



Please note the meeting will be held in person at the Carver County Government Center on the Wednesday, February 21, 2024. The meeting will also be available virtually using this [link](#).

# LOWER MINNESOTA RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT

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7:00 PM

Wednesday, February 21, 2024

Carver County Government Center

602 East Fourth Street, Chaska, MN 55318

Agenda Item	Discussion
1. Call to order	A. Roll Call
2. Citizen Forum	<i>Citizens may address the Board of Managers about any item not contained on the regular agenda. A maximum of 15 minutes is allowed for the Forum. If the full 15 So are not needed for the Forum, the Board will continue with the agenda. The Board will take no official action on items discussed at the Forum, with the exception of referral to staff or a Board Committee for a recommendation to be brought back to the Board for discussion or action at a future meeting.</i>
3. Approval of Agenda	A. Additions, Corrections, and Deletions to Agenda
4. Public Hearings & Presentations	<p>A. Request from Coalition for a Clean Minnesota River</p> <p>B. Presentation of Fen Stewardship Plans</p>
5. Consent Agenda	<p><i>All items listed under the consent agenda are routine by the Board of Managers and will be enacted by one motion and an affirmative vote of a majority of the members present. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Board Member or citizen request, in which event, the items will be removed from the consent agenda and considered as a separate item in its normal sequence on the agenda.</i></p> <p>A. Approve Minutes December 20, 2023 and January 17, 2024 Regular Meeting</p> <p>B. Receive and file January 2024 Financial report</p> <p>C. Approval of Invoices for payment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Clifton Larson Allen (CLA) – Financial services through January 2024</li> <li>ii. TimeSavers Off Site Secretarial – Preparation of December 2023 meeting minutes</li> <li>iii. Rinke Noonan, Attorneys at Law – November 2023 Legal Services</li> <li>iv. Daniel Hron – March 2024 office rent</li> <li>v. US Bank Equipment Finance – December 2023 copier lease payment</li> <li>vi. Young Environmental Consulting Group, LLC – January 2024 technical, and Education &amp; Outreach services</li> <li>vii. Naiad Consulting, LLC – January 2024 administrative services, mileage &amp; expenses</li> <li>viii. Scott County Soil &amp; Water Conservation District - Q4 2023 monitoring, technical assistance &amp; education</li> <li>ix. 106 Group – January 2024 services related to Area #3</li> <li>x. 106 Group – January 2024 services related to Vernon Avenue</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>xi. Bolton &amp; Menk – Engineering Services through Jan 17, 2024, related to Vernon Avenue</li> <li>xii. WSB – Area #3 land acquisition services</li> <li>xiii. Frenette Legislative Advisors – January &amp; February 2024 legislative services</li> <li>xiv. Redpath &amp; Company – partial payment on FY 2022 Financial Audit</li> <li>xv. State Department of Administration – publish advertisement for biennial solicitation for legal, engineering and professional services</li> <li>xvi. SafeGuard – Endorsement stamp &amp; deposit tickets</li> <li>xvii. 4M Fund – December 2023 Bank service charges</li> </ul> <p>D. Report from the Citizen Advisory Committee</p> <p>E. Letter of support from the LMRWD for Carver Levee Improvement Project</p> <p>F. Letter of Support for the Minnesota River Crossing and Flood Resiliency Study in the Southwestern Minneapolis-St. Paul Metropolitan Area</p> <p>G. Authorize reimbursement for Educator High School for Chaska High School</p> <p>H. Approve Joint Powers Agreement Between the Dakota County SWCD and the Lower Minnesota River Watershed District for 2024 Technical Assistance Services and authorize execution</p>
6. Permits & Reports on Standing Business Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. LMRWD Permit Renewals</li> <li>B. RSI Marine Storage (LMRWD No. 2022-031)</li> <li>C. Tramore Heights Addition – Rule F Amendment (LMRWD No. 2023-020)</li> <li>D. CenterPoint Pipeline Abandonment (LMRWD No. 2023-026)</li> <li>E. City of Chaska Municipal LGU Permit Review</li> <li>F. 535 Lakota Lane, Chanhassen – work without a permit</li> <li>G. LMRWD Permit Program Summary</li> <li>H. Dredge Management <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Dredging at the mouth of the River</li> <li>ii. Private Dredge Material Placement</li> <li>iii. Vernon Avenue Rehabilitation and Culvert Replacement Project</li> </ul> </li> <li>I. LMRWD Watershed Management Plan – No new information to report</li> <li>J. Lower MN River East One Watershed One Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Review of Draft 1W1P</li> <li>ii. Review of draft Memorandum of Understanding</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
7. Action Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. LMRWD Communication Policy</li> <li>B. 2024 Legislative Action</li> <li>C. Sponsorship of 2024 Salt Symposium</li> <li>D. Sponsorship of 2024 Metro Children’s Water Festival</li> <li>E. Study Area #3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <u>The Board of Managers may close the meeting pursuant to statutes section 13D.05, subd. 3.c.3, to discuss the purchase an easement or fee ownership interest of a portion of property located in Eden Prairie, Hennepin County PID #3511622230013</u></li> </ul> </li> </ul>
8. Old Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. 2022 Financial Audit – No new information to report</li> <li>B. Education &amp; Outreach</li> <li>C. Biennial Solicitation of Letters of Interest for legal, technical &amp; professional services</li> </ul>
9. Board Discussion Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Evaluation of Administrative Services</li> <li>B. Letter to the Editor in response to AP article re: EPA Mississippi River report</li> <li>C. Proposed Partnering with the MN River Collaborative on the Water Storage Study</li> </ul>

	D. MPCA Lower Minnesota River Watershed Surface Water Monitoring Request Guidance E. Request from Hennepin County Commissioner Debbie Goettel F. Education and Outreach (E&O) Program Recommendations Summary Report
10. Communications	G. Administrator Report H. President I. Managers J. Committees K. Legal Counsel F. Engineer
11. Adjourn	Next meeting of the LMRWD Board of Managers is 7:00 pm Wednesday, March 20, 2024.

Upcoming meetings/Events

*Managers are invited to attend any of these meetings. Most are free of charge and if not the LMRWD will reimburse registration fees.*

- Lower MN River East 1W1P Advisory Committee meeting – No February meeting
- Lower MN River East 1W1P Steering Committee meeting – Wednesday, February 21, 2024, 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm – virtual only
- Lower MN River East 1W1P Policy Committee – No February meeting.
- LMRWD Citizen Advisory Committee meeting – Tuesday, March 5, 2023, 4:30pm, virtual
- UMWA (Upper Mississippi Waterway Association) monthly meeting – Thursday, March 21, 2024, virtual only via Zoom

For Information Only

- **WCA Notices**
  - Dakota County - TEP input for no-loss for construction access to build the Minnesota Greenway Trail – Fort Snelling Segment
- **DNR Public Waters Work permits**
  - Carver County, City of Chaska - Request for comments – Sediment Removal, Erosion/Flood Prevention Chaska Creek
- **DNR Water Appropriation permits**
  - Carver County - Termination of permit to draw water from Chaska Lake
  - Scott County – Termination of permit to draw water from Fisher Lake