



LOWER MINNESOTA RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT

Executive Summary for Action

Lower Minnesota River Watershed District Board of Managers Meeting

Wednesday August 21, 2019

Agenda Item

Item 4. D. - 2018 Audit Report Update

Prepared By

Linda Loomis, Administrator

Summary

The Board of Water & Soil Resource denied final payment of the Seminary Fen Grant. The grant was made in 2013 and final payment was requested in 2018. BWSR denied the LMRWD request for final payment because of the length of time to complete the reporting in elink and request final payment. The Board of the Managers of the LMRWD sent a letter to the BWSR Board requesting reconsideration the decisions to deny the final payment of the grant. The LMRWD Auditor feels that this issue is material to the financial statements of the LMRWD and does not want to issue the final audit report until this issue is settled.

On August 16, 2019, I was informed by Kevin Bigalke by phone that the decision will not be reconsidered. Kevin said a formal notice will be coming to the Board.

The LMRWD is required by MN Statute § 63756, subd.3 to file a financial statement with the Office of the State Auditor within 180 days after the end of the District's fiscal year. The LMRWD requested an extension to file the financial report. An extension was granted until August 15, 2019. LMRWD requested an additional extension in July and was granted an extension for as long as it takes to resolve the issue with BWSR.

The LMRWD is also required to file the financial report with BWSR. BWSR was informed of the extension by the state auditor.

Attachments

email from the Office of the State Auditor

Recommended Action

No action recommended

Extension for filing financial audit

GID OSA <GID.OSA@osa.state.mn.us>
To: Linda Loomis <naiadconsulting@gmail.com>

Wed, Jun 19, 2019 at 11:58 AM

We have added an extension to August 15, 2019. Please let us know if you have any other questions.

Sincerely,

Erin St.Cyr, Accounting Officer
Office of the State Auditor - Government Information Division
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>>> Linda Loomis <naiadconsulting@gmail.com> 6/19/2019 11:54 AM >>>
Greetings,

The Lower Minnesota River Watershed District is requesting an extension for submitting our financial audit for 2018 to the office of the State Auditor.

We are making this request, because the District was recently notified that payment of a state grant has been denied and the District's auditor wants to know how the District will address the shortfall in the project. This grant was between the LMRWD and the Board of Water & Soil Resources and payment was denied because of the length of time to meet all the requirements for final reporting.

The grant was to be passed through to the city of Chaska and the LMRWD must confer with the City to determine how this item will be addressed.

Please let me know what the process is for getting an extension to the June 30th deadline.

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Wed, Aug 7, 2019 at 3:50 PM

Hi Linda,

Please submit the 2018 Financial Audit when the issue is resolved. We would appreciate it if you could keep us updated on the status.

Thank you.

Kathy

Kathy Docter, CPA, CFE
Division Director
Office of the State Auditor - Government Information Division

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>>> Linda Loomis <naiadconsulting@gmail.com> 8/7/2019 10:18 AM >>>
Greetings,

We are requesting an additional extension for submitting the 2018 Financial Audit for the Lower Minnesota River Watershed District. to the State Auditor. We have not yet been able to resolve this issue and the MN Board of Water & Soil Resources.

Please let me know if you need additional information or if you have any questions.

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