding to \$10 million and to remain at the \$10 million level thereafter.

Anticipated support or concern

The DNR could also be a partner as they administer and support the program. Lake associations, soil and water conservation districts, lake resorts, and communities that rely on lake activities for economic development are likely partners in supporting this legislative revision. Likely detractors from this legislation may be organizations that advocate for smaller government spending.

This issue (check all that apply)

Applies only to our district		Requires legislative action	x
Applies only to 1 or 2 regions		Requires state agency advocacy	
Applies to the entire state	x	Impacts MW bylaws or MOPP	

MINNESOTA WATERSHEDS RESOLUTION 2026-06

Resolution Seeking Revision of Minnesota State 477A.19 to Preserve \$10 Million of Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Aid

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute 477A.19 Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Aid, allocates funds to counties within Minnesota for the purpose of preventing the introduction of or limiting the spread of aquatic invasive species at all access sites within counties that receive the funding; and

WHEREAS, counties may appropriate a portion of the proceeds received from the state to provide funding for a joint powers board or cooperative agreement with another political subdivision, a soil and water conservation district in the county, a watershed district in the county, or a lake association located in the county; and

WHEREAS, for over a decade, the state has annually appropriated \$10 million from the general fund for Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Aid to Minnesota counties; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute 477A.19 was revised in 2025 to reduce the annual appropriation from \$10 million to \$5 million starting in 2027; AND

WHEREAS, watershed districts, soil and water conservation districts, and lake associations in the state depend on Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Aid to prevent the introduction of and limit the spread of aquatic invasive species; and

WHEREAS, the reduction of Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Aid will result in reduced prevention efforts that will harm water resources in the state and negatively impact habitat, recreation, and economic development within the state.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Minnesota Watersheds seeks to revise Minnesota State 477A.19 to preserve annual Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Aid at \$10 million payable in 2027 and annually thereafter.

Notes: Committee recommends adoption

BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON MINNESOTA WATERSHEDS RESOLUTION 2026-07

Resolution Seeking Establishment of a Hazard Mitigation Fund

Proposing District: Two Rivers Watershed District
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Background that led to submission of this resolution

Watershed districts have a long history of fighting floods and reducing flood damages. Severe and repeated flooding is documented throughout MN. Current state funding to recover from disasters is available through MN Statute 12A, and funding to prevent/mitigate flooding is available through DNR's Flood Hazard Mitigation Grant Program under MN Statute 103F. According to DNR, the current known funding needs total \$213 million, however in the 2026 session the legislature only approved \$9 million in the bonding bill to address the problem. In fact, since 2010 there has been a steady decline in the funding of this program, and no funding was approved in 2016, 2019, 2021, 2022, and 2024. Therefore, it is apparent that other sources of funding are needed to meet the significant need.

Efforts to solve the problem

Over the past 5 years, meetings have been held with MN DNR to streamline their grant program and bring attention to the needs. This resulted in DNR overhauling the application process and this past session DNR asked for \$45 million to fund the program.

In addition, several meetings were held with various Senators and Representatives. While this was mildly effective, the result was still a significant under-funding of the program. However, HF 4581 and SF 5002 were introduced in 2026 to establish an additional program through the MN Department of Homeland Security Emergency Management that would provide an additional resource to provide funding for prevention / mitigation of natural disasters, including flooding. Although introduced, these bills were not heard in committee.

This resolution seeks to build upon Minnesota Watersheds 22-05 resolution that seeks stable funding for this issue. It is suggested that this issue should be considered one of the highest legislative priorities for the upcoming legislative session.

Is legislative action the best means of addressing the matter? If yes, what is the purpose or intent of your proposal? If not, what advocacy steps could be taken with state or local government officials?

YES. In order to provide a more stable, reliable source of funding that will help to mitigate the effects of severe and repeated flooding HF 4581/SF 5002 are proposed. These bills will create a new program and a new funding source to supplement existing sources which are dreadfully underfunded. It is proposed that the fund be used for hazard mitigation planning and projects that diminish the potential effects of emergencies through long term risk reduction. The new proposal is modelled after MN Statute 12A and therefore follows a tried and true example of success.

Anticipated support or concern

Potential Support: MN Homeland Security Emergency Management; MN Association of Emergency Managers; Association of MN Counties; Association of Townships; League of MN Cities

Potential Opposition: unknown.

This issue (check all that apply)

Applies only to our district		Requires legislative action	x
Applies only to 1 or 2 regions		Requires state agency advocacy	x
Applies to the entire state	x	Impacts MW bylaws or MOPP	

MINNESOTA WATERSHEDS RESOLUTION 2026-07

Resolution Seeking Establishment of a Hazard Mitigation Funding

WHEREAS, Severe flooding is known to occur repeatedly within the State of Minnesota, costing both public and private entities millions of dollars for repair and replacement of infrastructure, damage to homes, erosion and sediment control, and damage to cropland, and

WHEREAS, flooding also has severe and repeated impacts to water quality and habitat from erosion, sedimentation, nutrient loading, raw sewage discharges, and chemical spillage, and

WHEREAS, economic studies have estimated that for every dollar spent on flood damage reduction there is a six dollar return on investment, and

WHEREAS, The DNR's Flood Damage Reduction grant program (FHMG) under MN Statute 103F has historically been a successful tool for local governments to utilize to design and build projects to reduce and prevent flooding, protect the environment, and prevent social and economic losses, and

WHEREAS, The DNR's FHMG has not recently been funded adequately by the Legislature, in fact annual bonding appropriations have been significantly declining over the past 10 years with no funding appropriated in 5 out of the past 11 years. Current 2026 legislative appropriations for hazard mitigation funding only amount to 4% of the documented need, and

WHEREAS, The cost of construction continues to increase as proposed shovel ready projects continue to go unfunded, and

WHEREAS, additional funding sources and programs will be necessary to keep up with the need for hazard mitigation projects. In the 2026 legislative session HF 4581 and SF 5002 were introduced to address the problem but were not passed out of committees.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts pass a resolution to make hazard mitigation funding a top 2027 legislative priority and direct its lobbyist to work on passage of HF 4581 and SF 5002 as introduced in the 2026 legislative session.

Notes: Committee recommends adoption

BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON MINNESOTA WATERSHEDS

RESOLUTION 2026-08

Resolution Seeking Legislation that Allows Stormwater as an Alternative Water Source for Outdoor Uses

Proposing District: Capitol Region Watershed District
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Background that led to submission of this resolution

The MN Plumbing Board, a board of the MN Department of Labor and Industry (DLI), is proposing revisions to Chapter 15 of the Uniform Plumbing Code and the 2020 MN Plumbing Code that would effectively prohibit stormwater as an alternative source of water for non-potable uses. Key proposed changes include prohibiting stormwater as an allowable source of water for irrigation and other outdoor uses, expanding plumbing code jurisdiction from buildings to entire sites, and requiring installation of irrigation systems by licensed plumbers which would displace existing landscape and irrigation professionals, and requiring usage of plumbing code-certified materials.

Stormwater reuse is a proven, cost-effective practice that protects lakes and rivers, conserves groundwater, improves water quality, reduces flooding, and supports climate resilience. Eliminating or restricting reuse would remove a critical tool used by municipalities who depend on groundwater for drinking water and seek to conserve it for that use, and watershed districts and municipalities that rely on reuse projects to meet MS4 permit requirements, particularly in areas where infiltration is not feasible.

The proposed changes create significant environmental, financial, and regulatory concerns. They could render existing reuse systems non-compliant, require costly retrofits, and jeopardize millions of dollars in public investments funded through Clean Water Fund grants administered by MN Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR), MN Pollution Control Agency (MPCA), and Metropolitan Council (Met Council), and local capital budgets.

Additionally, the proposal conflicts with longstanding state policies and guidance encouraging stormwater reuse, including MPCA stormwater guidance, the Metropolitan Council's 2050 Water Plan, and legislative directives to advance a framework for water reuse practices. It also conflicts with local ordinances, such as one in Lake Elmo, that require stormwater reuse to conserve groundwater. It also contradicts the purpose of the State Interagency Workgroup for Stormwater Capture and Use (SCU), of which the MN Department of Labor and Industry is a member of, for advancing the development and implementation of safe and sustainable stormwater capture and use practices. This group committed to continue active participation in the work group and support for a broad stakeholder engagement process to ensure a coordinated, collaborative and transparent approach to SCU guidance and policy in Minnesota.

Efforts to solve the problem

Minnesota Watersheds and Capitol Region Watershed District are working closely with a large and broad coalition group who share similar concerns. Key members of the coalition so far include the League of MN Cities, MN Cities Stormwater Coalition, MN Nursery and Landscape Association, MN Farmers Union and many others. For a full list, see the information below. Efforts to address these concerns include:

- Communicating with watershed districts and watershed management organizations to raise awareness of the issue, keep them informed of how they can help, and the activities of the coalition group
- Reaching out to various state agencies and boards including the Minnesota Plumbing Board, MN Department of Labor and Industry, MN Department of Public Health, MN Pollution Control Agency, MN Board of Water and Soil Resources, and others. The outreach has included notifying them of the proposed changes and our concerns
- Initiating outreach to legislators, counties, and conservation organizations
- Developing shared messaging, talking points and response strategies with the broad coalition group
- Raising concerns about the lack of coordination with agencies responsible for water quality and

stormwater management

To date, stakeholders are responding quickly and helping to get the word out to the groups and individuals listed above and in turn, they are also reaching out to State agency leaders and legislators and expressing their concerns. In addition, a request has been made for a special Plumbing Board meeting to show opposition to their proposed changes.

Is legislative action the best means of addressing the matter? If yes, what is the purpose or intent of your proposal? If not, what advocacy steps could be taken with state or local government officials?

Legislative actions are needed to address this issue. The intent of this resolution is to:

- Prevent adoption of plumbing code revisions that prohibit stormwater reuse
- Explicitly allow for stormwater capture and use for irrigation and other outdoor non-potable uses in State law
- Ensure coordination between the Plumbing Board, MPCA, MDH, BWSR, cities, watershed organizations, and other local governments
- Align plumbing regulations with existing state policies and guidelines supporting stormwater reuse, water conservation, groundwater protection, and climate resilience
- Protect prior public investments in stormwater reuse systems
- Maintain stormwater reuse as a viable strategy for MS4 compliance
- Ensure decisions on regulation and design for stormwater infrastructure are made by the appropriate agencies and practitioners

Recommended actions include:

- Legislation that allows stormwater reuse for irrigation and other outdoor uses. In 2025, Senate bill (S.F. No. 2442) was introduced and brought to the Senate Environment, Climate, and Legacy Committee. This committee passed an amended bill and referred it to the Health and Human Services Committee in 2026. It is our understanding that it remains in the hands of the Health and Human Services Committee who has not and will not conduct a hearing in the 2026 legislative session.
- Direction to the Minnesota Plumbing Board to pause all revisions to plumbing code (including Chapter 15) until interagency coordination and alignment is achieved
- Continued coordination and advocacy with state agencies and policymakers

Anticipated support or opposition

There is a growing broad coalition of groups who are partnering in efforts to prevent changes to the Minnesota Plumbing Code that would explicitly eliminate stormwater as an alternative source of water for outdoor uses. As of May 14, 2026, the list of partners include:

- League of Minnesota Cities
- Minnesota Cities Stormwater Coalition
- Minnesota Nursery & Landscape Association
- Minnesota Farmers Union
- Minnesota Watersheds
- LiUNA
- Associated General Contractors
- Housing First
- Minnesota Association of Cemeteries
- Minnesota Turf and Grounds Foundation
- Minnesota Council on Latino Affairs
- Irrigators Association of Minnesota
- Hospitality Minnesota
- Minnesota Golf Course Superintendents Association
- Freshwater Society
- American Society of Landscape Architects MN Chapter
- Anoka County

- Minnesota Chapter of the American Public Works Association

Groups who are or may be opposed to our efforts include:

- Minnesota Plumbing Board
- Minnesota Pipe Trades Association
- Minnesota Plumbing, Heating, and Cooling Contractors
- Plumbing unions

This issue (check all that apply)

Applies only to our district		Requires legislative action	x
Applies only to 1 or 2 regions		Requires state agency advocacy	x
Applies to the entire state	x	Impacts MW bylaws or MOPP	

MINNESOTA WATERSHEDS RESOLUTION 2026-08

Resolution Seeking Legislation that Allows Stormwater as an Alternative Water Source for Outdoor Uses

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Plumbing Board, under the Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry (DLI), is proposing revisions to Chapter 15 of the Uniform Plumbing Code and related provisions of the Minnesota Plumbing Code that would prohibit stormwater as an alternate source of water for irrigation and other outdoor non-potable uses; and

WHEREAS, stormwater reuse is a proven and cost-effective practice that protects lakes and rivers, conserves groundwater, improves water quality, reduces flooding, and supports climate resilience; and

WHEREAS, restricting stormwater reuse would remove a critical compliance and water-management tool for municipalities, watershed districts, watershed management organizations, and other local governments, particularly where groundwater resources are limited, where infiltration is not feasible and where reuse projects help meet MS4 permit requirements; and

WHEREAS, the proposed code changes could render existing reuse systems non-compliant, require costly retrofits, and jeopardize significant public investments funded through local budgets and grants administered by Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA), and the Metropolitan Council (Met Council); and

WHEREAS, the proposed changes conflict with the directives of the MN Legislature in 2015, 2017, and 2021 to advance safe and sustainable water reuse in Minnesota, including stormwater capture and use; and

WHEREAS, the proposed changes conflict with longstanding state and local policies and guidance encouraging stormwater reuse including MPCA's Stormwater Manual and Met Council's 2025 Water Policy Plan;

WHEREAS, a broad coalition of local governments, watershed organizations, professional associations, businesses, and nonprofit partners has formed in support of preserving stormwater reuse as a lawful and practical water-management strategy; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Senate Bill SF2442, a 2025 bill relating to the outdoor use of rainwater and stormwater, would authorize state agencies and local governments to allow untreated rainwater or stormwater for outdoor purposes when the probability of human or animal consumption or immersion is low or nonexistent, and was reported out of the Senate Environment, Climate, and Legacy Committee to the Health and Human Services Committee in March 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Minnesota Watersheds supports legislation to explicitly allow stormwater as an alternate water source for outdoor non-potable purposes, including irrigation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Minnesota Watersheds supports legislation to assign MPCA as the State agency responsible for oversight of stormwater capture and use systems; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Minnesota Watersheds requests that the Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry and the Minnesota Plumbing Board pause proposed plumbing code revisions affecting stormwater reuse until interagency coordination and meaningful stakeholder engagement are completed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any future regulation of stormwater capture and use should align with existing State policy and guidelines, protect prior public investments, and preserve stormwater reuse as a viable strategy for water conservation, groundwater protection, and stormwater management.

Notes: Committee recommends adoption

BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON MINNESOTA WATERSHEDS

RESOLUTION 2026-09

Resolution to Protect Lake Ecosystems and Shoreline Integrity from Wake Boat Impacts

Proposing District: Riley-Purgatory-Bluff Creek Watershed District
Contact Name: Terry Jeffery, Administrator
Phone Number: 952-687-1107
Email Address: tjeffery@rpbcwd.org

Background that led to submission of this resolution

There is increasing evidence, including recent studies by the University of MN, Saint Anthony Falls Laboratory (SAFL), that the operation of wake boats produce significant erosive forces both horizontally¹ and vertically. This results in shoreline degradation and loss as well as suspension of sediments from the lake substrate. The vertical prop wash damages aquatic vegetation and degrades aquatic habitat². Currently, there is only voluntary guidance regarding the operation of these watercrafts in relation to shorelines and no guidance on depth of water in which operation should occur.

Any regulations on the operation of these watercraft is through locally enacted ordinances. As this is an issue with statewide implications, reliance on local ordinances is insufficient to address.

Efforts to solve the problem

The RPBCWD has funded the research performed by SAFL. The RPBCWD has provided education to Lake Associations and local municipalities on the impacts of wake boat operation. The RPBCWD, or any watershed district, does not have the authority to regulate surface water usage for watercraft.

Is legislative action the best means of addressing the matter? If yes, what is the purpose or intent of your proposal? If not, what advocacy steps could be taken with state or local government officials?

As this is a statewide issue and the Department of Natural Resources largely relies on local ordinances to implement their regulatory framework, this is an issue that is best addressed through statewide regulation on one or more of the following:

- A minimum water depth for wake-surfing operations, consistent with SAFL research on lakebed disturbance and sediment resuspension;
- A minimum setback distance from shorelines, docks, and emergent vegetation as necessary to protect shoreline stability, habitat integrity, and water quality, consistent with SAFL research; and
- Require that new and existing wake boats be equipped with ballast systems that can be fully drained and effectively decontaminated to prevent the transfer of aquatic invasive species and contaminants between water bodies.

Anticipated support or opposition

Support for this will vary. Numerous lake association groups will support this while many others will oppose. The same holds true for various recreation groups. Angling associations and groups would be anticipated to support while recreational boaters may be in opposition. Municipalities that are within RPBCWD have been reticent to enacting unilateral code changes to address the operation of wake boats but may be more amenable to a statewide initiative.

This issue (check all that apply)

Applies only to our district		Requires legislative action	x
Applies only to 1 or 2 regions		Requires state agency advocacy	x
Applies to the entire state	x	Impacts MW bylaws or MOPP	

¹ [A Field Study of Maximum Wave Height, Total Wave Energy, and Maximum Wave Power Produced by Four Recreational Boats on a Freshwater Lake](#)

² [A Field Study of Recreational Powerboat Hydrodynamics and their Impacts on the Water Column and Lakebed](#)

MINNESOTA WATERSHEDS RESOLUTION 2026-09

Resolution to Protect Lake Ecosystems and Shoreline Integrity from Wake Boat Impacts

WHEREAS, in 2022, Minnesota Watersheds adopted a Resolution to Limit Wake Boat Activities, which called for the Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts to work with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources to utilize the research findings from the St. Anthony Falls Laboratory and seek legislation to achieve one or more of the following:

- a) limit lakes and areas of lakes in which wake boats may operate;
- b) require new and existing wake boats to be able to completely drain and decontaminate their ballast tanks;
- c) Provide funding for additional research on the effects of wake boats on aquatic systems; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Minnesota Watersheds Manual of Policy and Procedures, this Resolution will sunset in 2027, but the impacts from wake boat activities on lake ecosystems and shorelines have persisted and grown worse; property owners and lake users continue to report widespread damage to property, disruptions to fishing, and degradation of lake environments from wake boats; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has the statutory authority to adopt rules relating to the “rules of the road” for watercraft navigation, and, at the request of local government, the use of the waters of the state by watercraft; currently, the DNR’s primary approach to dealing with wake boat impacts is through review of locally enacted ordinances and an “Own Your Wake” campaign to promote voluntary compliance with general wake guidelines; these guidelines suggest staying at least 200 feet from shore or other structures to reduce the likelihood wakes will cause damage, these guidelines are silent on a minimum water depth for wake surfing; and

WHEREAS, the University of Minnesota St. Anthony Falls Laboratory (SAFL) has published two studies of the impacts of wake boats; the first study, A Field Study of Maximum Wave Height, Total Wave Energy, and Maximum Wave Power Produced by Four Recreational Boats on a Freshwater Lake, concluded that when operating under typical wake surfing conditions, wake surf boats required distances greater than 500 ft to attenuate wake wave characteristics (height, energy, and power) to levels equivalent to non-wake surf boats operating under typical planing conditions; SAFL’s second study, A Field Study of Recreational Powerboat Hydrodynamics and their Impacts on the Water Column and Lakebed published July 2025, recommends that wake boats operate in 20 feet of water or greater when in semi-displacement mode to minimize impacts to the lake bottom; and

WHEREAS, the SAFL studies demonstrate that the DNR’s current voluntary guidelines are insufficient to protect lake ecosystems and shorelines; only four percent (4%) of Minnesota’s lakes currently have local ordinances restricting wake boat operation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Minnesota Watersheds supports legislation that would require the DNR to establish minimum operational and design standards for inboard motorized recreational vessels equipped with ballast or wake-enhancement systems (wake boats), including:

- A minimum water depth for wake-surfing operations, consistent with SAFL research on lakebed disturbance and sediment resuspension;
- A minimum setback distance from shorelines, docks, and emergent vegetation as necessary to protect shoreline stability, habitat integrity, and water quality, consistent with SAFL research; and
- Require that new and existing wake boats be equipped with ballast systems that can be fully drained and effectively decontaminated to prevent the transfer of aquatic invasive species and contaminants between water bodies.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Minnesota Watersheds supports funding for SAFL to pursue further research to focus on the impact of boat and wind waves on the environment close to shore, including plants.

Notes: Committee recommends adoption

Active Minnesota Watersheds Resolutions

June 29, 2026



FINANCE

Capacity

2025-02: Seeking Revision to MN Statute 383B.79 to Include Watershed Management Organizations

Minnesota Watersheds seeks a revision to Minnesota Statutes, Section 383B.79, Subd. 1 to explicitly include “joint powers watershed management organizations entirely or partially located in Hennepin County” to the list of political subdivisions that can participate in the county’s multijurisdictional reinvestment programs.

URBAN STORMWATER

Stormwater Quality Treatment

2022-02 Limited Liability for Certified Commercial Salt Applicators

Minnesota Watersheds supports enactment of state law that provides limited liability protection to commercial salt applicators and property owners using salt applicators who are certified through the established state salt-applicator certification program and follow best management practices.

Water Reuse

2022-01 Creation of a Stormwater Reuse Task Force

Minnesota Watersheds supports administratively or legislatively including at least one Minnesota Watersheds member on the Minnesota Department of Health’s workgroup to move forward, prioritize, and implement the recommendations of the interagency report on reuse of stormwater and rainwater in Minnesota.

WATER QUANTITY

Drainage

2022-03: Seek Increased Support and Participation for the Minnesota Drainage Work Group (DWG)

- Minnesota Watersheds communications increase awareness of the DWG (meeting dates and links, topics, minutes, reports) amongst members.
- Minnesota Watersheds training opportunities strongly encourage participation in the DWG by watershed staff and board managers (for watersheds that serve as ditch authorities or work on drainage projects) – for e.g., add agenda space for DWG member updates, host a DWG meeting as part of a regular event.
- In preparation for Minnesota Watersheds member legislative visits, staff add a standing reminder for watershed drainage authorities to inform legislators on the existence, purpose, and outcomes of the DWG, and reinforce the legitimacy of the DWG as a multi-faceted problem-solving body.
- During Minnesota Watersheds staff Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) visits, regularly seek updates on how facilitation of the DWG is leading to improvements for member drainage authorities and convey this information to members.

2023-03: Support New Legislation Modeled after HF4863 and SF4814 (2026) Regarding DNR Regulatory Authority over Public Drainage Maintenance and Repairs

Minnesota Watersheds supports the introduction of new legislation modeled after [HF4863](#) and [SF4814](#) and commits its lobbying efforts toward promoting the passage of the bills in subsequent sessions.

2025-01: Supporting a Legislative Amendment to Expand the Wetland Conservation Act Exemption of Public Drainage System Repairs

Minnesota Watersheds supports the introduction of new legislation to amend Minnesota Statutes 103G.2241 and MN Rule 8420.0420 to expand the WCA exemption to include all public drainage system repairs and commits its staff to further discussion through the Drainage Work Group in 2025 to promote passage of such legislation in upcoming sessions.

Funding

2022-05: Obtain Stable Funding for Flood Damage Reduction and Natural Resources Enhancement Projects

Minnesota Watersheds supports collaborating with the Red River Watershed Management Board and state agencies to seek funding from the Minnesota Legislature to provide stable sources of funding through existing or potentially new programs that provide flood damage reduction and/or natural resources enhancements. A suggested sustainable level of funding is \$30 million per year for the next 10 years.

Flood Control

2023-04 Seeking Action for Streamlining the DNR Flood Hazard Mitigation Grant Program

Minnesota Watersheds seeks action requiring the DNR to establish transparent scoring, ranking, and funding criteria for the Flood Hazard Mitigation Program (M.S. Chapter 103F) and asking the Minnesota Legislature to fully fund the state's share of eligible projects that are on the DNR's list within each two-year bonding cycle. Information regarding scoring, ranking, and funding should be provided annually to project applicants.

Policy

2024-04: Seeking the Ability to Allow Resale of Acquisition Buyout Property

Minnesota Watersheds seeks federal legislation to allow the conveyance by an LGU of flood acquisition buyout real estate to a public entity or to a qualified conservation organization, or alternatively a resale to a private taxpayer, subject to the FEMA Model Deed Restrictions as stated in Exhibit A.

WATER QUALITY

Lakes

2022-06: Limit Wake Boat Activities

Minnesota Watersheds supports working with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to utilize the research findings from the St. Anthony Falls Laboratory and seek legislation to achieve one or more of the following:

- Limit lakes and areas of lakes in which wake boats may operate;
- Require new and existing wake boats to be able to completely drain and decontaminate their ballast tanks; and
- Providing funding for additional research on the effects of wake boats on aquatic systems.

Policy

2024-01: Regulatory Approaches to Reducing Chloride Contamination

Minnesota Watersheds supports development, adoption, and implementation of regulatory approaches to reducing chloride contamination in waters of the state.

WATERSHED MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONS

Duties

2025-06: Support a Legislative Amendment to Clarify the Deadline for Watershed Districts to Certify Levies

Minnesota Watersheds supports the introduction of legislation to amend Minnesota Statutes §§103D.911 and 103D.915 to specify a levy certification deadline of September 30.

2023-05: Support Increased Flexibility in Open Meeting Law

Minnesota Watersheds hereby supports changes to the Open Meeting Law to provide greater flexibility in the use of interactive technology by allowing members to participate remotely in a nonpublic location that is not noticed, without limit on the number of times such remote participation may occur; and allowing public participation from a remote location by interactive technology, or alternatively from the regular meeting location where interactive technology will be made available for each meeting, unless otherwise noticed under Minnesota Statutes Section 13D.021; and that Minnesota Watersheds supports changes to the Open Meeting Law requiring watershed district to prepare and publish procedures for conducting public meetings using interactive technology.

2024-02: Alternative Notice of Watershed District Proceedings by Publication on the District's website

Minnesota Watersheds supports amending Watershed Law to provide for publication on a watershed district's website as an alternative to publication in a legal newspaper.

Watershed Planning

2023-06 Education and Outreach to Encourage Formation of Watershed Districts in Unserved Areas

Minnesota Watersheds, in consultation with its membership, will develop a framework for education and outreach intended to encourage petition and advocacy for the formation of watershed districts in areas of the state not presently served by watershed-based public agencies.

Human Resources

2025-04 Revision to Minnesota Statute 471.617 to Include Watershed Districts and Watershed Management Organizations

Minnesota Watersheds seeks revision to Minnesota Statute 471.617, Subdivisions 1 and 2 to explicitly include "Watershed Districts and Watershed Management Organizations" on the list of political subdivisions allowed to self-insure for employee health benefits.

AGENCY RELATIONS

Regulation

2023-01 Require Watershed District Permits for all State Agencies

Minnesota Watersheds supports amending Minnesota Statutes § 103D.345, Subd. 5 to read as follows: **Subd. 5. Applicability of permit requirements to state.** A rule adopted by the managers that requires a permit for an activity applies to all state agencies, including the Department of Transportation.

2024-13 Request New Legislation to Set Permit Review Time Limits upon the DNR

Minnesota Watersheds supports amending Minnesota Statutes to implement a 60-day permit review limit following a negative declaration on an EAW.

2025-03 Seeking Legislative Reform to Increase MDNR and MPCA Permit Efficiency and Define Permit Application Completeness

Minnesota Watersheds shall pursue legislation to amend Minnesota Statutes 15.99, 84.027, and 116.03 to:

- Separate permit completeness review from compliance standards review so that statutory deadlines for permit decisions are meaningfully triggered.
 - Require MDNR and MPCA to develop and publish a list of practical, reasonable information and criteria that constitutes a complete permit application.
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- Mandate that, once submitted by the applicant, the application is deemed complete and allows review timelines to begin.
- Require MDNR and MPCA to notify an applicant in writing, within 30 days of receiving a permit application, whether the application is complete or incomplete. If the agency determines the application is incomplete, specific provisions of applicable rules and statutes must be cited, an explanation of what additional information is needed must be provided, and the agency must advise the applicant how the deficiencies can be remedied. If action on the permit application is not completed within 150 days, the permit is deemed to be granted; and that
- The Board of Water and Soil Resources establish a formal process to distribute, on an annual basis, an accurate and complete list identifying Calcareous Fens to all watershed districts, watershed management organizations, and soil and water conservation districts.
- Pre-application meetings shall be required upon request by a qualified local agency with a project identified in state-approved plans, Watershed Restoration and Protection Strategies, or other recognized water quality studies. Such meetings shall be scheduled within four weeks of the request.
- Local agencies requesting such meetings must provide 10% - 20% design-level plans with sufficient specificity to identify natural resource concerns and constraints.
- Failure of either MDNR or MPCA to attend a requested pre-application meeting shall be construed as satisfaction of relevant permitting standards, allowing the project to proceed toward final design and permitting.

2025-05 Improving Mitigation Under the Minnesota Endangered Species Act

Minnesota Watersheds should pursue legislation that addresses the need to improve threatened and endangered species mitigation by addressing past gaps and future challenges arising from approved water quality restoration projects, and

- that Minnesota Statute 84.0895 should be amended to require the Commissioner of Natural Resources to develop and implement recovery plans for the conservation and survival of state listed endangered and threatened species, and
- the Commissioner shall cooperate to the maximum extent practicable with local land and water management authorities. Such cooperation in implementing the endangered species act shall allow the Commissioner to:
 - Enter into management agreements with any local land managing unit of government for the administration and management of an area established for the conservation of endangered or threatened species.
 - Enter into cooperative agreements which establishes and maintains an adequate and active program for the conservation of endangered and threatened species.
 - Conduct periodic review of locally administered programs at no greater frequency than annual intervals.
- Minnesota Statutes 84.0895 Subd 7, which outlines general exceptions, should be amended by adding (f) the commissioner must give approval under this subdivision to water management projects that are part of a state approved:
 - Comprehensive Watershed Management Plans and capital improvement plans under MS 103B or MS 103D;
 - Watershed Restoration and Protection Strategies (WRAPS);
 - Load reduction studies,
 - Impairment monitoring and other studies, particularly studies involving impairments for fish and aquatic life.
- Minnesota Statutes 84.0895 should be amended to provide for “conservation banking” defined by a site or suite of sites that provide the ecological functions and services expressed as credits that are conserved and managed in perpetuity for a species and used expressly to offset impacts occurring elsewhere to the same species.

REGULATIONS

2024-03: Provide for Watershed Management Organization Representation on Wetland Technical Evaluation Panels

Minnesota Watersheds supports amendment of Minnesota Statutes 103G.2242, subdivision 2 to include a watershed management organization representative on TEPs that are convened in cases where the organization is not the WCA LGU.

NATURAL RESOURCES

Policy

2024-5: Seeking the DNR to Establish a “Comprehensive Guideline for Calcareous Fen Management”

Minnesota Watersheds supports DNR establishing a “Comprehensive Guideline for Calcareous Fen Management” as a tool for project proposers to analyze a project’s feasibility or cost effectiveness.

2024-7: Seeking the DNR to Adopt a Program to Incentivize Calcareous Fen Management on Private Lands

Minnesota Watersheds supports the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources adopting a program through which a fee is paid to landowners to incentivize them to manage the quantity and quality of the Calcareous Fens on private lands, which program is made similar to the USDA Conservation Reserve Program or similar to a perpetual easement through the Board of Water and Soil Resources Reinvest in Minnesota.

2024-10: Seeking a Formal Process to Distribute a Complete List of Calcareous Fens Annually

Minnesota Watersheds supports the Board of Water and Soil Resources establishing a formal process to distribute on an annual basis an accurate and complete list identifying Calcareous Fens to all watershed districts, watershed management organizations, and soil and water conservation districts.

2024-12: Seeking the Development of a Calcareous Fen Work Group

Minnesota Watersheds supports the relevant state agencies, together with relevant stakeholders (including watershed districts), convene a work group to develop by consensus clear, objective and measurable criteria for determining the presence and quality of Calcareous Fen, which criteria shall thereafter be used by all state and local units of government.

Resolutions to Sunset

Effective December 31, 2026

All resolutions cease to be active at the end of the fifth year following the resolution’s adoption.

2021-01A: Support SWCD Capacity Fund Sources

Minnesota Watersheds supports SWCD capacity funds to come from county and state general funds.

2021-01B: Support Clean Water Funds for Implementation, Not Capacity

Minnesota Watersheds supports Clean Water Funds being used for implementation and not for capacity.

2021-04: Support Crop Insurance to Include Crop Losses Within Impoundment Areas

Minnesota Watersheds supports expansion of Federal Multi-Peril Crop Insurance to include crop losses within impoundment areas.

2021-05: Support 60-day Review Required for State Agencies on Policy Changes

Minnesota Watersheds supports requiring state agencies to provide a meaningful, not less than 60-day review and comment period from affected local units of government on new or amended water management policies, programs, or initiatives with a response to those comments required prior to adoption.

2021-06: Support Metro Watershed-based Implementation Funding (WBIF) for Approved 103B Plans Only

Minnesota Watersheds supports BWSR distribution of metro WBIF among the 23 watershed management organizations with state-approved comprehensive, multi-year 103B watershed management plans. Those plans implement multijurisdictional priorities at a watershed scale and facilitate funding projects of any eligible local government unit (including soil and water conservation districts, counties, cities, and townships).



Date: July 10, 2026	South Washington Watershed District Request for Board Action	Agenda Item # 6
Title: 2027 Draft Budget	Board Action Requested: Review the 2027 draft budget	Required Signatures None
Reviewed by: JHL		Presented by: Loomis
Background/Justification: The Board discussed the long range workplan at its June meeting. Starting from that long range workplan, staff has prepared an initial draft of the 2027 budget that reflects the long range workplan while taking existing fund balances, revenues, and staff capacity into consideration. The long range workplan and draft 2027 budget are enclosed. Staff will lead discussion about the draft budget. Though we are still waiting for updated property and tax capacity values from Washington County, staff can also provide initial discussion about potential levy and utility fee rates for 2027. The following is the budget schedule: June 9th – Draft 2027-2036 Long Range Work Plan. Board adoption of budget schedule. July 14th – 1st Draft 2027 budget SWWD Board meeting. Board direction and budget guidance. July 15th – Publish notice of budget hearing for Wednesday August 12th. August 12 th -2027 Budget hearing August/September – Receive 2026 parcel update from Washington County September 8th - SWWD Board meeting authorize certification of preliminary budget to Washington County, and draft stormwater utility fees. September/October-Meet with the Washington County Commissioners to review the 2027 Budget October 13th - SWWD Board meeting certify 2027 stormwater utility fees to Washington County (October 15th) November (TBD)-Washington County Commissioners Annual Watershed Budget Meeting.		
Previous Action: None		Contact: JHL
Date Received: July 10, 2026	SWWD Administrator/Date: July 10, 2026	SWWD Attorney/Date
Financial Implications: \$		Comments:
Fund \$	Explanation:	Fund Balance:
Decision Needed/Date	Administrative Recommendation <u>Approval</u> Informational Denial No Recommendation	Comments

		Grants or External Funding Required	Capital Improvement?												
Program	Sub Program Area			2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036	10 Year Total	
				\$ 6,475,000	\$ 10,464,200	\$ 7,295,463	\$ 7,353,870	\$ 5,519,505	\$ 6,652,456	\$ 6,402,813	\$ 6,950,671	\$ 6,496,129	\$ 6,394,289	\$ 70,004,396	
3.1 Planning	3.1.1 Resource Management Planning	N								\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000			\$ 150,000	
	3.1.2 TMDLs and Regional Plans	N												\$ -	
	3.1.3 Project Prioritization & Targeting	N			\$ 75,000		\$ 75,000		\$ 75,000		\$ 75,000		\$ 75,000	\$ 375,000	
	3.1.4 Flood Risk Reduction & Mitigation	Y		\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 75,000			\$ 50,000			\$ 50,000		\$ 475,000	
	3.1.5 Climate Adaptation	N												\$ -	
	3.1.6 Adaptive Management	N												\$ -	
3.2 Monitoring & Modeling	3.2.1 Monitoring	N		\$ 280,000	\$ 284,200	\$ 288,463	\$ 292,790	\$ 297,182	\$ 301,640	\$ 306,164	\$ 310,757	\$ 315,418	\$ 320,149	\$ 2,996,762	
	3.2.2 Watershed & Resource Modeling	N		\$ 75,000			\$ 50,000			\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000			\$ 225,000	
	3.2.3 Groundwater Modeling	Y						\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000					\$ 150,000	
3.3 Regional Planning	3.3.1 1W1P	N												\$ -	
	3.3.2 Municipal Local Water Planning	N												\$ -	
	3.3.3 Washington County GW Plan	N												\$ -	
3.4 Regulatory	3.4.1 SWWD Permit Program	N		\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 250,000	
	3.4.2 WCA	N		\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 50,000	
	3.4.3 GW Appropriations	N												\$ -	
3.5 Water Resources Protection & Management	3.5.1 Targeted Watershed Implementation														
	District-Wide Implementation	N												\$ -	
	Armstrong Lake	N												\$ -	
	Markgrafs Lake	Y	Y		\$ 300,000		\$ 500,000							\$ 800,000	
	Powers Lake	N	Y										\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000	
	Wilmes Lake	N	Y	\$ 350,000										\$ 350,000	
	Colby Lake	Y	Y			\$ 150,000					\$ 1,000,000	\$ 850,000	\$ 250,000	\$ 2,250,000	
	Bailey Lake	N												\$ -	
	Vandenberg Lake	N		\$ 600,000										\$ 600,000	
	Ravine Lake	N												\$ -	
	La & Ria Lakes	N	Y			\$ 50,000								\$ 50,000	
	East Mississippi Direct Drainage	Y	Y	\$ 400,000	\$ 300,000		\$ 300,000		\$ 300,000		\$ 300,000		\$ 300,000	\$ 1,900,000	
	Grey Cloud Slough & Miss. R. Pool 2	Y	Y		\$ 4,000,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 250,000							\$ 4,400,000	
	Trout Brook	N												\$ -	
	O'Connor's Creek & Lake	N												\$ -	
	Lower St. Croix Direct Drainage	Y												\$ -	
	3.5.2 In-Lake Restoration	Y		\$ 100,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 1,450,000	
	3.5.3 Flooding	Y	Y			\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000		\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000				\$ 4,000,000	
	3.5.4 SW & GW Interactions	Y						\$ 150,000			\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000		\$ 450,000	
3.6 Watershed Resiliency	3.6.1 Priority Lands Protection & Restoration	Y		\$ 300,000	\$ 300,000	\$ 300,000	\$ 300,000	\$ 300,000	\$ 300,000	\$ 300,000	\$ 300,000	\$ 300,000	\$ 300,000	\$ 3,000,000	
	3.6.2 Bluffs & Ravines	Y				\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000		\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000		\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 300,000	
	3.6.3 Riverine Riparian Zones	Y		\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 250,000	
	3.6.4 Landscape Connectivity	Y		\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 250,000	
	3.6.5 Partner Capacity	N		\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 500,000	
	3.6.6 Long-term Management	N												\$ -	
3.7 Incentive Programs	3.7.1 Stewardship Grants	N		\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 1,500,000	
	3.7.2 Agricultural Incentives	N		\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 2,000,000	
	3.7.3 RR&R Program	N		\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 10,000,000	
	3.7.4 Flood Risk Reduction & Mitigation	N		\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 250,000	
	3.7.5 GW Conservation & Protection	N		\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 1,000,000	
3.8 Stormwater Operation & Maintenance	3.8.1 Storm Sewer Failure Risk	N												\$ -	
	3.8.2 SWWD CIP O&M	N		\$ 260,000	\$ 240,000	\$ 265,000	\$ 265,000	\$ 290,000	\$ 310,000	\$ 320,000	\$ 320,000	\$ 345,000	\$ 345,000	\$ 2,960,000	
	3.8.3 Enhanced Street Sweeping	N		\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000	\$ 600,000	\$ 600,000	\$ 700,000	\$ 700,000	\$ 750,000	\$ 750,000	\$ 750,000	\$ 750,000	\$ 6,600,000	
	3.8.4 Winter Maintenance	N		\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 250,000	
3.9 Education & Outreach	3.9.1 Audience Engagement	N		\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 300,000	

	3.9.2 Experiential Ed & Campus Greening	N		\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 500,000
	3.9.3 Online Community Engagement	N		\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 250,000
	3.9.4 AiR	N		\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 150,000
	3.9.5 Incentives Program Engagement	N												\$ -
	3.9.6 Partnerships	N		\$ 35,000	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000	\$ 45,000	\$ 45,000	\$ 45,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 440,000
	3.9.7 Glacial Valley Park Interpretive Center	Y		\$ 100,000	\$ 750,000	\$ 750,000								\$ 1,600,000
	3.9.8 Research & Innovation	N		\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 250,000
3.10 Admin & District Operations	Admin & Operations	N		\$ 1,250,000	\$ 1,300,000	\$ 1,352,000	\$ 1,406,080	\$ 1,462,323	\$ 1,520,816	\$ 1,581,649	\$ 1,644,915	\$ 1,710,711	\$ 1,779,140	\$ 15,007,634
	Debt Service	N		\$ 300,000	\$ 300,000	\$ 300,000	\$ 300,000	\$ 275,000						\$ 1,475,000



SOUTH WASHINGTON WATERSHED DISTRICT

2027 Budget

Levy	\$	2,600,000.00
Carryover		
Levy Expend	\$	(3,429,000.00)
Levy Rev	\$	3,652,937.00
SWW	\$	3,850,000.00
SWW Expend	\$	(1,675,000.00)
SWW Rev	\$	956,460.00
EMW	\$	950,000.00
Carryover		
EMW Expend	\$	(440,000.00)
EMW Rev	\$	156,120.00
LSC Carryover	\$	225,000.00
LSC Expend	\$	-
LSC Rev	\$	44,500.00
Grants Rev	\$	430,000.00
Grants Expend	\$	(600,000.00)
Total Annual Rev	\$	5,240,017.00
Total Annual Expend	\$	(6,144,000.00)

BWSR Clean Water Legacy Partners; Miss WBIF

Program	Sub Program Area	Grants or External Funding Required	Capital Improvement ?	Fund Source	2027Budget	2027Budget Notes
3.1 Planning	Planning SWWD Staff	N		Levy	\$ 60,000.00	
	3.1.1 Resource Management Planning	N		Levy	\$ -	covered in staff time
	3.1.2 TMDLs and Regional Plans	N		Levy	\$ -	none currently known
	3.1.3 Project Prioritization & Targeting	N		Levy	\$ -	none
	3.1.4 Flood Risk Reduction & Mitigation	Y		Levy	\$ 75,000.00	NWS Active/Predict Controls; La to Miss R
	3.1.5 Climate Adaptation	N		Levy	\$ -	covered in staff time
	3.1.6 Adaptive Management	N		Levy	\$ -	covered in staff time
3.2 Monitoring & Modeling	Monitoring & Modeling SWWD Staff	N		Levy	\$ 32,000.00	

	3.2.1 Monitoring	N		Levy	\$	300,000.00	WCD; limited AIS; no bathymetry
	3.2.2 Watershed & Resource Modeling	N		Levy	\$	75,000.00	H&H model updates as part of 3.1.4
	3.2.3 Groundwater Modeling	Y		Levy	\$	-	none
3.3 Regional Planning	Regional Planning SWWD Staff	N		Levy	\$	30,000.00	
	3.3.1 1W1P	N		Levy	\$	-	covered in staff time
	3.3.2 Municipal Local Water Planning	N		Levy	\$	-	covered in staff time
	3.3.3 Washington County GW Plan	N		Levy	\$	-	covered in staff time
3.4 Regulatory	Regulatory SWWD Staff			Levy	\$	5,000.00	
	3.4.1 SWWD Permit Program	N		Levy	\$	25,000.00	Hei
	3.4.2 WCA	N		Levy	\$	5,000.00	WCD
	3.4.3 GW Appropriations	N		Levy	\$	-	covered in staff time
3.5 Water Resources Protection & Management	WRP&M SWWD Staff			Levy	\$	125,000.00	
	3.5.1 Targeted Watershed Implementation						
	District-Wide Implementation	N		Levy			
	Armstrong Lake	N		SWW SUF	\$	-	
	Markgrafs Lake	Y	Y	SWW SUF	\$	-	
	Powers Lake	N	Y	SWW SUF	\$	-	
	Wilmes Lake	N	Y	SWW SUF	\$	350,000.00	Wilmes IESF Redo
	Colby Lake	Y	Y	SWW SUF	\$	-	
	Bailey Lake	N		SWW SUF	\$	-	
	Vandenberg Lake	N		SWW SUF	\$	1,000,000.00	Vandenberg Acq?
	Ravine Lake	N		SWW SUF	\$	-	
	La & Ria Lakes	N	Y	EMW SUF	\$	-	
	East Mississippi Direct Drainage	Y	Y	EMW SUF	\$	50,000.00	Newport Elementary (EMW + WBIF + Grant)
				Grants	\$	350,000.00	
	Grey Cloud Slough & Miss. R. Pool	Y	Y	SWW SUF	\$	-	
2				EMW SUF	\$	-	
				Grants	\$	-	
	Trout Brook	N		LSC SUF	\$	-	
	O'Connor's Creek & Lake	N		LSC SUF	\$	-	
	Lower St. Croix Direct Drainage	Y		LSC SUF	\$	-	

	3.5.2 In-Lake Restoration	Y		Levy	\$	125,000.00	Internal control feasibility study for Markgrafs, Colby; ongoing AIS work
	3.5.3 Flooding	Y	Y	SWW SUF	\$	-	none
				EMW SUF	\$	-	none
				LSC SUF	\$	-	none
				Grants	\$	-	none
	3.5.4 SW & GW Interactions	Y		Levy	\$	-	none
3.6 Watershed Resiliency	Watershed Resiliency SWWD Staff	N		Levy	\$	156,000.00	
	3.6.1 Priority Lands Protection & Restoration	Y		Levy	\$	150,000.00	GVP veg, Seasons, Schools, Ravine Park, Bailey SF, Hasenbank, Miss Landing, Still Ponds, Trout Brook
				Grants	\$	250,000.00	
	3.6.2 Bluffs & Ravines	Y		Levy			
	3.6.3 Riverine Riparian Zones	Y		Levy	\$	25,000.00	
	3.6.4 Landscape Connectivity	Y		Levy	\$	25,000.00	
	3.6.5 Partner Capacity	N		Levy	\$	50,000.00	
	3.6.6 Long-term Management	N		Levy	\$	-	covered in staff time
3.7 Incentive Programs	Incentive Programs SWWD Staff	N		Levy	\$	89,000.00	
	3.7.1 Stewardship Grants	N		Levy	\$	80,000.00	WCD and grants
							existing cover crop contracts; develop ag incentive program to launch in 2028 same as 2026
	3.7.2 Agricultural Incentives	N		Levy	\$	30,000.00	
	3.7.3 RR&R Program	N		Levy	\$	650,000.00	
	3.7.4 Flood Risk Reduction & Mitigation	N		Levy	\$	-	none
	3.7.5 GW Conservation & Protection	N		Levy	\$	50,000.00	WDBY, CG, Newport/StPP?
3.8 Stormwater Operation & Maintenance		N		Levy	\$	25,000.00	2027 Inpsections--CDO2, CDO4, McQuade, Newport Ravine
	O&M SWWD Staff						
	3.8.1 Storm Sewer Failure Risk	N		Levy	\$	-	covered in staff time
							alum facility, Hasenbank non-veg, CDO, Seasons non-veg
	3.8.2 SWWD CIP O&M	N		SWW SUF	\$	225,000.00	
				EMW SUF	\$	90,000.00	N. Fronteras (12,850 plus cost of new filters)
				LSC SUF			McQuade Ravine, Trout Brook Structural
	3.8.3 Enhanced Street Sweeping	N		Levy	\$	400,000.00	WDBY, CG
	3.8.4 Winter Maintenance	N		Levy	\$	15,000.00	MPCA training, grit program
3.9 Education & Outreach	Ed&Outreach SWWD Staff	N		Levy	\$	75,000.00	

	3.9.1 Audience Engagement	N	Levy	\$	30,000.00	Initiate routine survey, workshops/events, targeted campaign?
	3.9.2 Experiential Ed & Campus Greening	N	Levy	\$	50,000.00	CNC contract; campus greening supplies; not maint
	3.9.3 Online Community Engagement	N		\$	15,000.00	staff time; website maint; monitoring database maint?
	3.9.4 AiR	N	Levy	\$	15,000.00	
	3.9.5 Incentives Program Engagement	N	Levy	\$	-	covered in staff time
	3.9.6 Partnerships	N	Levy	\$	35,000.00	EMWREP; others?
	3.9.7 Glacial Valley Park Interpretive Center	Y	SWW SUF	\$	100,000.00	Planning, Design, Signage
			Grants	\$	-	
	3.9.8 Research & Innovation	N	Levy	\$	25,000.00	MSRC
3.10 Admin & District Operations						
	Admin SWWD Staff	N	Levy	\$	282,000.00	
	Admin & Operations	N	Levy	\$	300,000.00	
	Debt Service	N	EMW SUF	\$	300,000.00	EMW Debt Service



Date: July 10, 2026	South Washington Watershed District Request for Board Action	Agenda Item # 7
Title: Water Quality Database Reporting Platform, Barr Engineering Task Order #2026-001	Board Action Requested: Approve Barr Engineering Task Order #2026-001	Required Signatures SWWD President
Reviewed by: JHL		Presented by: Loomis
Background/Justification: Staff has worked with Barr Engineering to develop and launch a new water quality database and reporting platform. That work is complete but will require ongoing assistance from Barr to keep the database up to date, maintain functionality, and perform updates as needed and as identified by SWWD staff. The enclosed task order provides ongoing technical services for the next two years. Staff recommends approval.		
Previous Action: None		Contact: JHL
Date Received: July 10, 2026	SWWD Administrator/Date: July 10, 2026	SWWD Attorney/Date:
Financial Implications: \$ 34,000		Comments:
Fund:	Explanation:	Fund Balance:
Decision Needed/Date	Administrative Recommendation <u>Approval</u> Informational Denial No Recommendation	Comments



SOUTH WASHINGTON WATERSHED DISTRICT

TASK ORDER

This Task Order pertains to an Agreement by and between the South Washington Watershed District, (“OWNER”), and Barr Engineering, Company, (“ENGINEER”), dated March 14, 2017, (“the Agreement”). Engineer shall perform services on the project described below as provided herein and in the Agreement. This Task Order shall not be binding until it has been properly signed by both parties or a representative of the OWNER provides written authorization to proceed. Upon execution, this Task Order shall supplement the Agreement as it pertains to the project described below.

TASK ORDER NUMBER: ***Barr 2026-001***

PROJECT NAME: ***Water Quality Database ongoing technical services***

PART 1.0 PROJECT DESCRIPTION: SWWD has worked with Barr to develop and launch a District monitoring database and reporting platform. That database and platform will require ongoing technical services by Barr to maintain functionality and to integrate reporting with SWWD’s website.

PART 2.0 SCOPE OF SERVICES TO BE PERFORMED BY ENGINEER ON THE PROJECT: This task order authorizes the following tasks as described in Barr Engineering’s attached proposal dated July 2, 2026:

1. Annually receive, process, and upload new monitoring data into the application.
2. Coordinate, design, and incorporate periodic updates and refinements to the data reporting platform, as needed.
3. Routine maintenance and updates.
4. Project management and coordination.

PART 3.0 OWNER’S RESPONSIBILITIES: The estimated compensation for the completion of the tasks identified within *Scope of Services to be performed by Engineer on the Project* is based upon the following assumptions and OWNER responsibilities:

1. The OWNER shall provide monitoring data to be uploaded into the application.
2. The OWNER shall provide direction for necessary refinements to the reporting platform.

PART 4.0 PERIODS OF SERVICE: Initiating one more task as described within *Scope of Services to be Performed by Engineer on the Project* occurs at the time of execution of this Task Order or written notification by a representative of the OWNER. Work authorized in this Task Order is to be completed by **July 2028.**

PART 5.0 PAYMENTS TO ENGINEER: ENGINEER will perform the professional services identified within *Scope of Services to be performed by Engineer on the Project* on a time and materials basis up to a maximum amount not-to-exceed of **\$34,000**. ENGINEER shall not exceed the Total Compensation during the completion of the task described within this Task Order without prior authorization from the OWNER's designated representative.

PART 6.0 OTHER: OWNER's designated representative for this project is John Loomis. ENGINEER's designated representative for this project is Stephanie Johnson.

PART 7.0 SIGNATURES:

This Task Order is executed this **14th day of July, 2026**.

SOUTH WASHINGTON WATERSHED
DISTRICT

BARR ENGINEERING, COMPANY

"OWNER"

"ENGINEER"

BY: _____

BY: _____

NAME: Sharon Doucette

NAME: _____

TITLE: Board President

TITLE: _____

ADDRESS: 2302 Tower Dr
Woodbury, MN 55105

ADDRESS: _____



Date: July 10, 2026	South Washington Watershed District Request for Board Action	Agenda Item # 8
Title: Washington Conservation District Monitoring Services Agreement Amendment	Board Action Requested: Approve the WCD Monitoring Services Agreement Amendment	Required Signatures SWWD President SWWD Secretary
Reviewed by: JHL		Presented by: Loomis
Background/Justification In preparing for potential future internal load treatments on SWWD's lakes, staff has identified gaps in the current lake water quality monitoring program. Staff has worked with WCD on the enclosed amendment to our 2026 WCD Service Agreement to get additional analytes included and to increase sampling frequency. The additional data will help inform a future feasibility evaluation. Staff recommends approval.		
Previous Action: None		Contact: JHL
Date Received: July 10, 2026	SWWD Administrator/Date: July 10, 2026	SWWD Attorney/Date
Financial Implications: \$ 9,834		Comments:
Fund	Explanation:	Fund Balance:
Decision Needed/Date	Administrative Recommendation <u>Approval</u> Informational Denial No Recommendation	Comments

**2026 AMENDED SERVICE AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
WASHINGTON CONSERVATION DISTRICT
AND SOUTH WASHINGTON WATERSHED DISTRICT**

A. PARTIES

This Agreement is made and entered into by Washington Conservation District, (WCD), and the South Washington Watershed District (Watershed District).

B. PURPOSE

WHEREAS, the Watershed District has requested assistance from the WCD to implement the policies specified in MINN. STAT. §§ 103A.206 and 103D.201; and

WHEREAS, the WCD is authorized to enter agreements to provide such assistance pursuant to MINN. STAT. §§ 103C.331, SUBD. 3 and 7 and 103D.335, subd. 21.

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties agree as follows:

C. TERM OF CONTRACT

The term of this agreement shall be from January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026 unless extended or terminated earlier as provided herein.

D. SCOPE OF SERVICES

The WCD will perform all services and furnish and deliver work products generally described in the attached Exhibits.

E. COST

In full consideration for services under this agreement, the WCD shall charge the Watershed District for its services at the rate set forth in Section F. Costs for services for activities detailed in the attached Exhibits include:

1. Water Monitoring (see Exhibit A) - ~~\$238,368~~ **\$248,202**; not to exceed, actual project expenses (supplies, equipment, and lab fees) within Exhibit A will be billed as they are accrued.
2. BMP Program, Outreach and Technical Assistance (see Exhibit B) - \$40,000
3. BMP Maintenance - \$14,000, \$12,000 base amount with additional expenses (mulch, plants) billed as they are accrued not to exceed \$2000.
4. Agricultural Assistance - Technical assistance to implement agricultural best management practices to include conservation planning, design, and project administration/closeout (contracting, payment vouchers, etc) not to exceed \$3,000.
5. WCA Support: WCD will provide technical assistance in support of SWWD's LGU responsibilities under the Wetland Conservation Act. Estimated Budget: Not to exceed \$3,000 on an hourly billing rate basis, billed monthly.

Total Cost for Services: ~~\$298,368.00~~ **\$308,202.00**

Any additional costs for special studies or capital projects must be set forth in a written amendment to this Agreement.

F. BILLING RATE AND PAYMENTS

1. Services in Exhibit A will be billed on a lump sum basis, and on actual cost basis for lab and project expenses. Invoices for Exhibit A will be sent on a monthly basis and will list specifically the work performed.
2. Services in Exhibit B are billed on an hourly basis at the rate of \$50.00- \$114.00 per hour, based on personnel and task.

AIS Watercraft Inspectors	\$38.00
Seasonal	\$50.00
Technician 1	\$72.00
Technician 1/2	\$76.00
Technician 1/2/Specialist 1	\$81.00
Tech 2/Specialist 1/2	\$86.00
Specialist 1/2/3	\$91.00
Specialist 2/3/4	\$97.00
Specialist 3/4/Engineer	\$102.00
Administrator/Manager	\$114.00

Invoices for Exhibit B will be sent on a monthly basis and will list specifically the work performed.

3. Project expenses will be billed as they are accrued
4. Technical services provided by the WCD will be billed in accordance with this Rate Schedule. Invoices are sent per the conditions of the agreement and will summarize the work performed. Invoices are payable within 60 days.
5. Office supplies, in-house reproduction expenses, and transportation are included in the rates noted above. Outsource reproduction, special bulk mailings, equipment, supplies, and other non-ordinary costs are not included. Any direct costs are to be reimbursed at actual cost.

G. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY- CIVIL RIGHTS

During the performance of this Agreement, the WCD agrees to the following:

No person shall, on the grounds of race, color, religion, age, sex, disability, marital status, public assistance, criminal record, creed or national origin, be excluded from full employment rights in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program, service, or activity under the provisions of and all applicable federal and state laws against discrimination including the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

H. STANDARDS

The WCD shall comply with all applicable Federal and State statutes and regulations as well as local ordinances now in effect or hereafter adopted. Failure to meet the requirements of the above may be cause for cancellation of this contract effective the date of receipt of the Notice of Cancellation.

I. DATA PRIVACY

All data collected, created, received, maintained, or disseminated, or used for any purpose in the course of the WCD's performance of the Agreement is governed by the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act, Minnesota 1984, Section 13.01, et seq. Or any other applicable state statutes and state rules adopted to implement the Act, as well as state statutes and federal regulations on data privacy. The WCD agrees to abide by these statutes, rules and regulations and as they may be amended.

J. AUDITS, REPORTS, AND MONITORING PROCEDURES

The WCD will:

1. Maintain records that reflect all revenues, cost incurred and services provided in the performance of the Agreement.
2. Agree that the County, the State Auditor, or legislative authority, or any of their duly authorized representatives at any time during normal business hours, and as often as they may deem reasonably necessary, shall have access to the rights to examine audit, excerpt, and transcribe any books, documents, papers, records, etc., and accounting procedures and practices of the WCD which are relevant to the contract.

K. INDEMNITY

The WCD and the Watershed District mutually agree, to the fullest extent permitted by law, to indemnify and hold each other harmless for any and all damages, liability or cost (including reasonable attorneys' fees and costs of defense) arising from their own negligent acts, errors or omissions in the performance of their services under this agreement, to the extent each party is responsible for such damages and losses on a comparative basis of fault. Parties agree to provide proof of contractual liability insurance upon request. This paragraph does not diminish, with respect to any third party, any defense, immunity or liability limit that the WCD or the Watershed District may enjoy under law.

L. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR

It is agreed that nothing herein contained is intended or should be construed in any manner as creating or establishing the relationship of co-partners between the parties hereto or as constituting the WCD as the agent, representative, or employee of Watershed District for any purpose or in any manner whatsoever. The WCD is to be and shall remain an independent contractor with respect to all services performed under this Agreement.

The WCD represents that it has, or will secure at its own expense, all personnel required in performing services under this Agreement. Any and all personnel of the WCD or other person, while engaged in the performance of any work or services required by the WCD under this Agreement, shall have no contractual relationship with the Watershed District and shall not be considered employees of the Watershed District.

M. MODIFICATIONS

Any material alteration or variation shall be reduced to writing as an amendment and signed by the parties. Any alteration, modification, or variation deemed not to be material by written agreement of the WCD and the Watershed District shall not require written approval.

N. MERGER

It is understood and agreed that the entire agreement of the parties is contained here, except as modified during the term of the Agreement by a writing under Paragraph M above concerning a non-material change, and that this contract supersedes oral agreements and negotiations between the parties relating to this subject matter. All items referred to in this contract are incorporated or attached and deemed to be part of the contract.

O. TERMINATION

Either the WCD or the Watershed District may terminate this Agreement with or without cause by giving the other party thirty (30) days written notice prior to the effective date of such termination. If the Watershed District terminates this Agreement, it may specify work to be performed by the WCD before termination is effective and shall pay the WCD for services performed by the WCD up to the time specified for termination. If the WCD terminates the Agreement, it will not be compensated for part completion of a task except to the extent part completion has value to the Watershed District.

P. OWNERSHIP OF DOCUMENTS AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

All property of the Watershed District used, acquired or created in the performance of work under this Agreement, including documents and records of any kind, shall remain the property of the Watershed District. The Watershed District shall have the sole right to use, sell, license, publish, or otherwise disseminate any product developed in whole or in part during the performance of work under this Agreement.

**2026 SERVICE AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
WASHINGTON CONSERVATION DISTRICT
AND SOUTH WASHINGTON WATERSHED DISTRICT**

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF the parties have duly executed this agreement by their duly authorized officers.

APPROVED:

Watershed District

WCD

BY: _____
Board President Date

BY: _____
Board Chair Date

BY: _____
Secretary Date

BY: _____
WCD Manager Date

Approval as to form and execution:

Date

EXHIBIT A
2026 WATER MONITORING SERVICES

	Equipment			Sub Total		Capital		
	Rental	Labor	Mileage/Travel	Rental/Labor/Travel	Lab/Exp	Equip.	Total	Notes
MS1-North Tributary to Wilmes Lake	\$0	\$8,343	\$1,094	\$9,437	\$2,600	\$150	\$12,187	
MS2-N Tributary to Bailey Lake	\$0	\$8,343	\$1,094	\$9,437	\$2,400	\$150	\$11,987	
O'Conner's Creek	\$0	\$8,343	\$1,580	\$9,923	\$2,600	\$150	\$12,673	
Trout Brook	\$0	\$8,343	\$1,580	\$9,923	\$2,600	\$150	\$12,673	
Wilmes Lake Outlet	\$200	\$10,530	\$1,175	\$11,905	\$2,600	\$150	\$14,655	
Central Ravine	\$200	\$10,530	\$1,175	\$11,905	\$2,400	\$150	\$14,455	
St. Paul Park	\$200	\$10,530	\$1,175	\$11,905	\$2,400	\$150	\$14,455	
Newport	\$200	\$10,530	\$1,175	\$11,905	\$2,400	\$150	\$14,455	
Colby Lake Outlet	\$0	\$8,343	\$1,094	\$9,437	\$2,600	\$150	\$12,187	
Ravine Lake Outlet	\$0	\$8,343	\$1,580	\$9,923	\$2,600	\$150	\$12,673	
Powers Lake East Tributary	\$0	\$8,343	\$0	\$8,343	\$2,400	\$150	\$10,893	
Markgrafs Lake NW Inlet	\$0	\$8,343	\$1,580	\$9,923	\$2,400	\$150	\$12,473	
Armstrong Wetland Outlet/GW	\$0	\$10,368	\$1,094	\$11,462	\$1,500	\$150	\$13,112	
Armstrong Wetland 9th St	\$0	\$4,779	\$0	\$4,779	\$0	\$150	\$4,929	
Armstrong Wetland 10th St	\$0	\$8,343	\$0	\$8,343	\$1,500	\$150	\$9,993	
Seasons Inlet	\$0	\$8,343	\$1,094	\$9,437	\$2,400	\$150	\$11,987	
Seasons Outlet	\$0	\$8,343	\$0	\$8,343	\$2,400	\$150	\$10,893	
Lake Levels	\$0	\$4,776	\$0	\$4,776	\$0	\$0	\$4,776	
In Lake Water Quality	\$0	\$16,578	\$0	\$16,578	\$1,830	\$0	\$18,408	9 monitored by WCD, 1 by volunteer
Additional In-Lake Water Quality	\$0	\$4,536	\$0	\$4,536	\$5,298	\$0	\$9,834	Additional samples at Colby, Markgrafs, and CG Ravine Lake
Groundwater	\$0	\$8,508	\$0	\$8,508	\$0	\$0	\$8,508	4 SWWD ob wells, 2 private wells
		\$178,902		\$196,188	\$39,630		\$238,368	
	\$800	\$183,438	\$16,486	\$200,724	\$44,928	\$2,550	\$248,202	

EXHIBIT B

2026 SWWD BMP COST-SHARE PROGRAM

TASKS

1. Project Oversight

All work performed by the WCD will be at the direction of the SWWD staff.

2. Outreach and Education

Targeted and broad-based outreach techniques will be implemented through a coordinated effort of the SWWD and WCD. Development, promotion, and implementation of workshops for landowners interested in or participating in the cost share program. Outreach and educational efforts will be conducted in partnership with the SWWD.

3. Project Database

Project information will be maintained by the SWWD. Information on assistance provided by the WCD will be regularly communicated to the SWWD staff Coordinator.

4. Respond to inquiries from the public

The SWWD will act as the primary and first responder to inquiries from the public regarding the BMP Program. The WCD and the SWWD will jointly provide responses to the public regarding general program information, program eligibility, best management practice information, and general watershed information.

5. Site Reviews and Project Evaluation

Initial site visits will be provided by the WCD County-wide and are part of the standard WCD programs and not charged under this contract. Follow-up reviews and subsequent site visits of potential BMP implementation sites will be conducted under this contract. Other activities will include: assessing BMP options which will adequately address the problem, discussing BMP alternatives with landowners, and promoting implementation of BMPs. WCD will assist program applicants with identification of supplemental funding sources if needed. Educational materials will be distributed during the site visit.

6. BMP Design and Contractor Assistance

The WCD will coordinate BMP design assistance. Design support will be provided by WCD technical resources and/or obtaining assistance from an appropriate technical agency, organization, or the Watershed District. WCD will assist landowners with obtaining qualified contractors to install BMPs if requested.

7. Construction Monitoring (Site inspections)

The WCD will monitor construction activities to verify proper implementation of BMPs.

8. Miscellaneous Services

Other services may be provided as requested by SWWD to implement and carry out the Program.



Date: July 10, 2026	South Washington Watershed District Request for Board Action	Agenda Item # 9
Title: Lake Elmo Medical Center Permit Application	Board Action Requested: Approve the Lake Elmo Medical Center Permit	Required Signatures SWWD Administrator
Reviewed by: JHL		Presented by: Loomis
Background/Justification: Staff and consultants have reviewed a permit application and submittal for proposed improvements to the Lake Elmo Medical Center. The proposed improvements meet SWWD rules and staff recommends approval of permit #26-001.		
Previous Action:		Contact: JHL
Date Received: July 10, 2026	SWWD Administrator/Date: July 10, 2026	SWWD Attorney/Date
Financial Implications: \$		Comments:
Fund	Explanation:	Fund Balance:
Decision Needed/Date	Administrative Recommendation <u>Approval</u> Informational Denial No Recommendation	Comments

South Washington Watershed District

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Permit #26-001

Expires on 12/31/2028

Pursuant to the Rules of the South Washington Watershed District and the District's standards and policies, and based upon statements and information contained in the permit application, letters, maps, and plans submitted by the applicant and other supporting data, all of which are made a part hereof by reference, permission is hereby granted to the permittee named below to conduct the activity described below. If an extension to the permit is needed, the permittee should submit a written request to the District at least 2 weeks prior to the expiration date.

<i>Name of Project</i> Lake Elmo Medical Center		
<i>Project Description</i> Medical		
<i>Project Location</i> N of Hudson Blvd N, E of Eagle Point Blvd, W of Jade Trail N		<i>Municipality</i> Lake Elmo
<i>Permittee Name</i> Carl Brandt	<i>Permittee Company</i> Lake Elmo Medical Center	
<i>Permittee Address</i> 2651 Hillcrest Dr Hudson, WI 54016		
<i>Permittee Phone #s</i> 715-531-6800	<i>Permittee Fax</i>	<i>Permittee Email</i> mbrandt@hudsonphysicians.com
<i>In accordance with the plan received at the District on (date received):</i> Plans and specs received 6-8-2026 and 6-30-2026		

Authorized Signature:

Date of Issuance:

July 14, 2026

John Loomis, SWWD Administrator

Special Stipulations

1. An as-built survey of all stormwater BMPs (ponds, rain gardens, trenches, swales, etc.) is to be submitted to the District for verification of compliance with the approved plans.
2. Ongoing maintenance responsibilities for stormwater BMPs must be addressed through agreement with the City.

Erosion and Sediment Control Stipulations

1. Permittee must provide documentation that an NPDES permit has been approved by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency.
2. Erosion control measures shall be in place prior to grading activities and maintained through project completion.
3. All exposed soils shall be stabilized within 14 days if not being actively worked and after the completion of grading. Slopes steeper than 3:1 shall be stabilized within 7 days.
4. The District Inspector may require additional erosion control features, dependent upon site condition.
5. Refer to the MPCA "Protecting Water Quality in Urban Areas" manual at <http://www.pca.state.mn.us/water/pubs/sw-bmpmanual.html> for BMPs.
6. Contact the District Inspector at 651/714-3714 if you have any questions or to discuss site stabilization practices.

General Provisions

1. The project shall be in accordance with the plans most recently submitted and approved by the District as part of the record of this project.
2. This permit is not assignable by the Permittee, except with the written consent of the SWWD.
3. The Permittee shall grant access to the site at all reasonable times during and after construction to authorized representatives of the SWWD for inspection of the work authorized hereunder.
4. In all cases where the Permittee, by performing the work authorized by this permit, shall involve the taking, using, or damaging of any property rights or interests of any other person or persons, or of any publicly owned lands or improvements thereon or interests therein, the Permittee, before proceeding shall obtain the written consent of all persons, agencies, or authorities concerned, and shall acquire all property, rights and interests needed for the work.
5. This permit is permissive only. No liability shall be imposed on the SWWD or any of its officers, agents, or employees officially or personally, on account of the granting hereof or on account of any damage to any person or property resulting from any act or omission of the Permittee or any of its agents, employees, or contractors. This permit shall not be construed as estopping or limiting any legal claims or right of action of any person against the Permittee, its agents, employees or contractors, for any damage or injury resulting from any such act or omission, or as estopping or limiting any legal claim or right of action of the SWWD against the Permittee, its agents, employees, or contractors for violation of or failure to comply with the permit or applicable provisions of law. If during the work conditions are encountered indicating that soil or groundwater contaminants may be present, work must cease until the SWWD has been informed. The SWWD may require additional information and may require that stormwater management plan be amended in order to properly manage site stormwater in the presence of contaminants.
6. Any stormwater management facilities approved as part of this permit shall be properly maintained in perpetuity to assure that they continue to function as originally designed.
7. Failure to comply with the provisions of this permit is a violation of the law and may result in issuance of a stop work order by the District.



Date: July 10, 2026	South Washington Watershed District Request for Board Action	Agenda Item # 10
Title: Future Business and Meetings	Board Action Requested: None	Required Signatures SWWD President
Reviewed by: JHL		Presented by: Loomis
Background/Justification: i) Regular Board Meeting, Tuesday, July 14, 2026 6:00pm ii) Goat and Sheep Grazing at Glacial Valley Park, July 9-23 iii) Lower St. Croix Policy Committee Meeting, Monday, July 27, 2026 4:00pm iv) St. Croix Workshop on the Water, Thursday, July 30, 2026 5:00pm v) Board Workshop and Regular Board Meeting, <i>Wednesday, August 12, 2026 5:00pm</i> vi) Glacial Valley Park Walk, Wednesday, August 19, 2026 4:30-6:30 pm vii) Minnesota Watersheds Summer Tour, Detroit Lakes, August 25-26, 2026 viii) Minnesota Watersheds 2026 Annual Meeting on Resolutions and Permits, Virtual, Monday, August 31, 2026 10:00am ix) Regular Board Meeting, Tuesday, September 8, 2026 6:00pm x) Regular CAC Meeting, Tuesday, September 22, 2026 6:00pm xi) East Metro Water Resource Education Program (EMWREP) 20th Anniversary Celebration, Rustic Roots Winery, Scandia, Tuesday, September 29, 2026, 5-7pm		
Previous Action:		Contact: JHL
Date Received: July 10, 2026	SWWD Administrator/Date: July 10, 2026	SWWD Attorney/Date
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