

Minutes- Approved October 15th, 2025
Time/Date: 7:00pm, September 17th, 2025
Location: County Board Room, Carver County Government
Center , 602 East 4th Street Chaska, MN 55318 Virtual Location:
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LOWER MINNESOTA RIVER
WATERSHED DISTRICT

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

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

Managers Present: Barisonzi, Kuplic, Salvato, McNew (newly seated)

Managers Absent: Viswanathan

Staff Present: Will Lytle (Administrator), Linda Loomis, Della Young, John Kolb

Others Present: Andy Hering (RedPath and Company), Lisa Anderson, Bev Burnett

2. OATH OF OFFICE

President Barisonzi administered the Oath of Office to Manager McNew, welcoming him as a new board member.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were received.

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS, PRESENTATIONS, COMMUNICATIONS

A. Presentation of 2022 Audit Findings

Andy Hering of RedPath and Company presented the results of the FY 2022 audit. He reported a clean opinion, stating that the individual fund financial statements are fairly stated in all material respects, and noted that there were no disagreements with District management. However, there were weaknesses in the closing processes and misstatements were detected. The circumstances surrounding the significant time delay in completing the audit were discussed. Members of the Board asked questions regarding the circumstances that would trigger issues with the audit. As well as noted the downward trend in cash reserves and the difficulties in monitoring project-specific funds.

B. Audit Governance Letter and Annual Financial Report

The Board received and filed the Audit Governance Letter and 2022 Annual Financial Report. Motion to accept the 2022 Audit Findings, Audit Governance Letter, and Annual Financial Report as presented. Moved by Salvato. Seconded by Kuplic. Motion carried unanimously.

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5. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Manager Salvato to approve the consent agenda. Seconded by Manager McNew.
Motion carried unanimously.

Consent items included:

- Review Finance and Personnel Committee Minutes (September 2025)
- Approve Board Meeting Minutes (August 2025)
- Accounts Payable approvals

6. ACTION ITEMS

A. Permit Renewals

Motion by Manager Salvato to approve the permit renewals listed. Seconded by Manager Kuplic. Motion carried unanimously.

Permit 2025-008 – Area 3 Stabilization

Motion to grant conditional approval of Permit 2025-008 contingent upon receipt and compliance of staff recommended materials and execution of cost share agreement with City of Eden Prairie. Moved by Salvato. Seconded by McNew. Motion carried unanimously.

MAC Ponds Memo

A description of the correspondence and further site history was shared by the administrator. District Attorney offers opinion that several different scopes of legal authority within the watershed give the authority to test or require testing as a condition of approvals for the permit. There's further authority that would allow the District to go forward with some level of program to do broader reconnaissance sampling as well. Motion by Salvato to accept the MAC Ponds technical memo and direct staff to continue inter-agency coordination. Seconded by Kuplic. Motion carried unanimously.

7. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

7.1 Permit Program Summary

Board received summary of active permits and compliance.

7.2 Area #3 Update / Cost Share Agreement – Eden Prairie

Agreement draft circulated and expected for execution in October.

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7.3 WCA Notice (Xcel 808 Line Rebuild)

Notice of activity received. Staff monitoring.

7.4 Channel Maintenance and Dredging

Staff provided update on Flow Frequency Curve study and coordination with USACE. The USACE estimates they will remove 47,000 cubic yards of sediment in dredging this season.

7.5 Administrator Updates and Implementation Plan

Progress on Quarry Lake technical assessments. Recommendations to be incorporated into 2026 work plan.

7.6 Education & Outreach

Discussion on Visioning Surveys and Mini Grant Program. Ongoing community engagement.

7.7 CAC Report

No formal report. Next meeting in October.

7.8 TAC / Partnerships and Coordination

WBIF convening progress and review of draft Letter of Cooperation. MNRS comment letter in development.

8. BUDGET AND FINANCE REPORTS

Staff presented and the Board reviewed the budget and financial information.

A. August 2025 Financial Report

B. 2026 Preliminary Certification of Budget and Levy

9. STRATEGIC PLANNING AND INITIATIVES

Board discussed legislative updates related to BWSR funding and emerging contaminants. Staff will continue monitoring federal and state guidance for potential rule revisions.

10. OTHER NOTEWORTHY INFORMATION

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Upcoming events include BWSR Academy and BeaverCon 2026. Work plan meeting agenda in development for October.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Manager Salvato. Seconded by Manager Kuplic. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:35 PM.

Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, October 15, 2025.