LMRWMO
LOWER MISSISSIPPI RIVER
WATERSHED MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION

Board of Managers Meeting Minutes

Wednesday - November 12th, 2025 - 3:00 p.m.
Mendota Heights City Hall

Managers and Alternates in Attendance:

Sharon Lencowski (Chair), Inver Grove Heights
Steve Gebauer (Sec/Tres), Mendota Heights
Mary Kleinberg, Lilydale
Daniel Anderson, South St. Paul
Karen Reid (Vice-Chair), Saint Paul
Tom Sutton, Lilydale
Leslie Pilgrim, Mendota Heights

Advisors and Others in Attendance:

Krista Spreiter, Mendota Heights
Pat Murphy, Saint Paul
Chris English, Inver Grove Heights
Kathy Krotter, Mendota
Joe Barten, Dakota County SWCD
Jess Hall, West St. Paul
Brady Zeug, Saint Paul
Conor Resnikoff, South St. Paul
Greg Williams, Barr Engineering

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 Reid to approve the meeting agenda with the addition of summary of the October Board project tour to the agenda, second by Sutton; motion passed.

2. Approve September 9th, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Motion by Lencowski to approve the previous meeting minutes, second by Sutton; motion passed.

3. Approve November 12th, 2025 Financial Summary & Invoices

Spreiter provided a summary of the finances. Barten noted there will be one final Seidls reimbursement from the MN DNR and then the LMRWMO will provide final reimbursement to the City of South St. Paul at the Dec. or January meeting to close out the project.

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

4. Review 2026 Budget and Member Dues

Barten provided the proposed 2026 budget, which follows the 10 year plan/projection discussed in 2024 for annual increases to keep up with implementation activities in the new Watershed Management Plan.

Motion by Reid to approve the proposed 2026 budget and the associated member dues not to exceed the amount shown but after recalculation with updated property tax information, second by Gebauer; motion passed.

5. Review 2026 LMRWMO & SWCD Work Plan and Budget

Barten noted that the Dakota County SWCD has served as the LMRWMO Administrator for over 25 years, greatly appreciates the partnership, and presented a workplan for 2026 services for consideration.

Motion by Reid to approve 2026 SWCD Work Plan and Budget and authorize the Board Chair to execute an agreement with the Dakota County SWCD, second by Sutton; motion passed.

6. Minnesota Watersheds Membership

Barten presented the information on the membership opportunity to the Minnesota Watersheds association. The Board discussed that the annual fee is restrictive for an organization of our size. Reid offered to investigate their legislative agenda. There was no action take to join the association at this time.

7. Other Updates & Information Items

Barten noted that the Lake Augusta gauge has been removed and provided lake level data from 2025 readings. The gauge will be re-installed each spring going forward

Barten provided a summary on the Landscaping for Clean Water & Groundwater marketing campaign. He offered to coordinate a future presentation to re-cap the campaign and discuss next steps.

8. Member City Updates

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

9. Adjournment & Next Meeting

Meeting adjourned at 4:10 pm. The next Board meeting is scheduled for December 10th, 2025 at Mendota Heights City Hall.