



Approved Board of Managers Meeting Minutes

Wednesday - August 12th, 2026 – 1:15 p.m.

**Fleming Field – South St. Paul Airport
1725 Henry Ave, South St Paul, MN 55075**

Managers and Alternates in Attendance:

Sharon Lencowski (Chair) Inver Grove Heights
Brian Jastram, Saint Paul
Mary Kleinberg, Lilydale

Steve Gebauer, (Sec/Tres) Mendota Heights
Leslie Pilgrim, Mendota Heights
Dan Halvorsen, Sunfish Lake

Advisors and Others in Attendance:

Ryan Ruzek, Mendota Heights
Kelsey Gelhar, South St. Paul
Dan Halvorsen, Sunfish Lake
Tom Lopac, Eagan
Joe Barten, Dakota County SWCD

Jess Hall, West St. Paul
Pat Murphy, Saint Paul
Kate Aachenbach, WSB/Lilydale
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 Kleinberg to approve the meeting agenda, second by Gebauer; motion passed.

2. Approve July 8th, 2026 Meeting Minutes

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

3. Approve August 12th, 2026 Financial Summary & Invoices

Ruzek summarized the financial information in the packet. Steve noted that the check numbers in the summary should be modified to match

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

4. Review Proposals for Audit, Legal, and Engineering Consultants

Three proposals were received after the public notice, all from the existing consultants. The Board was advised to engage with the consultants, Peterson Company, Campbell-Knutson, and Barr Engineering Company, for the next two years as noted in their respective proposals.

Motion by Halvorsen to engage with Peterson Company (Audit), Campbell-Knutson (Legal), and Barr Engineering Company (Engineering), for the next two years as noted in their respective proposals, second by Gebauer; motion passed.

5. Review Concord Street Ravine Report

WSB completed their contracted work on the Concord Street ravine assessment and report and the Administrator sought feedback from the Board. Gebauer noted that future designs should consider vegetative stabilization and plunge pools in the final stabilization design plans. Other minor edits were noted.

6. Updates & Handouts

Barten provided follow-up information on the Metro Children's Water Festival and how they select schools. The 2025 water monitoring reports created by SWCD staff were presented to the Board. The Board generally agreed to shifting funds within the SWCD budget towards two additional Landscaping for Clean Water Grants.

7. Board Member & City Staff Updates

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

8. Adjournment & Next Meeting

Meeting adjourned at 1:50 pm. The next Board meeting is scheduled for 3:00 pm on September 9th, 2026 at the Saint Paul Yacht Club.