

## **Executive Summary for Action**

Lower Minnesota River Watershed District Board of Managers Meeting Wednesday, December 15, 2021

#### Agenda Item

Item 6. A. - Adopt 2022 Budget and Certify Property Tax Levy Payable 2022

#### **Prepared By**

Linda Loomis, Administrator

#### Summary

At the August 2021 Board meeting, in accordance with MN Statutes, the Board of Managers gave preliminary approval of the proposed budget for 2022 and preliminary certification of levy of taxes payable 2022 on properties within the LMRWD. The only changes that have been made to the proposed budget since August is that \$75,000 of the

The total budget approved in August was One Million Thirty-Five Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$1,035,000.00), representing a decrease of \$30,000 from 2021. Two lines were not completed when the budget was presented in August. (Local Water Plan Reviews and Project Reviews). This change the total budget to One Million One Hundred Fifteen Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$1,115,000.00), which is an increase of \$50,000 over the 2021 budget.

The final levy for taxes payable in 2022 of Seven Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$725,000). The levy was not change when the budget was revised. This is the same amount as the levy of taxes payable in 2021. Notice of the public hearing was published in the December 5<sup>th</sup> and December 12<sup>th</sup> Editions of the StarTribune newspaper.

Managers should adopt the revised 2022 budget and certify the final levy. Resolution 21-12 Adopting 2022 Budget and Certification of Property Tax Levy for Taxes Payable 2022 is attached, as well as the 2021 budget and other supporting documents.

#### **Attachments**

2022 Budget for final adoption Updated Budget Explanation

Resolution 21-12 Adopting 2022 Budget and Final Certification of Property Tax Levy for Taxes Payable 2022

### **Recommended Action**

Open Public Hearing and take public input

Motion to adopt Resolution 21-12 and authorize District Administrator to Certify Final Levy to Counties

# Proposed Levy 2022

Apportioned Payable 2022 Levy	725,000.00
One time levy to balance channel fund	-
Planning and Implementation Fund	475,000.00
General Fund	250,000.00

County	Net Tax Capacity % Distribution	Apportioned Payable 2022 Levy				
Carver	5.7603%	41,762.18				
Dakota	9.9522%	72,153.45				
Hennepin	42.3399%	306,964.28				
Scott	41.9476%	304,120.10				
Watershed Total	100.0000%	725,000.00				

### 2022 proposed LMRWD Budget for Administration Operations 2020 Adopted Budget/Actuals - 2021 Adopted Budget/YTD/Projected - 2022 Proposed

Accou	nt	A	dopted 2020	2	2020 Actual	Α	dopted 2021	YTD 2021 Projected		Projected 2021 Adopte		Adopted 2022	
								(Thr	ough 10/31/21)				
E	xpenses:												
65	Wages-General	\$	-			\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
66	Severance Allowance	\$	-										
67	Benefits	\$	-			\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
68	PERA Expense	\$	-			\$	-						
69	Payroll Tax (FICA/Medicare)	\$	-			\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
70	Unemployment compensation	\$	-			\$	-						
71	Manager Per Diem	\$	11,250.00	\$	4,875.00	\$	11,250.00	\$	3,625.00	\$	11,250.00	\$	11,250.00
72	Manager Expense (mileage/food/registrations)	\$	3,000.00	\$	256.83	\$	3,000.00	\$	-	\$	3,000.00	\$	3,000.00
73	Telecommunications-Cell-Internet/Phone	\$	1,000.00	\$	-	\$	1,000.00	\$	-	\$	1,000.00	\$	1,000.00
74	Office Supplies	\$	300.00	\$	76.54	\$	300.00	\$	86.75	\$	300.00	\$	300.00
75	Meeting Supplies/Expense	\$	100.00	\$	-	\$	100.00	\$	-	\$	100.00	\$	100.00
76	Rent	\$	7,800.00	\$	8,450.00	\$	7,800.00	\$	5,850.00	\$	7,800.00	\$	7,800.00
77	Dues	\$	7,500.00	\$	7,500.00	\$	7,500.00	\$	-	\$	7,500.00	\$	7,500.00
78	Miscellaneous-General	\$	3,000.00	\$	1,870.50	\$	3,000.00	\$	1,158.00	\$	3,000.00	\$	3,000.00
79	Training & Education	\$	1,500.00	\$	285.00	\$	1,500.00	\$	-	\$	1,500.00	\$	1,500.00
80	Insurance & Bonds	\$	10,000.00	\$	9,399.00	\$	11,000.00	\$	9,762.00	\$	11,000.00	\$	11,000.00
81	Postage	\$	500.00	\$	96.86	\$	375.00	\$	19.40	\$	375.00	\$	375.00
82	Photocopying	\$	1,000.00	\$	34.41	\$	875.00	\$	2.43	\$	875.00	\$	875.00
83	Legal Notices-General	\$	1,500.00	\$	2,707.20	\$	1,500.00	\$	826.00	\$	1,500.00	\$	1,500.00
84	Subscriptions & License Fees	\$	-	\$	475.42	\$	250.00	\$	162.00	\$	250.00	\$	250.00
85	Mileage	\$	5,000.00	\$	1,696.12	\$	5,000.00	\$	487.60	\$	5,000.00	\$	5,000.00
86	Taxable meal reimbursement	\$	500.00	\$	52.86	\$	500.00	\$	-	\$	500.00	\$	500.00
87	Lodging/ Staff Travel	\$	1,500.00	\$	-	\$	1,500.00	\$	-	\$	1,500.00	\$	1,500.00
88	Accounting/Financial Services	\$	5,500.00	\$	5,215.70	\$	5,382.00	\$	4,064.50	\$	5,382.00	\$	5,580.00
89	Audit Fees	\$	15,000.00	\$	14,525.00	\$	15,000.00	\$	15,265.00	\$	15,265.00	\$	15,000.00
90	Professional Services-General	\$	121,050.00	\$	97,931.25	\$	120,168.00	\$	44,737.50	\$	120,168.00	\$	104,970.00
91	Legal Fees-General	\$	10,000.00	\$	6,878.50	\$	10,000.00	\$	8,303.50	\$	10,000.00	\$	10,000.00
92	Engineering-General	\$	20,000.00	\$	49,930.10	\$	20,000.00	\$	67,085.67	\$	67,085.67	\$	35,000.00
93	Equipment-General	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-		
94	Equipment-Maintenance	\$	500.00	\$	334.37	\$	500.00	\$	233.87	\$	500.00	\$	500.00
95	Equipment-Lease	\$	2,500.00	\$	2,857.70	\$	2,500.00	\$	1,344.80	\$	2,500.00	\$	2,500.00
96	Newsletter Expense(Web Articles)	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
97	Lobbying	\$	20,000.00	\$	18,333.37	\$	20,000.00	\$	15,000.03	\$	20,000.00	\$	20,000.00
98 1	otal Expense for Administration:	\$	250,000.00	\$	233,781.73			\$	178,014.05	\$	297,350.67	\$	250,000.00

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#### 2021 YTD (thru Account 2020 Adopted 2020 Actual 2021 Adopted 10/31/21) Projected 2021 Proposed 2022 Revenues: **General Property Tax** 47,147.51 \$ 42,871.42 **Carver County** 42,833.00 42,871.42 23,378.86 41,762.18 **Dakota County** 70,735.35 67,616.35 72,959.65 39,196.42 72,959.65 72,153.45 315,715.12 306,964.28 Hennepin County 321,491.83 318,293.13 158,180.81 318,293.13 Scott County 72,725.74 290,875.80 290,875.80 304,120.10 112,935.73 725,000.01 503,204.72 725,000.00 333,691.82 725,000.00 725,000.00 **Total Levy** Interest Income MCES WOMP Grant 5,500.00 5,500.00 5,000.00 4,500.00 5,000.00 5,000.00 240,000.00 State of MN Grant for Dredge Material Management 240,000.00 240,000.00 240,000.00 240,000.00 240,000.00 Metro-Area Watershed Based funding grants 91,021.00 63,866.00 63,866.00 63,866.00 25,000.00 25,000.00 25,000.00 License Revenue from placement of dredge 64,371.00 64,371.00 Revenues from sale of dredge material 5,000.00 5,000.00 5,000.00 5,000.00 5,500.00 Permit Fees Ś 20,344.25 20,344.25 Miscellaneous Income 5.00 252.15 252.14 1,091,521.01 \$754,209.72 \$1,000,000.00 \$727,025.22 1,123,833.39 1,063,866.00 **Total Revenues: Expenses:** 13 Administration (from Administrative Budget Page) 250,000.00 233,781.73 250,000.00 183,288.05 297,350.67 250,000.00 **Cooperative Projects** Eden Prairie Bank Stabilization -Area #3 35,000.00 27,045.65 100,000.00 112,594.07 112,594.07 100,000.00 14 Eagle Creek 15 16 **Gully Erosion Contingency** 78,657.38 \$ 4,395.65 4,395.65 USGS 19,700.00 10,091.50 17 Ravine Stabilization at Seminary Fen in Chaska 18 55,200.00 Riley Creek Cooperative Project with RPBCWD 74,565.67 150,000.00 150,000.00 19 97.50 75,000.00 Seminary Fen Ravine Restoration site A 75,000.00 20 20,000.00 20,000.00 21 Seminary Fen Ravine C-2 509 Plan Budget Resource Plan Implementation Watershed Resource Restoration Fund 120,000.00 22 23 **Gully Inventory** 80,000.00 51,714.34 44,582.28 44,582.28 Minnesota River Corridor Management Project 75,000.00 36,706.00 75,000.00 35,000.00 TH 101 Ravine/Shakopee Ś 35,000.00 35,000.00 Assumption Creek Hydrology Restoration Project 2,125.50 2,125.50 26 Carver Creek restoration Project 15,000.00 27 50,000.00 408.00 28 **Groundwater Screening Tool Model** 408.00 Eagle Creek (East Branch) Project 29 Minnesota River Floodplain Model Feasibility Study 260.00 30 Schroeder's Acres Park/Savage Fen Stormwater Management F 181,055.00 31 Downtown Shakopee Stormwater BMPs 50,000.00 32 70,000.00 30,000.00 33 PLOC Realignment/Wetland Restoration 162.50 \$ \$ 70,000.00 Spring Creek Project 1,223.62 75,000.00 4,002.50 75,000.00 West Chaska Creek Project 34,490.96 35 \$ Sustainable Lakes Management Plan (Trout Lakes) 50,000.00 1,223.62 50,000.00 36 50,000.00 37 Geomorhpic Assessments (Trout Streams) 25,000.00 25,000.00 23,241.47 25,000.00 38 Fen Stewardship Program 78,714.21 25,000.00 **District Boundary Modification Project** 39 40 East Chaska Creek Bank Stabilization Project 40,960.90 77,457.31 77,457.31 41 East Chaska Creek Water Quality Treatment Project Minnesota River Sediment Reduction Strategy 42 15,000.00 5,000.00 44 Local Water Management Plan reviews 8,000.00 16,289.96 1,285.50 15,000.00 **Project Reviews** 20,000.00 118,581.68 50,000.00 75,000.00 86,322.58 86,322.58 65,000.00 16,279.80 19,407.00 75,000.00 46 Monitoring 75,000.00 75,000.00 Watershed Management Plan 47 Next Generation Watershed Management Plan 48 49 Plan Clarification and proposed rules/Rule implementation 56,000.00 27,830.79 10,000.00 2,846.29 10,000.00 50 Plan Amendment Vegetation Management Standard/Plan 51 75,000.00 Public Education/Citizen Advisory Committee/Outreach Program 30,000.00 50,187.10 30,000.00 50,687.14 50,687.14 52 20,000.00 **Cost Share Program** 20,000.00 9,043.64 50,000.00 6,434.50 50,000.00 53 Nine Foot Channel Transfer from General Fund 102.00 102.00 \$ 240,000.00 Dredge site operations 459,845.30 315,000.00 240,000.00 240,000.00 **Dredge Site Restoration Total Non-adminsitrative Expenses:** 657,597.79 1,293,674.53 865,000.00 57 1,204,520.67 1,022,700.45 890,000.00 Total Administrative Expenses (from line 13) 250,000.00 250,000.00 \$ 233,781.73 250,000.00 \$ 183,288.05 58 297,350.67 \$ **Total Expenses** 1,256,482.18 \$ 1,140,000.00 \$ 840,885.84 1,591,025.20 1,115,000.00 59 1,454,520.67 \$ \$ \$ Revenue less Expenses 60 (362,999.66) (502,272.46) (140,000.00) (113,860.62) (467,191.81) (51,134.00)Beginning Fund Balance - January 1 61 \$1,000,000,00 S 727.025.22 1,063,866.00 **Total Revenue** 62 (840,885,84) (1,115,000.00 63 **Total Expenses** (1,140,000.00) \$ (1,396,482.18) \$ (1,370,342.80 \$ (1,447,616.18) Ending Fund Balance - December 31 (bold figures are projected) 64

Project funding proposed in the 2022 Budget is taken from Table 4-1 Implementation Program Budget found in Section 4 of the LMRWD Watershed Management Plan.

Explanations for certain lines follow.

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Line #	Cooperative Projects						
	Cooperative Projects ate those projects that are intended to be completed by the LMRWD						
	with other partners						
14	Eden Prairie Bank Stabilization - Area #3						
	The LMRWD received a Clean Water grant for this project under BWSR's Watershed Based						
	Funding Program. The LMRWD has allocated \$100,000 in 2022 for this project. The Board						
	was informed at the July 21, 2021 meeting that the contract with Inter-Fluve to validate						
	previous recommendations and provide preliminary design services has been cancelled.						
	After meeting with the City of Eden Prairie, it was decided that the City and the LMRWD						
	approach the State of MN to help with the cost to remediate this area to prevent a						
	catastrophic slope failure. The LMRWD will need to work with BWSR to revise the scope of the project in terms of the grant and reach out to Inter-Fluve, giving them the right of first						
	refusal, to assist with revising the scope of the project. This work will assist the LMRWD						
	when reaching out to legislators to fund the project. The Board granted authorization to						
	staff to work with Frenette Legislative Advisors to lobby for funding construction of this						
	project. A proposal from Inter-Fluve is on the December meeting agenda.						
	509 Plan Budget						
22	Watershed Resource Restoration Fund						
	This fund implements Goals 2 and 3, which are to protect, improve and restore surface						
	water and ground water quality within the District. This program will fund projects						
	sponsored by LGUs and were not identified at the time the Plan was adopted.						
	Since the preliminary approval of the 2022 budget in August, the Board accepted a request						
	from the City of Burnsville to partner on the stabilization of a ravine along Willow Creek.						
	\$75,000 of this line will be set aside for that project. A request has been received from						
	Scott County to partner in the collaborative LIDAR collection project. Scott County						
	requested \$5,000 from the LMRWD to this project. This project is on the December 2021						
	agenda for discussion. If authorized by the Board funding for that project would come from						
22	this line item.						
32	Downtown Shakopee Stormwater BMPs This project received a Watershed Based Funding Grant. The project is to study the						
	stormwater of downtown Shakopee, which currently drains untreated to the Minnesota						
	River. The purpose of the study is to identify BMPs to treat storm water before it reaches						
	the River. The LMRWD received a one-year extension for this the grant received for this						
	project.						
33	Prior Lake Outlet Channel re-alignment						
	This project also received a Watershed Based Funding Grant. The project will create						
	meanders in the Prior Lake Outlet Channel (PLOC) in an attempt to reduce the amount of						
	sediment carried to the Minnesota River. The LMRWD received a one-year extension for						
	this the grant received for this project.						
36	Sustainable Lakes Management Plan (Trout Lakes)						
	This project will study the trout lakes within the LMRWD and develop a management plan						
	for the lakes. This project was started and has been waiting for responses from the cities.						
38	Fen Stewardship Program						
	This project is a partnership between the LMRWD, the MN DNR and the Metropolitan						
	Council. The effort will develop a management plan to protect, preserve and possibly						
4.4	restore calcareous fens within the LMRWD.						
44	Local Water Management Plan Reviews  The LMRW/D has not yet approved the Local Water Management Plans for Savage and						
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	Mendota. Some Cities' Plans are in the process of being updated due to LMRWD rules,
45	which required cities to amend their official controls to conform to the rules.
45	Project Reviews  This item includes costs incurred by the LMRWD to review non-LMRWD projects in cities that have either opted to have the LMRWD review projects or have not yet received a Municipal Permit.
	Eden Prairie and Chaska have opted to have the LMRWD review projects within the boundaries of the LMRWD. The LMRWD is also responsible for reviewing MNDOT, and MAC (Metropolitan Airport Commission) projects and for the unincorporated areas of the District. Burnsville, Chanhassen and Savage intend to apply for a Municipal Permit, but permits have not been approved for these cities yet. Shakopee was granted a partial Municipal Permit at the November 2021 Board meeting.
46	Monitoring The LMRWD has contracted for monitoring of water resources within the District. Monitoring of resources in Carver County is done by the Carver WMO. Monitoring in Dakota County and Scott County are done by the Dakota and Scott County Soil & Water Conservation Districts, respectively. The only resource in Hennepin that is monitored by the LMRWD is Ike's Creek. Ike's Creek is being monitored by the Metropolitan Council and the cost of monitoring is being paid for by the Minnesota Valley Refuge Friends.
	The LMRWD intends to conduct a comprehensive review of its monitoring program to evaluate whether monitoring is providing the information needed to manage resources within the District.
47-51	Watershed Management Plan Amendment
	Staff is planning an update to the Watershed Management Plan; primarily to update Table
	4-1 Implementation Program Budget for 2018 - 2027. \$10,000 was included in the budget
	2021 for amending the Plan. This amount should be enough to cover any Plan Amendment.
52	Public Education/CAC/Outreach Program
	The 2022 projected costs the LMRWD plans to spend on public education include
	Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC)20,950.00
	Master Water Steward Program\$2,500.00
	Continue School & NGO Engagement\$22,500.00
	Continue District Signage\$3,000.00
	LMRWD website update/maintenance\$10,000.00
	<ul> <li>Rain Garden Workshops/Landscaping for Clean Water\$2,250.00</li> </ul>
	Freshwater Society "Ice Out/Loon In"\$800.00
	• MN River Boat Tour\$8,000.00
	Sponsorship of Salt Symposium and Water Summit\$500.00
	• Social Media
	TOTAL:\$75,000.00
	Staff will continue to refine the education budget with input from the CAC.
Line #	Nine Foot Channel
54-56	Transfer from General Fund
	A deficit was built up in the Channel Fund, which was eliminated in 2019. All expenses incurred for managing dredge and maintenance of the dredge site are covered by the grant
	from the state of Minnesota. The transfer that was budgeted in 2020 was not necessary
	and a mid-year budget adjustment was done in August 2020 to reassign the money
	allocated for a transfer to the Channel Fund. \$80,000 was reassigned to the Gully
	Inventory.

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### 2022 Budget Explanation of line items

Line #	Administrative Budget
71	Manager Per Diem
	This figure is calculated for 5 Managers, using a per diem of \$125/meeting and 1.5 meetings
	per month per manager.
77	Dues
	MAWD dues were included at \$7,500. Staff is recommending that the MAWD dues be
	included in the budget.
88	Accounting /Financial Services
	The agreement for financial services with Carver County will expire at the end of 2021.
	Carver County Informed the LMRWD that they can no longer provide accounting services to
	the LMRWD. Redpath and Company informed the LMRWD that they do not have the
	capacity to continue to conduct the Annual Audit of the LMRWD finances. The LMRWD
	issued RFP s for both services. This item is on the December Board meeting agenda.
92	Engineering
	This line has been increased to better reflect the actual cost of general engineering
	expenses. Costs incurred by the District that are charged to this line include preparation for
	monthly board meeting, Board meeting attendance of technical consultant. To offset the
	increase to this line, line 86 was reduced. Line 86 is the line that administrative services
	(Naiad Consulting) are charged to. More administrative service fees can be charged to
	directly to project budgets than has been done in the past.

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Manager introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:
LOWER MINNESOTA RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT
RESOLUTION 21-12
ADOPTING 2021 BUDGET AND CERTIFICATION OF PROPERTY TAX LEVY FOR TAXES PAYABLE 2021
WHEREAS, in August 2021, the Board of Managers of the Lower Minnesota River Watershed District ("LMRWD") gave preliminary approval of a proposed total budget of One Million One Hundred Fifteen Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$1,115,000.00) for the fiscal year commencing January 1, 2022; and
WHEREAS the 2021 budget requires Seven Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars and 00/100 (\$725,000) to be raised from an ad valorem tax levy on taxable property located in the LMRWD, for the purpose of paying administrative expenses (Minnesota Statutes § 103D.905 Subd. 3) of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000) and providing for a planning and implementation fund (Minnesota Statutes § 103B.241) of Four Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$475,000).
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Secretary, in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, shall certify an ad valorem tax of Seven Hundred Twenty Five Thousand Dollars and 00/100 (\$725,000) to the Auditors of the following Counties: Carver, Dakota, Hennepin and Scott apportioned according to the attached Schedule A, which sum to be raised by a levy on all taxable property in the Lower Minnesota River Watershed District payable in the year 2022 and for the purposes noted above as provided in Minnesota Statutes, Sections 103D.911 and 103D.915;
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of Managers of the LMRWD that the proposed 2022 Budget is hereby approved and adopted as the final budget for 2022.
Adopted by the Board of Managers of the Lower Minnesota River Watershed District this 15th day of December 2021.

Jesse Hartmann, President

ATTEST:

Lauren Salvato, Secretary

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was seconded by President Hartmann and upon a vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: Amundson, Hartmann, Mraz, Raby and Salvato; and the following voted against the same: None. Whereupon said resolution was declared passed and adopted, this 15th day of December 2021, signed by the President and his signature attested by the Secretary.