



Board of Managers Meeting Minutes

**Wednesday - July 9th, 2025 - 3:00 p.m.
Lilydale City Hall**

Managers and Alternates in Attendance:

Sharon Lencowski, Inver Grove Heights
Tom Sutton, Lilydale
Leslie Pilgrim, Mendota Heights
Kendra Sommerfeld, South St. Paul
Dan Halvorsen, Sunfish Lake

Karen Reid (Vice-Chair), Saint Paul
Analiese Miller, West St. Paul
Brian Jastram, Saint Paul
Daniel Anderson, South St. Paul

Advisors and Others in Attendance:

Krista Spreiter, Mendota Heights
Chris English, Inver Grove Heights
Greg Williams, Barr Engineering

Kelsey Gelhar, South St. Paul
Davis Hallett, Mendota Heights
Joe Barten, Dakota County SWCD

1. Call Meeting to Order

1.1 Public Comment / Introductions

Audience members may address the Board regarding items not on the agenda.

1.2 Approval of Agenda* (Additions/Corrections/Deletions)

Motion by Halvorsen to approve the meeting agenda, second by Sutton; motion passed.

2. Approve May 14th, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Motion by Reid to approve the previous meeting minutes, second by Miller; motion passed.

3. Approve July 9th, 2025 Financial Summary & Invoices

Spreiter provided a summary of the finances.

Motion by Sutton to approve the financial summary, second by Reid; motion passed.

4. Insurance Liability Waiver

Motion by Sutton to not waive the liability limits for insurance and for the Administrator to submit the waiver to the insurance provider, second by Pilgrim; motion passed.

5. Review and Accept 2024 Financial Statements/Audit

Barten noted that the audit is very similar to past years with no key issues noted.

Motion by Halvorsen to accept the 2024 financial statement/audit and authorize finalization and submittal to the State of MN, second by Reid; motion passed.

6. Review Draft Goal Tracking Document

Williams summarized the information in the packet and the need to create a goal tracking document to submit to the Board of Water & Soil Resources. He noted that he will send to City staff for further feedback and comment in the coming weeks and that any comments should be sent to him.

7. Children's Water Festival Funding Request

The Board discussed the request for funding and noted that since there were schools within the LMRWMO attending, funding the event again makes sense.

Motion by Sutton to provide \$2,000.00 in funding to the 2025 Metro Children's Water Festival, second by Anderson; motion passed.

8. Landscaping for Clean Water Presentation

Barten provided a presentation on the Landscaping for Clean Water (LCW) program, implemented in partnership with all Dakota County WMOs and the SWCD. The Board discussed the potential to increase the grant amounts for raingardens/native gardens and shoreline restorations to perhaps \$500 and \$1,000 per project to increase participation and better cover actual costs for installation by participants. Barten will discuss increases to grant amounts with other WMO partners and SWCD staff for future consideration.

9. Other Updates

Modeling RFP: The RFP will be sent out to qualified consultants shortly and will be reviewed in September.

Seidl's Lake Tour & Status: Barten noted that he gave a tour to City Environmental Commission members, that the project is complete, and final grant reporting is underway.

Lake Augusta: Barten noted that he recently presented to the Mendota Heights City Council and Dakota County Board regarding Lake Augusta and that several newspaper and video news articles have come out recently.

St. Paul Conservation Corps Crew Application: This item was included for information only.

Grant Tracking: Williams summarized relevant grant opportunities.

10. Member City Updates

Advisors and Members provided updates on relevant projects in their Cities.

11. Adjournment & Next Meeting

Meeting adjourned at 4:15. The next Board meeting is scheduled for August 13th, 2025 at First Calvary Baptist Church in Inver Grove Heights.