



PUBLIC LISTENING SESSION

WED. JANUARY 8, 2025
1-4PM

Listening Session Opens | 1pm-1:15pm (Moderator: Steve Woods)

The Lower Minnesota River Watershed District (LMRWD) will open the listening session.

Listening Session Testimony | 1:15pm-3:35pm

Selected speakers will share oral presentations on thematic topics.

Timeslot	Speaker Name/Role	Organization	Testimony	Abstract
1:15pm–1:30pm	Holly Bushman, Watershed Coordinator	Lower Minnesota River East Watershed Partnership	Altered Hydrology, Flooding, and Funding Watershed Initiatives	The impacts of altered hydrology have created a stressor in the watershed. The impacts of flooding will be discussed along with the need for funding and policy changes to implement solutions based on upstream needs and tax base in Greater Minnesota.
1:30pm–1:45pm	Norm Senjem	Lake Pepin Legacy Alliance	Minnesota River Flooding Causes, Impacts, and Amelioration through Water Storage	Historic context will be provided for Minnesota River flooding as well as solutions found in controlled erosion . Proposed incentives will be discussed as well as on-landscape practices to reduce erosion and incentives for participation.
1:45pm–2:00pm	Scott Sparlin, Coordinator and Facilitator	Minnesota River Congress	Tools for Minnesota River Health: Water Quality and Storage Program and Minnesota River Commission	The statewide Water Quality and Storage Program is receiving a high level of interest from landowners. A framework for a joint commission will also be introduced to oversee restoration, including the financial need for operation.

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2:00pm– 2:15pm	Brief Recess			
2:15pm– 2:30pm	Tom Crawford, River Watch Program Coordinator	Friends of the Minnesota Valley	Solutions for Clean Water Advocacy	Introduce solutions including legal responsibility for water quality and downstream impacts . Provide leadership and funding for increased education for student-age youth and chloride management.
2:30pm– 2:45pm	Tom Worthington and Vicki Sherry	Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge	Solutions for Ike’s Creek	Discuss proposed realignment and restoration of the Ike’s Creek stream, by removing old infrastructure.

Public Forum – Q&A Session | 2:45-3:45pm

Members of the public are invited to speak and provide testimony or questions for the record. Anyone who registers as a walk-in speaker will be numbered in a queue for order of speaking. Submissions of written testimony will be read into the record.

Greg Genz, Citizen Advisory Committee Member

City of Shakopee Written Testimony

Judy Berglund, Citizen Advisory Committee Member

City of Eagan Written Testimony

Listening Session Closes | 3:45-4pm

The Board of Managers will close the listening session and reiterate next steps for testimony from listening session. Note: The listening session may close earlier depending on the number of speakers in attendance to participate.