



LOWER MINNESOTA RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT

Executive Summary for Action

Lower Minnesota River Watershed District Board of Managers Meeting

Wednesday, September 11, 2024

Agenda Item

Item 4. B. - Public Hearing Regarding Preliminary Certification of LMRWD Levy

Prepared By

Linda Loomis, Administrator

Summary

The public hearing was posted on the LMRWD website Thursday, August 22, 2022. In accordance with MN Statute 103D.911 a notice of the hearing was published “with a summary of the proposed budget in one or more newspapers of general circulation in each county consisting of part of the watershed district. The notice and summary shall be published once each week for two successive weeks before the hearing. The last publication shall be at least two days before the hearing.”

Notice was published in the Minnesota Star Tribune on Sunday, September 1, 2024 and Sunday September 8, 2024. A copy of the notice is attached.

Attachments

- Public Hearing Notice
- Resolution 24-15 Preliminary Certification of Property Tax Levies for Carver County for Taxes Payable 2025 and Approval of 2025 Proposed Budget
- Resolution 24-16 Preliminary Certification of Property Tax Levies for Dakota County for Taxes Payable 2025 and Approval of 2025 Proposed Budget
- Resolution 24-17 Preliminary Certification of Property Tax Levies for Hennepin County for Taxes Payable 2025 and Approval of 2025 Proposed Budget
- Resolution 24-18 Preliminary Certification of Property Tax Levies for Scott County for Taxes Payable 2025 and Approval of 2025 Proposed Budget
- Schedule A Preliminary Certification of Apportioned Levies

Recommended Action

- Open Public Hearing
- Close Public Hearing
- Adopt Resolution 24-15 Preliminary Certification of Property Tax Levies for Carver County for Taxes Payable 2025 and Approval of 2025 Proposed Budget

- Adopt Resolution 24-16 Preliminary Certification of Property Tax Levies for Dakota County for Taxes Payable 2025 and Approval of 2025 Proposed Budget
- Adopt Resolution 24-17 Preliminary Certification of Property Tax Levies for Hennepin County for Taxes Payable 2025 and Approval of 2025 Proposed Budget
- Adopt Resolution 24-18 Preliminary Certification of Property Tax Levies for Scott County for Taxes Payable 2025 and Approval of 2025 Proposed Budget
- Schedule A Preliminary Certification of Apportioned Levies

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(Official Publication)
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
ON THE PROPOSED 2025 BUDGET
AND PRELIMINARY CERTIFICATION OF TAX LEVY PAYABLE IN 2025
FOR THE LOWER MINNESOTA RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Managers of the Lower Minnesota River Watershed District (LMRWD) will hold a public hearing pursuant to Section 103D.911 of Minnesota Statutes on Wednesday on September 11, 2024, at 7:00 p.m., in the County Board Room of the Carver County Government Center, 602 East Fourth Street, Chaska, Minnesota 55318 to receive comments on the District's proposed 2025 budget and preliminary tax levies payable in the year 2025. Members of the public are invited to attend and/or provide comments either in-person or virtually. Virtual access to the meeting can be found on the LMRWD website:

<https://lowermnriverwd.org/utility-nav/meetings/events/special-meeting-lower-minnesota-river-watershed-district>.

The total proposed expenses for 2025 are \$2,140,750.00. This represents an increase of \$30,412 from 2024. A levy of \$1,800,000 is proposed on real property in Carver, Dakota, Hennepin and Scott Counties within the boundaries of the LMRWD, of which \$450,950 will be levied pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 103D.905, Subd. 3, to be used for administrative purposes, including general engineering, legal services, and costs and other expenses of the District's operations. \$1,049,050 will be levied pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 103B.241, Subd.1 to pay for projects identified in the District's approved and adopted plan, necessary to implement the purposes of Section 103B.201. A Bonded Debt Levy of \$300,000 is proposed for the purpose of stabilizing a reach of riverbank on the Minnesota River. This preliminary levy represents an increase of \$625,000 from the levies payable in 2024.

Questions may be referred to District Administrator Linda Loomis by email at info@lowermnriverwd.org.

Dated: August 29, 2024

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS

s/ Lauren Salvato, Secretary
Lower Minnesota River
Watershed District

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Manager _____ introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION 24-15

LOWER MINNESOTA RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT

PRELIMINARY CERTIFICATION OF PROPERTY TAX LEVIES FOR CARVER COUNTY
FOR TAXES PAYABLE 2025 AND PRELIMINARY APPROVAL OF 2025 PROPOSED BUDGET

WHEREAS State Law requires the adoption of a proposed budget and proposed tax levies no later than September 15, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Managers has met and discussed the proposed budget and tax levy; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Managers of the Lower Minnesota River Watershed District ("LMRWD") has proposed a total budget of Two Million Forty-Nine Thousand Five Hundred and 00/100 Dollars (\$2,049,500.00) for the fiscal year commencing January 1, 2025; and

WHEREAS the proposed budget requires One Million Two Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$1,275,000) to be raised from an ad valorem tax levy on all taxable property in the LMRWD, apportioned according to the attached Schedule A, the following amounts:

Administrative Tax Levy	\$373,450 (Minnesota Statutes § 103D.905 Subd. 3)
Planning & Implementation Levy	\$601,550 (Minnesota Statutes § 103B.241)
Bonded Debt Levy:	
Area #3 Bonds	<u>\$300,000</u> (Minnesota Statutes § 103D.905 Subd. 4)
TOTAL Tax Levy	<u>\$1,275,000</u>

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Managers of the LMRWD, that the Secretary, in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, shall certify to the Auditor of Carver County, the following sum to be raised by levy on all taxable property within Carver County, located in the Lower Minnesota River Watershed District payable in the year 2025 for the purposes noted above: Seventy-Nine Thousand Five Hundred Twenty-Six and 85/100 Dollars (\$79,526.85), as provided in Minnesota Statutes, Sections 103D.911 and 103D.915; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Administrator shall certify to the Carver County Auditor a copy of this Resolution approving the property tax levies for collection in 2025 for the Lower Minnesota River Watershed District

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the 2025 expenses as proposed are \$2,049,500.00 and the proposed 2025 budget is approved in concept only.

The question on the adoption of the Resolution was seconded by Manager _____.
Upon a vote being taken there were ___ yeas and ___ nays as follows:

	<u>Yea</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
BARISONZI	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
KUPLIC	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
LAMMERS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
SALVATO	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
VISWANATHAN	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Adopted by the Board of Managers of the Lower Minnesota River Watershed District this 11th day of September 2024.

Joseph Barisonzi, President

ATTEST:

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand this 11th day of September 2024.

Lauren Salvato, Secretary

Manager _____ introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION 24-16

LOWER MINNESOTA RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT

PRELIMINARY CERTIFICATION OF PROPERTY TAX LEVIES FOR DAKOTA COUNTY

FOR TAXES PAYABLE 2025 AND PRELIMINARY APPROVAL OF 2025 PROPOSED BUDGET

WHEREAS State Law requires the adoption of a proposed budget and proposed tax levies no later than September 15, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Managers has met and discussed the proposed budget and tax levy; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Managers of the Lower Minnesota River Watershed District ("LMRWD") has proposed a total budget of Two Million Forty-Nine Thousand Five Hundred and 00/100 Dollars (\$2,049,500.00) for the fiscal year commencing January 1, 2025; and

WHEREAS the proposed budget requires One Million Two Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$1,275,000) to be raised from an ad valorem tax levy on all taxable property in the LMRWD, apportioned according to the attached Schedule A, the following amounts:

Administrative Tax Levy	\$373,450 (Minnesota Statutes § 103D.905 Subd. 3)
Planning & Implementation Levy	\$601,550 (Minnesota Statutes § 103B.241)
Bonded Deby Levy:	
Area #3 Bonds	<u>\$300,000</u> (Minnesota Statutes_§ 103D.905 Subd. 4)
TOTAL Tax Levy	<u>\$1,275,000</u>

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Managers of the LMRWD, that the Secretary, in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, shall certify to the Auditor of Dakota County, the following sum to be raised by levy on all taxable property within Dakota County, located in the Lower Minnesota River Watershed District payable in the year 2025 for the purposes noted above: One Hundred Twenty One Thousand Three Hundred Fourteen and 98/100 Dollars (\$121,314.98), as provided in Minnesota Statutes, Sections 103D.911 and 103D.915; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Administrator shall certify to the Dakota County Auditor a copy of this Resolution approving the property tax levies for collection in 2025 for the Lower Minnesota River Watershed District

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the 2025 expenses as proposed are \$2,049,500.00 and the proposed 2025 budget is approved in concept only.

The question on the adoption of the Resolution was seconded by Manager _____.
Upon a vote being taken there were ___ yeas and ___ nays as follows:

	<u>Yea</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
BARISONZI	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
KUPLIC	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
LAMMERS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
SALVATO	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
VISWANATHAN	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Adopted by the Board of Managers of the Lower Minnesota River Watershed District this 11th day of September 2024.024.

Joseph Barisonzi, President

ATTEST:

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 11th day of September 2024.

Lauren Salvato, Secretary

Manager _____ introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION 24-17

LOWER MINNESOTA RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT

PRELIMINARY CERTIFICATION OF PROPERTY TAX LEVIES FOR HENNEPIN COUNTY
FOR TAXES PAYABLE 2025 AND APPROVAL OF 2025 PROPOSED BUDGET

WHEREAS State Law requires the adoption of a proposed budget and proposed tax levies no later than September 15, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Managers has met and discussed the proposed budget and tax levy; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Managers of the Lower Minnesota River Watershed District ("LMRWD") has proposed a total budget of Two Million Forty-Nine Thousand Five Hundred and 00/100 Dollars (\$2,049,500.00) for the fiscal year commencing January 1, 2025; and

WHEREAS the proposed budget requires One Million Two Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$1,275,000) to be raised from an ad valorem tax levy on all taxable property in the LMRWD, apportioned according to the attached Schedule A, the following amounts:

Administrative Tax Levy	\$373,450 (Minnesota Statutes § 103D.905 Subd. 3)
Planning & Implementation Levy	\$601,550 (Minnesota Statutes § 103B.241)
Bonded Deby Levy:	
Area #3 Bonds	<u>\$300,000</u> (Minnesota Statutes § 103D.905 Subd. 4)
TOTAL Tax Levy	<u>\$1,275,000</u>

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Managers of the LMRWD, that the Secretary, in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, shall certify to the Auditor of Hennepin County, the following sum to be raised by levy on all taxable property within Hennepin County, located in the Lower Minnesota River Watershed District payable in the year 2025 for the purposes noted above: Four Hundred Ninety-Four Thousand One Hundred Forty-Four and 10/100 Dollars (\$494,144.10), as provided in Minnesota Statutes, Sections 103D.911 and 103D.915; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Administrator shall certify to the Hennepin County Auditor a copy of this Resolution approving the property tax levies for collection in 2025 for the Lower Minnesota River Watershed District

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the 2025 expenses as proposed are \$2,140,750.00 and the proposed 2025 budget is approved in concept only.

The question on the adoption of the Resolution was seconded by Manager _____.
Upon a vote being taken there were ___ yeas and ___ nays as follows:

	<u>Yea</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
BARISONZI	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
KUPLIC	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
LAMMERS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
SALVATO	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
VISWANATHAN	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Adopted by the Board of Managers of the Lower Minnesota River Watershed District this 11th day of September 2024.

Joseph Barisonzi, President

ATTEST:

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand this 11th day of September 2024.

Lauren Salvato, Secretary

Manager _____ introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION 24-18

LOWER MINNESOTA RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT

PRELIMINARY CERTIFICATION OF PROPERTY TAX LEVIES FOR SCOTT COUNTY
FOR TAXES PAYABLE 2025 AND APPROVAL OF 2025 PROPOSED BUDGET

WHEREAS State Law requires the adoption of a proposed budget and proposed tax levies no later than September 15, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Managers has met and discussed the proposed budget and tax levy; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Managers of the Lower Minnesota River Watershed District ("LMRWD") has proposed a total budget of Two Million Forty-Nine Thousand Five Hundred and 00/100 Dollars (\$2,049,500.00) for the fiscal year commencing January 1, 2025; and

WHEREAS the proposed budget requires One Million Two Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$1,275,000) to be raised from an ad valorem tax levy on all taxable property in the LMRWD, apportioned according to the attached Schedule A, the following amounts:

Administrative Tax Levy	\$373,450 (Minnesota Statutes § 103D.905 Subd. 3)
Planning & Implementation Levy	\$601,550 (Minnesota Statutes § 103B.241)
Bonded Debt Levy:	
Area #3 Bonds	<u>\$300,000</u> (Minnesota Statutes § 103D.905 Subd. 4)
TOTAL Tax Levy	<u>\$1,275,000</u>

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Managers of the LMRWD, that the Secretary, in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, shall certify to the Auditor of Scott County, the following sum to be raised by levy on all taxable property within Scott County, located in the Lower Minnesota River Watershed District payable in the year 2025 for the purposes noted above: Five Hundred Eighty Thousand Fourteen and 08/100 Dollars (\$580,014.08), as provided in Minnesota Statutes, Sections 103D.911 and 103D.915; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Administrator shall certify to the Scott County Auditor a copy of this Resolution approving the property tax levies for collection in 2025 for the Lower Minnesota River Watershed District

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the 2025 expenses as proposed are \$2,049,500.00 and the proposed 2025 budget is approved in concept only.

The question on the adoption of the Resolution was seconded by Manager _____.
Upon a vote being taken there were ___ yeas and ___ nays as follows:

	<u>Yea</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
BARISONZI	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
KUPLIC	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
LAMMERS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
SALVATO	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
VISWANATHAN	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Adopted by the Board of Managers of the Lower Minnesota River Watershed District this 11th day of September 2024.

Joseph Barisonzi, President

ATTEST:

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand this 11th day of September 2024.

Lauren Salvato, Secretary

SCHEDULE A

District 060 - Lower MN River Watershed

The following table was presented for the Board of Managers' consideration with regard to the proposed amounts to be levied in each separate county, based upon the net tax capacities available:

Preliminary Certification of Apportioned Levies

Payable 2025

1)	General Fund (M.S. 103D.905, Subd. 3)		\$373,450.00
2)	Planning and Implementation Fund (M.S. 103B.241)		\$601,550.00
3)	Bonded Debt Levy (M.S. 103D.905 Subd. 4)		\$300,000.00
4)	Payable 2025 Property Tax Levy		\$1,275,000.00
	(5)	(6)	(7)
<u>County</u>	Payable 2024 Taxable Net Tax Capacity	Net Tax Capacity Percent Distribution	Apportioned Payable 2024 Levy Column (4) x (6)
Carver	\$10,530,555	6.2374%	\$79,526.85
Dakota	\$16,063,915	9.5149%	\$121,314.98
Hennepin	\$65,431,738	38.7564%	\$494,144.10
Scott	\$76,802,401	45.4913%	\$580,014.08
TOTAL	\$168,828,609	100.00%	\$1,275,000.00