LMRWMO
LOWER MISSISSIPPI RIVER
WATERSHED MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION

Board of Managers Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, July 8th, 2026 at 1:15 p.m.

Valley Park Picnic Shelter
(Past Playground & Across Bridge)
821 Marie Ave W, Mendota Heights, MN 55118

1. Call Meeting to Order

1.1 Identification of Voting Board Members
1.2 Approval of Agenda* (Additions/Corrections/Deletions) — Action
1.3 Opportunity for Public Comment (Please limit to 2 minutes per person)

2. Approve June 10th, 2026 Meeting Minutes - Chair * — Action

3. Approve July 8th, 2026 Financial Summary & Invoice Payment - Treasurer * ** — Action

4. Minnesota Water Stewards Request for Funding - SWCD* — Discussion/Action

5. Board Member Updates — Information

6. City Staff Advisor Updates — Information

7. Adjourn - Next Meeting: August 12th, 2026 - Fleming Field Conference Room, South St. Paul

* Materials included in full packet
** Materials posted separately on website
https://LMRWMO.org/about-us/meeting-information/

JOE BARTEN - LMRWMO ADMINISTRATOR
C/O DAKOTA COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
www.LMRWMO.org

4100 220TH ST. WEST SUITE 102
FARMINGTON, MN 55024

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LOWER MISSISSIPPI RIVER
WATERSHED MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION

Board of Managers Meeting Minutes

Wednesday - June 10th, 2026 - 3:00 p.m.
West St. Paul Municipal Center / City Hall
1616 Humboldt Ave West St. Paul, MN 55118

Managers and Alternates in Attendance:

Sharon Lencowski (Chair) Inver Grove Heights
Leslie Pilgrim, Mendota Heights
Mary Kleinberg, Lilydale
Judd Dudgeon, Inver Grove Heights
Analiese Miller (Vice-Chair), West St. Paul
Brian Jastram, Saint Paul
Dan Halvorsen, Sunfish Lake

Advisors and Others in Attendance:

Krista Spreiter, Mendota Heights
Brady Zeug, Saint Paul
Jess Hall, West St. Paul
Paul Hudalla, MSA
Katie Kowalczyk, MnDOT
Joe Barten, Dakota County SWCD
Pat Murphy, Saint Paul
Conor Resnikoff, South St. Paul
Greg Williams, Barr Engineering
Ian Olson-Holmly, MSA
Lynn Duijndam, MnDOT

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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 Miller; motion passed.

2. Approve May 13th, 2026 Meeting Minutes

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

3. Approve June 10th, 2026 Financial Summary & Invoices

Spreiter summarized the information in the packet.

Motion by Pilgrim to approve the financial summary, second by Jastram; motion passed.

4. Presentation by MnDOT on Flood Resilience and Watershed Modeling

MnDOT and MSA staff provided a presentation on MnDOT flood resilience mapping and modeling and the potential for coordination with the LMRWMO in future projects.

5. 2026 Children's Water Festival Sponsorship

Barten provided the request from the Metro Conservation Districts to support the 2026 Children's Water Festival and bussing costs for two schools in the LMRWMO. The Board discussed the event, the schools attending, and the connection with the event and the LMRWMO Watershed Management Plan.

Motion by Halvorsen to approve $2,500 in funding towards the 2026 Children's Water Festival, which includes $1,500 for the three buses for the two schools and $1,000 towards costs for the event, second by Jastram; motion passed.

6. Review and Accept 2025 Financial Audit

Barten noted that the audit was completed by Peterson Co. and is similar in outcomes as past years with no issues noted aside from division of duties which is normal for a small organization of our size.

Motion by Pilgrim to accept the audit of the 2025 LRMWMO financials and submit to the office of the State Auditor, second by Kleinberg; motion passed.

7. Sequential Diagnostic Study Letter of Support and Project Support

Barten summarized the information provided in the packet and noted that staff from Comfort Lake/Forest Lake Watershed District and the Vermillion River Watershed Joint Powers Organization reached out on a regional and joint grant application to the Bush foundation and project to study lakes and streams in those areas, as well as the LMRWMO. Barten noted that he suggested the study of Seidls Lake and Thompson Lake be included in the grant proposal as they are priority lakes for the LMRWMO. He believed his time commitment would be around 50 hours annually as the other partners would manage the consultant, the grant, and contract for services. The Board further discussed the opportunity, the sequential diagnostic study approach, and low risk but high reward of this effort.

Motion by Halvorsen to support the LMRWMO participating in the grant application, providing a letter of support, participating in the study, and for the Administrator to spend time towards this effort in 2026 and future years, if the grant is approved, second by Miller; motion passed.

8. July LMRWMO Meeting

The Board moved the July meeting to 1:15 or 1:30 pm (TBD) instead of 3 pm to allow everyone to attend the River to River Greenway ribbon cutting event at Valley Park in Mendota Heights. The meeting will be held at Valley Park at the picnic shelter, the same location as the event.

9. Board Member & City Staff Updates

Board Members and City staff provided updates on relevant issues or projects in their communities.

10. Adjournment & Next Meeting

Meeting adjourned at 4:40 pm. The next Board meeting is scheduled for July 8th, 2026 at Valley Park in Mendota Heights, at the picnic shelter near the playground.

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FINANCIAL SUMMARY
June 11, 2026 to July 8, 2026

Beginning Balance - Gateway Bank Checking Account:				**$147,744.41**
Deposit(s)				
Deposit(s)	6/23/2026	City of St. Paul Dues		$16,731.27
Payment(s)				
5061	*7/8/2026*	*Peterson Co.*	-	$4,600.00
5062	*7/8/2026*	*Metro Childrens Water Fesitval*	-	$2,500.00
5063	*7/8/2026*	*WSB*	-	$5,159.25
6064	*7/8/2026*	*League of MN Cities Insurance Trust P & C*		$2,736.00
		Checking Ending Balance		**$149,480.43**
Beginning Balance - Gateway Bank Savings Account:				
				$272,253.97
Deposit(s)	6/30/2026	June 2026 Interest	+	$570.61
		Savings Ending Balance		**$272,824.58**
Available Total Balance at Gateway Bank				**$422,305.01**

KRISTOPHER JAMES Company (800) 274-9212 19P64508

CHECKS AND OTHER ITEMS ARE RECEIVED FOR DEPOSIT SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE UNIFORM COMMERCIAL CODE OR ANY APPLICABLE COLLECTION AGREEMENT.

GATEWAY BANK

SIGN HERE FOR CASH RECEIVED

DATE 6-23-26

NAME Lower Mississippi River WMO

DEPOSITS MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE FOR IMMEDIATE WITHDRAWAL

ACCOUNT NUMBER [redacted]

CHECKING DEPOSIT

☑ CASH ▸ 626788 16731.27

CHECKS

TOTAL FROM OTHER SIDE ▸

LESS CASH RECEIVED ▸

NET DEPOSIT $ 16731.27

GATEWAY BANK

Drawer 111 Trans # 14
06/23/26 1:54 PM

DDA Deposit
Account # **********0296 $16,731.27

1:54 21 00 11

Thank you for banking with Gateway Bank
Member FDIC

City of Saint Paul
Office of Financial Services
15 W. Kellogg Blvd. #700
Saint Paul, MN 55102

Date:	Check #:
06/02/2026	626788
Vendor #:	**Check Amount:**
2233	16,731.27

LOWER MISSISSIPPI RIVER WMO, 1101 Victoria Curve, Mendota Heights MN 55118, US

Invoice #:	Date:	Description:	Gross Amount:	Payment:
202604	02/18/26		$16,731.27	$16,731.27

LMRWMO
LOWER MISSISSIPPI RIVER
WATERSHED MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION

MEMORANDUM

To: Nancy Bauer

From: Joe Barten, LMRWMO Administrator

Subject: Lower Mississippi River - Financial Actions

Date: July 1, 2026

Enclosed please find the following invoice for payment. This is for Peterson Co. for the 2025 financial audit. Please prepare a check as follows:

- $4,600 to Peterson Company LTD

Thank you and please contact me with any questions.

Joe Barten
Administrator via Dakota County SWCD
Lower Mississippi River Watershed Management Organization

Enclosed: 2025 LMRWMO Audit Invoice

c/o Dakota County Soil and Water Conservation District
4100 220th St. West Suite 102
Farmington, MN 55024
www.LMRWMO.org

PETERSON COMPANY LTD

570 Cherry Drive
Waconia, MN 55387
(952) 442-4408
www.pclcpas.com

Lower Mississippi River Watershed Management Organization
4100 220th St. W, Suite 102
Farmington, MN 55024

Date: 6/25/2026
Invoice Number: 33349
Client: 2027125

For professional services rendered as follows:

Preparation of audited financial statements for December 31, 2025	$4,600.00

Invoice Total:	$4,600.00
Prior Balance:	$0.00
Current Amount Due:	$4,600.00

Please return this portion with payment.

2027125
Lower Mississippi River Watershed Management Organization

Date: 6/25/2026
Invoice Number: 33349
Invoice Amount: $4,600.00
Due Upon Receipt

Circle One: VISA Master Card Discover

Card #_____ Exp:_____

Three Digit Security Code:_____

Signature:_____

Amount Enclosed: _____

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MEMORANDUM

To: Nancy Bauer

From: Joe Barten, LMRWMO Administrator

Subject: Lower Mississippi River - Financial Actions

Date: July 1, 2026

Enclosed please find the following form indicating sponsorship for the 2026 Childrens Water Festival. The LMRWMO Board at their June 10th meeting approved funding of $2,500 towards the event. Please prepare a check as follows:

- $2,500 to the Metro Conservation Districts

Thank you and please contact me with any questions.

Joe Barten
Administrator via Dakota County SWCD
Lower Mississippi River Watershed Management Organization

Enclosed: 2026 Metro Children's Water Festival Sponsorship Form

Metropolitan Conservation Districts

2026 METRO CHILDREN'S WATER FESTIVAL

SPONSOR FORM

Sponsors will be recognized in the Festival Program, at Festival site, in any press releases and on the website. The Festival Program will be distributed to all participants (teachers, presenters, sponsors and volunteers) at and after the Festival.

Yes
_____We would like to be a Festival sponsor by funding educational materials, transportation, presenters and facility rental: *(Please circle one.)*

$250 **$500** **$1000** **$2000** **Other $** $2,500.00

_____We would be interested in having a company representative help the day of the event.

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Please pay with a check payable to: Metro Conservation Districts (no electronic payments)

CONTACT NAME Joe Barten **DATE** 7-1-26

COMPANY Lower Mississippi River Watershed Management Organization
(Please print this exactly as you wish it to appear in the program.)

ADDRESS c/o Dakota County SWCD, 4100 220th St. W, #102, Farmington, MN 55024
(Street, City or Town, Zip)

PHONE 751-480-7784 **E-MAIL** joe.barten@co.dakota.mn.us

PLEASE RETURN CHECK AND COMPLETED FORM TO:

Adriana Atcheson
Washington County
Department of Public Health & Environment
14949 62nd Street North
Stillwater, MN 55082

Metro Children's Water Festival

May 28, 2026

Dear Joe Barten,

We are kicking off the fund-raising campaign for the **29th annual Metro Children's Water Festival (MCWF)**. We are excited again this year to be inviting around 1,900 4th graders!

What is the Metro Children's Water Festival?

The festival is an interactive, hands-on, educational outreach program. The festival educates, motivates and challenges children to understand, conserve and protect water resources. It is one of the premier K-12 education events in the metro area and helps teachers achieve state and school district science standards for 4th grade. The festival is one of the largest education collaborations in the metro area and has been increasing awareness of water issues and solutions in students and adults for more than 25 years. Since it began in 1998 over 30,000 students have attended the in-person festivals.

Why sponsor the Children's Water Festival?

- It provides free education on water resources to 4th graders in the metro area.
- It inspires students to learn more about water resources and protect clean water for future generations.
- It provides science enrichment that helps teachers meet state education standards.
- It creates enthusiasm and awareness around one of our most precious resources.
- Be recognized as a business or entity that supports water and environmental learning. Sponsors are recognized at the festival, in the festival booklet, on https://metrocwf.org/sponsors/, and through press releases and articles. We can provide the CWF logo to put on your website.

How will funds be used?

The festival is provided free to students. Sponsored funds cover rental charges for the State Fair Grounds where it's hosted, presenter fees, food & beverages for volunteers and presenters, materials for certain activities, and website hosting and maintenance. Sponsorship also covers some busing costs for schools that cannot afford transportation. Most organizers and the planning committee members are from public and private agencies that volunteer their time and expertise.

How to sponsor

Fill out and return the enclosed sponsor form. Thank you for supporting this event that gives so much to the children of Minnesota and identifies the metro area as a national leader in environmental stewardship.

Learn more at https://metrocwf.org/

Thank you,

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Adriana Atcheson
Metro Children's Water Festival Planning Committee
651-430-6716 or adriana.atcheson@washingtoncountymn.gov

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MEMORANDUM

To: Nancy Bauer

From: Joe Barten, LMRWMO Administrator

Subject: Lower Mississippi River - Financial Actions

Date: July 2, 2026

Enclosed please find the following two invoices for payment. This is for work by WSB related to the Concore Street ravine assessment. Please prepare a check as follows for the combined total of invoices 13 and 14.

- $5,159.25 to WSB

Thank you and please contact me with any questions.

Joe Barten
Administrator via Dakota County SWCD
Lower Mississippi River Watershed Management Organization

Enclosed: WSB Invoice R-024938-000 - 13
WSB Invoice R-024938-000 - 14

701 XENIA AVENUE S
SUITE 300
MINNEAPOLIS, MN
55416

wsb

Lower MS River Watershed Mgmt Organization
Attn: Joe Barten
4100 220th St W
Suite 102
Farmington, MN 55024

May 17, 2026
Project/Invoice: R-024938-000 - 13
Reviewed by: Jacob Newhall
Project Manager: Amy Anderson

Mississippi River Direct Drainage
Professional Services from April 01, 2026 to April 30, 2026

Phase 002 Concord Street Ravine
Survey

		Hours	Rate	Amount	
Anderson, Amy	4/8/2026	.50	215.00	107.50	
Review survey data, schedule meetings					
Anderson, Amy	4/16/2026	3.00	215.00	645.00	
Prepare for and attend survey data review meeting					
Nunez, Yasiri	4/14/2026	2.00	124.00	248.00	
Tree count and GIS shapefile					
Totals		5.50		1,000.50	
Total Labor					**1,000.50**
			Total this Task		**$1,000.50**

Draft Concept Design

		Hours	Rate	Amount	
Heupel, Zachary	4/14/2026	.50	155.00	77.50	
SWAMP					
Heupel, Zachary	4/15/2026	1.75	155.00	271.25	
SWAMP					
Heupel, Zachary	4/16/2026	2.00	155.00	310.00	
Profile & XS					
Totals		4.25		658.75	
Total Labor					**658.75**
			Total this Task		**$658.75**
			Total this Phase		**$1,659.25**

Billing Limits	**Current**	**Prior**	**To-Date**	
Total Billings	1,659.25	82,189.50	83,848.75	
Limit			94,200.00	
Remaining			10,351.25	
			Total this Invoice	**$1,659.25**

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MINNEAPOLIS, MN
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wsb

Lower MS River Watershed Mgmt Organization
Attn: Joe Barten
4100 220th St W
Suite 102
Farmington, MN 55024

June 08, 2026
Project/Invoice: R-024938-000 - 14
Reviewed by: Jacob Newhall
Project Manager: Amy Anderson

Mississippi River Direct Drainage
Professional Services from May 01, 2026 to May 31, 2026

Phase 002 Concord Street Ravine
Survey

		Hours	Rate	Amount	
Anderson, Amy	5/1/2026	.50	215.00	107.50	
Concord St Ravine Stabilization meeting					
Totals		.50		107.50	
Total Labor					**107.50**
			Total this Task		**$107.50**

Draft Concept Design

		Hours	Rate	Amount	
Heupel, Zachary	5/1/2026	4.00	155.00	620.00	
Concept draft					
Heupel, Zachary	5/4/2026	2.50	155.00	387.50	
concept drafting					
Heupel, Zachary	5/5/2026	5.50	155.00	852.50	
concept drafting					
Heupel, Zachary	5/6/2026	3.00	155.00	465.00	
concept drafting					
Heupel, Zachary	5/7/2026	4.00	155.00	620.00	
concept drafting					
Heupel, Zachary	5/11/2026	1.50	155.00	232.50	
concord ravine					
Totals		20.50		3,177.50	
Total Labor					**3,177.50**
			Total this Task		**$3,177.50**

Final Concept Design

		Hours	Rate	Amount
Anderson, Amy	5/4/2026	1.00	215.00	215.00

Project	R-024938-000	LMRWMO - Mississippi River Direct Draina		Invoice	14
	Design review with Zach				
	Totals	1.00		215.00	
	Total Labor				**215.00**
			Total this Task		**$215.00**
			Total this Phase		**$3,500.00**

Billing Limits	**Current**	**Prior**	**To-Date**	
Total Billings	3,500.00	83,848.75	87,348.75	
Limit			94,200.00	
Remaining			6,851.25	
		Total this Invoice		**$3,500.00**

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WATERSHED MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION

MEMORANDUM

To: Nancy Bauer

From: Joe Barten, LMRWMO Administrator

Subject: Lower Mississippi River - Financial Actions

Date: July 2, 2026

Included within the approved 2026 budget is annual insurance through the League of Mn Cites and the premium for this year is $2,736.00 as shown on the attached invoice.

Please prepare a check in the following amount:

- $2,736.00 to the League of MN Cities Insurance Trust P&C

Thank you and please contact me with any questions.

Administrator via Dakota County SWCD
Lower Mississippi River Watershed Management Organization

Enclosed: 2026 League of MN Cities Insurance Invoice

c/o Dakota County Soil and Water Conservation District
4100 220th St. West Suite 102
Farmington, MN 55024
www.LMRWMO.org

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Invoice

Member Name and Address
Lower Mississippi River WMO
C/O Dakota County Swcd
4100 220th Street West Suite #102
Farmington, MN 55024-7080

Invoice Date
06/30/2026

Agent
First National Insurance
Po Box 130
Farmington, MN 55024-0130
(651)460-6014

Account Number: 40002486
Account Type Property/Casualty Coverage Premium
Current Balance: $ 2,736.00
Minimum Due: $ 2,736.00
Due Date: 08/21/2026

Summary of activity since last Billing Invoice

See reverse side and attachments for additional information

Date	Activity	Account Balance	Minimum Due
	Previous Invoice Balance	2,736.00	
	Payments Received	-2,736.00	
	Total of Transactions and Fees shown on reverse or attached	2,736.00	
	Current Balance	$ 2,736.00	$ 2,736.00

Detach and return this Payment Coupon with your payment

Account Number	Invoice Date	Due Date	Current Balance	Minimum Due
40002486	**06/30/2026**	**08/21/2026**	**$ 2,736.00**	**2,736.00**

Amount Enclosed $ _____

Member Name Lower Mississippi River WMO

BILLING INVOICE - Return stub with payment - make checks payable to:

Mail payment 7 days before Due Date to ensure timely receipt

League of MN Cities Insurance Trust P&C
c/o Berkley Risk Administrators Company
222 South Ninth Street, Suite 2700
P.O. Box 581517
Minneapolis, MN 55458-1517

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Invoice

		Transaction Amount	Minimum Due
Detail of activity since last Invoice	Package 1003832-9 Agreement Period 08/21/2025 - 08/21/2026		
	Agreement Previous Balance	$ 2,736.00	
	Payment 09/16/2025	$ -2,736.00	
	Agreement Ending Balance	$ 0.00	$ 0.00
	Package 1003832-10 Agreement Period 08/21/2026 - 08/21/2027		
	Agreement Previous Balance	$ 0.00	
	Renewal - PR 06/29/2026	$ 2,736.00	
	Agreement Ending Balance	$ 2,736.00	$ 2,736.00
	Defense Cost Reimbursement 1003833-9 Agreement Period 08/21/2025 - 08/21/2026		
	Agreement Previous Balance	$ 0.00	
	Agreement Ending Balance	$ 0.00	$ 0.00
	Defense Cost Reimbursement 1003833-10 Agreement Period 08/21/2026 - 08/21/2027		
	Agreement Previous Balance	$ 0.00	
	Agreement Ending Balance	$ 0.00	$ 0.00
	Total Current Balance	$ 2,736.00	
	Total Minimum Due		$ 2,736.00

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LOWER MISSISSIPPI RIVER WATERSHED MGMT
C/O DAKOTA SWCD
4100 220TH STREET WEST SUITE 102
FARMINGTON MN 55024

Date 6/30/26 Page 1
Account Number Ending 0296
Enclosures 1

Gateway Community Checking	
Account Number	Ending 0296
Previous Balance	155,632.41
1 Deposits/Credits	16,731.27
1 Checks/Debits	7,888.00
Service Charge	.00
Interest Paid	.00
Ending Balance	164,475.68

Number of Enclosures	1
Statement Dates 6/01/26 thru	6/30/26
Days in the statement period	30
Average Ledger	156,412
Average Collected	156,412

	Total For This Period	Total Year-to-Date
Total Overdraft and Daily Overdraft Fees	$.00	$.00
Total Returned Item Fees	$.00	$.00

Deposits and Additions

Date	Description	Amount	Reference
6/23	DDA REGULAR DEPOSIT	16,731.27	259000284

Checks in Serial Number Order

Date	Check No.	Amount	Reference
6/17	5060	7,888.00	572000262

*Indicates Skip in Check Number

Daily Balance Information

Date	Balance	Date	Balance	Date	Balance
6/01	155,632.41	6/17	147,744.41	6/23	164,475.68

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Date 6/30/26 Page 2
Account Number Ending 0296
Enclosures 1

Gateway Treasury Savings-Comml		Item Truncation	
Account Number	Ending 3568	Statement Dates 6/01/26 thru	6/30/26
Previous Balance	272,253.97	Days in the statement period	30
Deposits/Credits	.00	Average Ledger	272,253
Checks/Debits	.00	Average Collected	272,253
Service Charge	.00	Interest Earned	570.61
Interest Paid	570.61	Annual Percentage Yield Earned	2.58%
Ending Balance	272,824.58	2026 Interest Paid	3,424.61

	Total For This Period	Total Year-to-Date
Total Overdraft and Daily Overdraft Fees	$.00	$.00
Total Returned Item Fees	$.00	$.00

Deposits and Additions

Date	Description	Amount	Reference
6/30	INTEREST PAID 30 DAYS	570.61	

Daily Balance Information

Date	Balance	Date	Balance
6/01	272,253.97	6/30	272,824.58

Interest Rate Summary

5/31	2.55%

LMRWMO 2026 Budget & Financial Summary			2025 Budget Carryover		2026 Budget Monthly Revenue							
Revenue	**Budget**		Dec 11 2025 - Jan 14 2026	Jan 15 - Feb. 11 2026 (2025 Budget)	Feb 12 - March 11 2026 (2026 Budget)	Mar 12 - April 8 2026	April 9 - May 13 2026	May 14 - June 10 2026	June 11 - July 8 2026		2026 Budget Totals	**Variance**	**Percent Received**
Dues from Members	**$176,784.00**					$155,792.18		$4,261.18	$16,731.27		$176,784.63	**($0.63)**	**100%**
Interest & LMCIT Rebate	**$3,000.00**		$582.19	$583.45	$528.13	$585.87	$568.19	$588.36	$570.61		$4,006.80	**($1,006.80)**	**134%**
Grant Revenue (Estimated)	**$150,000.00**			$16,710.69							$16,710.69	**$133,289.31**	**11%**
Subtotal Operating Revenue	**$179,784.00**		**$582.19**	**$17,294.14**	**$528.13**	**$156,378.05**	**$568.19**	**$4,849.54**	**$17,301.88**		**$197,502.12**		
			2025 Budget Carryover		**2026 Budget Monthly Expenses**							
Expenses	**Budget**		Dec 11 2025 - Jan 14 2026	Jan 15 - Feb. 11 2026 (2025 Budget)	Feb 12 - March 11 2026 (2026 Budget)	Mar 12 - April 8 2026	April 9 - May 13 2026	May 14 - June 10 2026	June 11 - July 8 2026		2026 Budget Totals	**Remaining Budget**	**Percent Expended**
Engineering/Technical Assistance											$0.00		
Meetings (Barr)	**$7,000.00**		$462.50	$370.00	$585.00	$585.00	$546.00	$585.00			$2,301.00	**$4,699.00**	**33%**
Technical Assistance (Barr)	**$6,500.00**		$840.50	$985.00	$232.50	$1,947.50	$1,445.50	$800.00			$4,425.50	**$2,074.50**	**68%**
Plan Implementation / Project Mgmt. (SWCD) & (WSB[2])	**$21,200.00**			$1,000.00			$4,105.50		$5,159.25		$9,264.75	**$11,935.25**	**44%**
Review Local Water Plans (Barr)	**$3,000.00**										$0.00	**$3,000.00**	**0%**
Project Study/Implementation											$0.00		
Priority Watershed Modeling - FY-23 WBIF Match	**$12,000.00**										$0.00	**$12,000.00**	**0%**
Watershed Wide Hydrologic / Hydraulic Model - FY-25 AIG Match	**$9,800.00**										$0.00	**$9,800.00**	**0%**
Seidls Lake Carp Study	**$5,000.00**										$0.00	**$5,000.00**	**0%**
Landscaping for Clean Water Projects	**$10,000.00**			$2,550.00							$0.00	**$10,000.00**	**0%**
Monitoring											$0.00		
Water Monitoring (CAMP) and Reports, Augusta Gage	**$16,500.00**			$5,589.50			$2,089.00				$1,707.50	**$14,792.50**	**10%**
Education											$0.00		
WMO Biannual E-Newsletter	**$2,700.00**			$1,650.00							$0.00	**$2,700.00**	**0%**
Landscaping for Clean Water Classes	**$10,000.00**												
Chloride Education at Libraries	**$1,500.00**						$815.00				$815.00	**$685.00**	**54%**
Storm Drain Stenciling Program	**$3,000.00**										$0.00	**$3,000.00**	**0%**
General Education Requests, Materials, Tabling, Water Stewards[3]	**$6,150.00**			$250.00			$1,102.50		$2,500.00		$3,602.50	**$2,547.50**	**59%**
Metro Watershed Partners Membership & Welcome Kits	**$1,000.00**		$1,000.00								$1,000.00	**$0.00**	**100%**
Website Maintenance and Updates	**$4,000.00**			$800.00			$1,492.50				$1,492.50	**$2,507.50**	**37%**
Board Education	**$500.00**										$0.00	**$500.00**	**0%**
Administration											$0.00		
General Administration	**$38,000.00**			$10,300.00			$11,127.50				$11,127.50	**$26,872.50**	**29%**
Grant Development / Review	**$3,000.00**										$0.00	**$3,000.00**	**0%**
Hold Annual TAC Meeting	**$1,000.00**										$0.00	**$1,000.00**	**0%**
Insurance	**$2,700.00**								$2,736.00		$2,736.00	**($36.00)**	**101%**
Attorney and Audit	**$5,800.00**		$68.00		$204.00				$4,600.00		$4,804.00	**$996.00**	**83%**
Subtotal Operating Expenses	**$170,350.00**		$2,371.00	$23,494.50	$1,021.50	$2,532.50	$22,723.50	$1,385.00	$14,995.25		$43,276.25	**$127,073.75**	**25%**
Grant Expenses	**$400,000.00**		$1,980.50	$2,256.00	$17,823.69	$74,795.30	$11,711.50	$6,503.00	$0.00		$113,089.49	**$286,910.51**	**28%**
Overall Fund Balance			**$404,626.82**	**$396,170.46**	**$377,853.40**	**$456,903.65**	**$423,036.84**	**$419,998.38**	**$422,305.01**				
Total Grant Balance			**$150,421.50**	**$236,750.04**	**$218,926.35**	**$144,131.05**	**$132,419.55**	**$125,916.55**	**$125,916.55**				
Operating Fund Balance			**$254,205.32**	**$159,420.42**	**$158,927.05**	**$312,772.60**	**$290,617.29**	**$294,081.83**	**$296,388.46**				
Unencumbered Operating Fund Balance[1]			**$214,205.32**	**$119,420.42**	**$118,927.05**	**$272,772.60**	**$250,617.29**	**$254,081.83**	**$256,388.46**				

2026 Budget Notes:

1. $40,000 set aside for 2033 Watershed Plan Update, $10,000 additional annually encumbered.
2. Board approved $13,700 in work by WSB for Concord St. Ravine assessment on 1-14-26
3. Board approved $2,500 in funding towards Childrens Water Festival on 6-10-26.

General: Budget is an estimate and will vary depending on changing priorities and grant project progress.

Balances Explained:

Overall Fund Balance	Balance of all ban Balance of all bank accounts
Total Grant Balance	Grant funds in-har Grant funds in-hand
Operating Fund Balance	WMO funds witho WMO funds without grants
Unencumbered Operating Fund Balance	WMO funds not al WMO funds not already dedicated to future expenses

LMRWMO 2026 Grant Budget & Financial Summary

	Budget	Jan 12 2023 - Jan 10 2024	Jan 11, 2024 - Jan 8 2025	Jan 9 2025 - Jan 14, 2026	Jan 15 - Feb 11 2026	Feb12 - Mar 11 2026	Mar 12 - April 8 2026	April 9 - May 13 2026	May 14 - June 10 2026	June 11 - July 8 2026	Total	Variance	Percent Received/ Expended
BWSR - FY 2023 Watershed Based Implementation Funding (Priority Watershed Project ID & Model - Thompson, Rogers, Seidls)													
Revenue													
BWSR FY-2023 WBIF Payment	**$118,385.00**	$59,193.00									$59,193.00	**$59,192.00**	**50%**
WBIF Matching Funds (LMRWMO)	**$12,000.00**										$0.00	**$12,000.00**	**0%**
Total Revenue	**$130,385.00**	**$59,193.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$59,193.00**	**$71,192.00**	**45%**
Expenses													
Grant Administration	**$8,000.00**		$769.50	$517.00	$188.00			$749.00			$2,223.50	**$5,776.50**	**28%**
Project Development	**$10,000.00**		$1,491.00	$3,713.00	$1,833.00			$1,337.50			$8,374.50	**$1,625.50**	**84%**
Priority Watershed Project ID & Model	**$100,385.00**			$983.50		$536.50	$1,554.45	$2,940.50	$4,829.50		$10,844.45	**$89,540.55**	**11%**
Priority Watershed Project ID & Model (WMO Match)	**$12,000.00**										$0.00	**$12,000.00**	**0%**
Total Expenses	**$130,385.00**	**$0.00**	**$2,260.50**	**$5,213.50**	**$2,021.00**	**$536.50**	**$1,554.45**	**$5,027.00**	**$4,829.50**	**$0.00**	**$21,442.45**	**$108,942.55**	**16%**
FY-23 WBIF Balance		**$59,193.00**	**$56,932.50**	**$51,719.00**	**$49,698.00**	**$49,161.50**	**$47,607.05**	**$42,580.05**	**$37,750.55**	**$37,750.55**	**$37,750.55**		
BWSR - FY 2025 Watershed Based Implementation Funding (Ivy Falls Creek Study)													
Revenue													
BWSR FY-2025 WBIF Payment	**$102,410.00**			$51,205.00							$51,205.00	**$51,205.00**	**50%**
WBIF Matching Funds (LMRWMO)	**$10,241.00**										$0.00	**$10,241.00**	**0%**
Total Revenue	**$112,651.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$51,205.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$51,205.00**	**$61,446.00**	**45%**
Expenses													
Grant Administration	**$6,410.00**							$535.00			$535.00	**$5,875.00**	**8%**
Project Development	**$28,000.00**				$235.00			$856.00			$1,091.00	**$26,909.00**	**4%**
Ivy Falls Stream and Watershed Study	**$68,000.00**										$0.00	**$68,000.00**	**0%**
Ivy Falls Stream and Watershed Study (WMO Match)	**$10,241.00**										$0.00	**$10,241.00**	**0%**
Total Expenses	**$112,651.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$235.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$1,391.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$1,626.00**	**$111,025.00**	**1%**
FY-25 WBIF Balance		**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$51,205.00**	**$50,970.00**	**$50,970.00**	**$50,970.00**	**$49,579.00**	**$49,579.00**	**$49,579.00**	**$49,579.00**		
MN DNR - Conservation Partners Legacy Grant (Seidls Lake Shoreline Restoration)													
Revenue													
Grant Reimbursement Payments	**$382,000.00**		$70,192.78	$257,751.06	$16,710.69						$344,654.53	**$37,345.47**	**90%**
City Matching funds	**$81,000.00**											**$81,000.00**	**0%**
Total Revenue	**$463,000.00**	**$0.00**	**$70,192.78**	**$257,751.06**	**$16,710.69**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$344,654.53**	**$118,345.47**	**74%**
Expenses													
Grant Administration/Project Mgmt	**$26,000.00**	$15,118.00	$6,171.50	$5,211.50							$26,501.00	**($501.00)**	**102%**
Construction	**$276,000.00**			$176,035.74		$13,557.19	$66,613.85				$256,206.78	**$19,793.22**	**93%**
Engineering	**$46,000.00**			$54,034.25		$3,153.50	$5,260.00				$62,447.75	**($16,447.75)**	**136%**
Engineering	**$35,000.00**			$35,209.50							$35,209.50	**($209.50)**	**101%**
Total Expenses	**$383,000.00**	**$15,118.00**	**$6,171.50**	**$235,285.99**	**$0.00**	**$16,710.69**	**$71,873.85**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$380,365.03**	**$2,634.97**	**99%**
Seidls Lake Shoreline Balance		**-$15,118.00**	**$48,903.28**	**$71,368.35**	**$88,079.04**	**$71,368.35**	**-$505.50**	**-$505.50**	**-$505.50**	**-$505.50**	**-$501.00**		
BWSR - FY-25 Accelerated Implementation Grant (Modeling)													
Revenue													
Grant Reimbursement Payments	**$98,000.00**			$49,000.00							$49,000.00	**$49,000.00**	**50%**
Matching funds (LMRWMO)	**$9,800.00**										$0.00	**$9,800.00**	**0%**
Total Revenue	**$107,800.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$49,000.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$49,000.00**	**$58,800.00**	**45%**
Expenses													
Grant Administration	**$7,000.00**							$481.50			$481.50	**$6,518.50**	**7%**
Project Development	**$11,000.00**							$2,140.00	$1,673.50		$3,813.50	**$7,186.50**	**35%**
Consultant - Develop Models	**$80,000.00**			$997.00		$576.50	$1,367.00	$2,672.00			$5,612.50	**$74,387.50**	**7%**
Consultant - Develop Models (WMO Match)	**$9,800.00**										$0.00	**$9,800.00**	**0%**
Total Expenses	**$107,800.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$997.00**	**$0.00**	**$576.50**	**$1,367.00**	**$5,293.50**	**$1,673.50**	**$0.00**	**$9,907.50**	**$97,892.50**	**9%**
FY-25 AIG Balance		**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$48,003.00**	**$48,003.00**	**$47,426.50**	**$46,059.50**	**$40,766.00**	**$39,092.50**	**$39,092.50**	**$39,092.50**		

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TOTAL GRANT FUNDS RECEIVED	**$593,385.00**	**$59,193.00**	**$70,192.78**	**$357,956.06**	**$16,710.69**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$455,052.53**	**$189,537.47**	**77%**
PASS THROUGH MATCH RECEIVED	**$81,000.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$93,000.00**	**0%**
LMRWMO MATCH PROVIDED	**$12,000.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$10,844.45**	**$189,537.47**	**90%**
GRANT EXPENSES (MINUS WMO MATCH)	**$413,000.00**	**$15,118.00**	**$8,432.00**	**$241,496.49**	**$2,256.00**	**$17,823.69**	**$74,795.30**	**$11,711.50**	**$6,503.00**	**$0.00**	**$392,589.03**	**$122,820.97**	**95%**
PASS THROUGH MATCH EXPENSES	**$81,000.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$89,243.75**	**$0.00**	**$3,153.50**	**$5,260.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$108,501.70**	**-$27,501.70**	**134%**

NET GRANT FUNDS BALANCE (MINUS WMO MATCH)		**$44,075.00**	**$105,835.78**	**$222,295.35**	**$236,750.04**	**$218,926.35**	**$144,131.05**	**$132,419.55**	**$125,916.55**	**$125,916.55**			

From: Alex Van Loh
To: Barten, Joe
Subject: Support for Minnesota Water Stewards – 2027 Program Year
Date: Tuesday, June 9, 2026 2:40:59 PM

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Hi Joe,

I hope you're staying cool in this heat! Thank you for your continued partnership in supporting the Minnesota Water Stewards program and the communities we serve together. As we wrap up our first year operating as a statewide program, we're excited to build on the momentum in the year ahead.

In 2026, we:

- Recruited more than 80 new Stewards across Minnesota
- Offered more than a dozen continuing education and community-building opportunities including a tour of Specialized Environmental Technologies, Salt Symposium watch party, Mississippi River Institute workshop on the water, and a PFAS workshop in Oakdale
- Supported the development of dozens of local Action Step projects addressing priority water issues like shoreland restoration, wetland mapping and monitoring, HOA education, raingarden maintenance and restoration, community composting, and more

This year's cohort is now planning their Action Step projects that will directly benefit our communities in the coming months.

Looking ahead to the 2027 program year (January-October 2027), we plan to:

- Train a new cohort of Stewards from communities across the state
- Offer enrollment in the MWS program at no cost to eliminate financial barriers to participation
- Host a metro-based Confluence celebration to recognize certified Stewards
- Expand continuing education, networking, and engagement opportunities for trained Stewards

Beyond our standard statewide programming, I'd also be happy to chat with you about other ideas for collaborating over the next year(s) – opportunities for youth? Shorter-term or topic-specific trainings? Other ideas?

To sustain this work, we are shifting to a simplified funding model. Rather than sponsoring individual participants or events, we are inviting partners to support the program through a **general annual contribution** that helps maintain and grow the statewide network.

With a goal of $25,000, we ask you to consider a contribution aligned with your organization's capacity. Many partners contribute in the range of $1,000 to $2,500 annually, and we appreciate support at any level.

Your investment will support:

- Local Steward-led projects in your communities
- Continuing education that strengthens volunteer effectiveness
- A connected network that increases long-term engagement and retention

We recognize that budget timelines vary across organizations. **We would appreciate an initial indication of your interest by Friday, Jun 19.** Final commitments can align with your FY27 or calendar-year budgeting process. If your timeline extends into the fall or a more specific funding model works better for you, please let me know – we're happy to coordinate accordingly. Reach out with any questions.

Thank you so much for your partnership—we truly value the impact we're making together.

With gratitude,
Alex

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