LMRWMO
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

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.