

Minutes- Approved: 4/8/2026
 Meeting Type: Personnel Committee Meeting
 Time/Date: 7:00pm CST, March 11,2026
 Location: 112 E. 5th Street, #102 Chaska, Minnesota 55318



LOWER MINNESOTA RIVER
 WATERSHED DISTRICT

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

President Barisonzi called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM CST.

Managers Present: Joseph Barisonzi, Carter McNew, Kyle Bakkum

Staff Present: Will Lytle, Damaris Canales

Others Present: Jim Davis (MindSpark)

The meeting opened with Barisonzi addressing the appointment of Manager Bakkum to the committee as new Chair. Following unanimous approval, Barisonzi requested that Bakkum proceed in the role of official chair for the remainder of the meeting.

The meeting then transitions to approval of prior meeting documentation. Attention shifts to the January and February meeting minutes, with the chair indicating readiness to accept a motion regarding those minutes. McNew then mentioned that the formatting and quality of the minutes. Comments note that the minutes reflect improvements over earlier versions and explain that formatting changes occurred mid-January as staff transitioned to a new documentation template.

Action: Appoint Bakkum to Chair Personnel Committee									
1st:		2nd:							
Bar.	Y	McN.	Y	Bak.	Y				
Motion Carried									

Action: Approval of 1.14.2026 and 2.11.26 Personnel Committee meeting minutes									
1st:		2nd:							
McN.	Y	Bar.	Y	Bak.	Y				
Motion Carried									

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

No formal public comment was received.

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3. NEW BUSINESS

The meeting moved into New Business which concerned the review of proposals received through a solicitation (RFP) process. The discussion focused on the results of the solicitation process and the organization's compliance with statutory requirements. It was explained that while the required RFP process had been conducted, no complete proposals were received from legal or financial service providers, which had been two priority areas. As a result, additional outreach was initiated to solicit further interest in those categories.

By contrast, multiple proposals were received from engineering and technical service providers. These respondents appeared to understand that their participation would likely place them within an existing engineering pool of qualified service providers, allowing for more streamlined engagement when projects arise that exceed internal capacity, involve conflicts of interest, or require specialized expertise.

Regarding dredged material management and hauling services, it was noted that no new proposals were received outside of current contractors. However, existing service providers expressed interest in continuing and potentially expanding their collaborations. LS Marine, which manages the dredge site, reaffirmed its interest in maintaining its current contractual relationship. J Trucking, which currently purchases sand from the dredge site, indicated a willingness to negotiate expanded terms, including addressing the handling and cost of silt material that is often landfilled.

Additionally, the Army Corps of Engineers was reported to have expressed interest in purchasing dredged materials during this same period. Taken together, these developments informed the speaker's recommendation that the organization proceed with executing agreements under the existing or expanded contractual frameworks, subject to committee discussion and feedback.

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Action: Immediately engage county and state partners on Minnesota River Basin governance, coordinate staff and professional services, and advance legislative and intergovernmental strategies for the 2026–2027 sessions.									
1st:		2nd:							
McN.	Y	Bar.	Y	Bak.	Y				
Motion Carried									

Action: To authorize payment of the 2025 NIAD invoice and execution of the 2026 NIAD work plan, and to place the matter on the table for discussion.									
1st:		2nd:							
McN.	Y	Bar.	Y	Bak.	Y				
Motion Carried									

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM CST.

Action: To table the remaining agenda items 3.5 and 3.6 along with sections 4. Old Business and 5. Administrative Reports due to time constraints.									
1st:		2nd:							
McN.	Y	Bar.	Y	Bak.	Y				
Motion Carried									