



LOWER MINNESOTA RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT

Minutes of Regular Meeting

Board of Managers

Wednesday, January 15, 2025

Carver County Government Center, 602 East 4th Street, Chaska, MN 7:00 p.m.

Approved February 19, 2025

1. CALL TO ORDER

A. ROLL CALL

On Wednesday, January 15, 2025, at 7:00 PM CST, in the Board Room of the Carver County Government Center, 602 East 4th Street, Chaska, Minnesota, President Barisonzi called to order the meeting of the Board of Managers of the Lower Minnesota River Watershed District (LMRWD).

President Barisonzi asked for the roll call to be taken. The following Managers were present: President Barisonzi, Manager Theresa Kuplic, Manager Apollo Lammers, Manager Lauren Salvato and Manager Vinatha Viswanathan.

In addition, the following attended the meeting in-person: Linda Loomis, Naiad Consulting, LLC, LMRWD Administrator; Della Schall Young, Young Environmental Consulting Group, LLC, LMRWD Technical Consultant; and Joe Barten, Dakota County Soil & Water Conservation District. John Kolb, Rinke Noonan Attorneys at Law, LMRWD Legal Counsel; Commissioner Lisa Anderson, Carver County; Commissioner Jodi Brennan, Scott County; and Ben Burnett, Manager, Prior Lake/Spring Lake Watershed District; attended the meeting virtually. Molly Jansen, Park Street Public, LMRWD Government Relations Consultant joined the meeting at 7:30 PM.

2. CITIZEN FORUM

No one present wished to address the Board of Managers.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

A. Additions, Corrections and Deletions to the Agenda

President Barisonzi asked if there were any changes to the agenda. Administrator Loomis requested the addition of two invoices that were received on the day of the meeting; an invoice for February 2025 office rent and an invoice from Carver County WMO for 2024 monitoring services.

Manager Lammers made a motion to approve the agenda with the revisions to the order of items and the addition of the invoices. Manager Salvato seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken the motion was carried unanimously.

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS & PRESENTATION

A. 4th Quarter update on 2024 workplan

Manager Lammers made a motion to receive and file the 4th Quarter update to the 2024 LMRWD Workplan. Manager Salvato seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken, the motion was carried unanimously.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

President Barisonzi introduced this item.

A. Approve Minutes December 11, 2024, and December 11, 2024, Board Workshop

B. Receive and file December 2024 Financial Report

C. Approval of Invoices for payment

- i. Clifton Larson Allen (CLA) - Financial services through December 2024
- ii. Rinke Noonan, Attorneys at Law - November 2024 general legal services
- iii. Daniel Hron – January 2025 office rent
- iv. US Bank Equipment Finance – January 2025 copier lease payment
- v. Young Environmental Consulting Group, LLC –December 2024 technical, and Education and Outreach services
- vi. Naiad Consulting, LLC – November & December 2024 administrative services, mileage, and expenses
- vii. I & S Group, Inc. – Engineering & project management for Spring Creek
- viii. I & S Group, Inc. – Engineering & project management for Spring Creek through December 31, 2024
- ix. HDR Engineering, Inc. – Website management services through November 30, 2024
- x. Minnesota Star Tribune – invoice for publication of public hearing notice for final levy certification
- xi. Bolton & Menk, Inc. – Surveying services related to Area #3
- xii. Redpath and Company – Installment payment for 2022 Financial Audit
- xiii. Sunram Construction – payment #1 for Spring Creek
- xiv. 106 Group – Final 2024 Invoice for Area #3 services
- xv. Minnesota Community Network – A/V Services for Listening Session
- xvi. Dakota County SWCD – Q 4 2024 monitoring, technical and education services
- xvii. Park Street Public – January 2025 Government Relations Services
- xviii. Carver County WMO – 2024 monitoring and education services
- xix. Daniel Hron – February office rent
- xx. 4M Fund – November 2024 fund service charges

D. Report from the Citizen Advisory Committee

E. Minutes of Board Committees

- o Personnel Committee – Thursday, January 9, 2025

F. ‘Landscaping for Clean Water’ Report from Dakota SWCD

G. Designation of 2025 Official Newspaper

H. Designation of Official Depository

I. Designation of Data Practices Compliance Official

J. Authorize execution of JPA between Dakota County SWCD and the LMRWD for monitoring, educational and technical assistance services

Manager Lammers made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda with the addition of two invoices one from Carver County WMO, for 2024 monitoring, TACS and Education assistance

and one from Daniel Hron, for February office rent. Manager Salvato seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken, the motion carried unanimously.

6. PERMITS

A. LMRWD Permit Renewals

There were no permit renewal requests this month.

7. ACTIONS ITEMS

A. 2025 Legislative Agenda

Manager Kuplic made a motion to adopt the legislative priorities and presented. Manager Salvato seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken, the motion carried unanimously.

B. Administrative Services Update

C. Select date for 2025 Minnesota River Tour

President Barisonzi introduced this item.

Manager Salvato made a motion to . Manager Kuplic seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken, the motion was carried unanimously.

8. BOARD DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. State of the Minnesota River Listening Session

9. FOR INFORMATION ONLY

A. Study Area #3

For information only – no action was taken.

B. LMRWD Permit Program Summary

No action required.

10. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Administrator Report: Administrator Loomis reported that 1099s have been prepared and will be mailed out shortly. The next meeting of Metro Watersheds is scheduled for January 21, 2025 and will held via Zoom. She reported a conversation with Rita Weaver from BWSR to discuss water storage activities. Scott County WMO and Carver County WMO have both begun the next generation of their Watershed Management Plans. The LMRWD has been invited to be part of the Scott County planning process. The LMRWD has not been invited to participate in its planning process.

B. President: No report.

C. Managers: No report

D. Committees: No report

E. Legal Counsel: No report.

F. Engineer: No report

11. ADJOURN

Hearing no further business, President Barisonzi adjourned the meeting at 8:25 PM.

LOWER MINNESOTA RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT
BOARD OF MANAGERS
WEDNESDAY, January 15, 2025
MEETING MINUTES

The next regular meeting of the LMRWD Board of Managers will be at 7:00, Wednesday, February 19, 2025, in the Board Room at the Carver County Government Center.

Lauren Salvato, Secretary

Attest:

Linda Loomis, Administrator