



LOWER MINNESOTA RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT

Minutes of Regular Meeting

Board of Managers

Wednesday, September 11, 2024

Carver County Government Center, 602 East 4th Street, Chaska, MN 7:00 p.m.

Approved September 18, 2024

1. CALL TO ORDER

A. ROLL CALL

On Wednesday, September 11, 2024, at 7:00 PM CST, in the Board Room of the Carver County Government Center, 602 East 4th Street, Chaska, Minnesota, President Barisonzi called to order a special meeting of the Board of Managers of the Lower Minnesota River Watershed District (LMRWD).

President Barisonzi asked for the roll call to be taken. The following Managers were present: President Joseph Barisonzi, Manager Theresa Kuplic, Manager Apollo Lammers and Manager Vinatha Viswanathan. Manager Lauren Salvato was absent.

In addition, the following attended the meeting in-person: Linda Loomis, Naiad Consulting, LLC, LMRWD Administrator; Scott County Commissioner Jody Brennan; and Morgan Jacobs, Carver MN resident. Della Schall Young, Young Environmental Consulting Group, LLC, LMRWD Technical Consultant; and Daniel DeVaney attended the meeting virtually.

2. CITIZEN FORUM

No one was present to address the Board of Managers.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

A. Additions, Corrections and Deletions to the Agenda

President Barisonzi introduced this item.

Manager Lammers made a motion to approve the agenda. Manager Kuplic seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken the motion was carried unanimously.

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS & PRESENTATION

A. Presentation of proposed 2025 LMRWD budget

President Barisonzi introduced this item.

President Barisonzi invited Scott County Commissioner to comment on her concerns with the LMRWD proposed budget. Commissioner Brennan said she appreciated that the Board has reconsidered the budget and the proposed levy for 2025. She said she is still concerned with the trend of the education and outreach budget. She noted that this item has shown significant increases in 2024 and now again in 2025. She also noted that Scott County contributes the largest percentage of levy to the LMRWD revenues.

Commissioner Brennan noted that consistency in the budget is important and that the amount of revenue raised through levies not fluctuate greatly from year to year.

The Board thanked Commissioner Brennan for her comments and for her attention to the operations of the LMRWD.

B. Public Hearing Regarding Preliminary Certification of LMRWD Levy

President Barisonzi introduced this item and opened the public hearing. Hearing and seeing no one that wished to speak, President Barisonzi closed the public hearing.

Manager Lammers made a motion to adopt LMRWD Resolution 24-15 Preliminary Certification of Property Tax Levies for Carver County for Taxes Payable 2025 and Preliminary Approval of 2025 Proposed Budget. The motion was seconded by Manager Kuplic. Upon a vote being taken, the motion carried unanimously.

Manager Kuplic made a motion to adopt LMRWD Resolution 24-16 Preliminary Certification of Property Tax Levies for Dakota County for Taxes Payable 2025 and Preliminary Approval of 2025 Proposed Budget. The motion was seconded by Manager Lammers. Upon a vote being taken, the motion carried unanimously.

Manager Viswanathan made a motion to adopt LMRWD Resolution 24-17 Preliminary Certification of Property Tax Levies for Hennepin County for Taxes Payable 2025 and Preliminary Approval of 2025 Proposed Budget. The motion was seconded by Manager Kuplic. Upon a vote being taken, the motion carried unanimously.

Manager Lammers made a motion to adopt LMRWD Resolution 24-18 Preliminary Certification of Property Tax Levies for Scott County for Taxes Payable 2025 and Preliminary Approval of 2025 Proposed Budget. The motion was seconded by Manager Kuplic. Upon a vote being taken, the motion carried unanimously.

8. ADJOURN

Hearing no further business, President Barisonzi adjourned the meeting at 7:21 pm.

The next regular meeting of the LMRWD Board of Managers meeting will be at 7:00, Wednesday, September 18, 2024. The meeting will be held at the Carver County Government Center, 602 East 4th Street, Chaska, MN. Electronic access will also be available.

Attest:

Lauren Salvato, Secretary

Linda Loomis, Administrator