



LOWER MINNESOTA RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT

Executive Summary for Action

Lower Minnesota River Watershed District Board of Managers Meeting

Wednesday, December 11, 2024

Agenda Item

Item 4. A. – Final Certification of Tax Levies payable 2025 and Final Adoption of 2025 Budget

Prepared By

Linda Loomis, Administrator

Summary

At the September 11, 2024, special meeting of the Board of Managers, in accordance with MN Statutes the Board gave preliminary approval of the proposed budget for 2025 and Preliminary Certification of the Tax Levies Payable 2025 on properties within the LMRWD. Preliminary Certification, as identified in Resolutions 24 - 15 through 24-18, was subsequently certified to Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, and Scott Counties.

The total budget approved in September was Two Million Forty-Nine Thousand Five Hundred and 00/100 Dollars (\$2,049,500.00). The 2025 Budget requires One Million Two Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$1,275,000) to be raised from an ad valorem tax levy on all taxable property in the LMRWD, apportioned according to Schedule A, and allocated as follows:

Administrative Tax Levy	\$373,450 (Minnesota Statutes § 103D.905 Subd. 3)
Planning & Implementation Levy	\$601,550 (Minnesota Statutes § 103B.241)
Bonded Debt Levy:	
Area #3 Bonds	<u>\$300,000</u> (Minnesota Statutes § 103D.905 Subd. 4)

TOTAL Tax Levy Payable 2024	<u>\$1,275,000</u>
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There have been no changes to the 2025 Budget or to the Certification of Tax Levies Payable 2025 proposed in September. Notice of the public hearing was published in the December 8th Edition of the Minnesota Star Tribune newspaper, to allow another opportunity for the public to provide comment on the budget to the Board.

Managers should certify the final levy and adopt the 2025 Budget, by adopting Resolution 24-25 Final Certification of Property Tax Levies for Taxes Payable 2025 and Final Approval of 2025 Budget is attached, as well as the 2025 budget and other supporting documents.

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Attachments

- Resolution 24-25 Final Certification of Property Tax Levies for Taxes Payable 2025 and Final Approval of 2025 Budget
- 2025 Budget for Final Adoption

Recommended Action

Open Public hearing and take public comment

Close Public Hearing and Motion to adopt Resolution 24-25 Final Certification of Property Tax Levies for Taxes Payable 2025 and Final Approval of 2025 Budget and authorize certification to Counties

Manager _____ introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION 24-25

LOWER MINNESOTA RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT

FINAL CERTIFICATION OF PROPERTY TAX LEVIES FOR SCOTT COUNTY
FOR TAXES PAYABLE 2025 AND APPROVAL OF 2025 PROPOSED BUDGET

WHEREAS Minnesota Statutes Sections 103D.911 and 103D.915 require that each year the Board of Managers of the Lower Minnesota River Watershed District (LMRWD) adopt a budget for the next year and determine the total amount necessary to be raised from ad valorem tax levies to meet the District budget, and that the District certify to the auditor of each county within the District the county's share of the tax levy; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 103D.911, the Board of Managers called a public hearing to be noticed and held on September 11, 2024, on the proposed 2025 LMRWD budget and Preliminary Certification of Tax Levies Payable 2025, where all interested members of the public were afforded the opportunity to address the Board concerning the proposed budget and levy; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 103D.911, at their September 11, 2024, Special Meeting the Board of Managers adopted Resolutions 24-15 through 24-18 approving Preliminary Certification of Tax Levies Payable 2025 and adoption of the 2025 Budget; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 103D.911, the Board of Managers called a public hearing to be noticed and held on December 11, 2024, on the adoption of the Final 2025 budget, and Final Certification of Tax Levies Payable 2025, where all interested members of the public were afforded a second opportunity to address the Board concerning the 2025 Budget and Levy; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Managers of the Lower Minnesota River Watershed District ("LMRWD") has adopted a total budget of Two Million Forty-Nine Thousand Five Hundred and 00/100 Dollars (\$2,049,500.00) for the fiscal year commencing January 1, 2025; and

WHEREAS the 2025 budget requires One Million Two Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$1,275,000) to be raised from an ad valorem tax levy on all taxable property in the LMRWD, apportioned according to the attached Schedule A, the following amounts:

Administrative Tax Levy	\$373,450 (Minnesota Statutes § 103D.905 Subd. 3)
Planning & Implementation Levy	\$601,550 (Minnesota Statutes § 103B.241)
Bonded Debt Levy:	
Area #3 Bonds	<u>\$300,000</u> (Minnesota Statutes § 103D.905 Subd. 4)
TOTAL Tax Levy	<u>\$1,275,000</u>

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Managers of the LMRWD, that the Secretary, in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, shall certify an ad valorem tax of One Million

Two Hundred Seventy Five Thousand and 00/100 Dollars to the Auditors of the following counties: Carver, Dakota, Hennepin and Scott, apportioned according to the attached Schedule A, which sum to be raised by a levy on all taxable property in the Lower Minnesota River Watershed District payable in the year 2025 and for the purposes noted above; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Administrator shall certify to the County Auditors of Carver, Dakota, Hennepin and Scott Counties a copy of this Resolution approving the property tax levies for collection in 2025 for the Lower Minnesota River Watershed District

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of Managers of the Lower Minnesota River Watershed District that the 2025 Budget is hereby approved and adopted as the final budget for 2025.

The question on the adoption of the Resolution was seconded by Manager _____. Upon a vote being taken there were ___ yeas and ___ nays as follows:

	<u>Yea</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
BARISONZI	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
KUPLIC	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
LAMMERS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
SALVATO	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
VISWANATHAN	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Adopted by the Board of Managers of the Lower Minnesota River Watershed District this 11th day of December 2024.

Joseph Barisonzi, President

ATTEST:

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand this 11th day of December 2024.

Lauren Salvato, Secretary

SCEHDULE A

District 060 - Lower MN River Watershed

The following table was presented for the Board of Managers' consideration with regard to the proposed amounts to be levied in each separate county, based upon the net tax capacities available:

Preliminary Certification of Apportioned Levies

Payable 2025

1)	General Fund (M.S. 103D.905, Subd. 3)		\$373,450.00
2)	Planning and Implementation Fund (M.S. 103B.241)		\$601,550.00
3)	Bonded Debt Levy (M.S. 103D.905 Subd. 4)		\$300,000.00
4)	Payable 2025 Property Tax Levy		\$1,275,000.00
<u>County</u>	(5) Payable 2025 Taxable Net Tax Capacity	(6) Net Tax Capacity Percent Distribution	(7) Apportioned Payable 2025 Levy Column (4) x (6)
Carver	\$10,530,555	6.2374%	\$79,526.85
Dakota	\$16,063,915	9.5149%	\$121,314.98
Hennepin	\$65,431,738	38.7564%	\$494,144.10
Scott	\$76,802,401	45.4913%	\$580,014.08
TOTAL	\$168,828,609	100.00%	\$1,275,000.00

Proposed Levy 2025

General Fund	373,450.00
Planning and Implementation Fund	601,550.00
Debt Service on Bond repayment	<u>300,000.00</u>
Apportioned Payable 2025 Levy	1,275,000.00

<u>County</u>	<u>Net Tax Capacity % Distribution</u>	<u>Apportioned Payable 2025 Levy</u>
Carver	6.2374%	79,526.85
Dakota	9.5149%	121,314.98
Hennepin	38.7564%	494,144.10
Scott	45.4913%	580,014.08
Watershed Total	100.0000%	1,275,000.00

2025 adopted LMRWD Budget for Administration Operations
2023 Adopted Budget/2023 Actuals/2024 Adopted/ 2024 YTD/2024Projected/2025 Adopted

Account	Adopted 2023	2023 Actual (unaudited)	Adopted 2024	YTD 2024 (Through 11/30/24)	Projected 2024	Adopted 2025
Expenses:						
59 Wages-General	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
60 Severance Allowance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
61 Benefits	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
62 PERA Expense	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
63 Payroll Tax (FICA/Medicare)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
64 Unemployment compensation	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
65 Manager Per Diem	\$ 11,250.00	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 5,750.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
66 Manager Expense (mileage/food/registrations)	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 549.20	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 539.87	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,500.00
67 Telecommunications-Cell-Internet/Phone	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
68 Office Supplies	\$ 300.00	\$ 181.68	\$ 300.00	\$ 258.61	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
69 Meeting Supplies/Expense	\$ 100.00	\$ 94.25	\$ 100.00	\$ 108.05	\$ 100.00	\$ 300.00
70 Rent	\$ 7,800.00	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 7,800.00	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 7,800.00	\$ 7,800.00
71 Dues	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 1,300.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
72 Miscellaneous-General	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,086.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,303.25	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
73 Training & Education	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 330.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
74 Insurance & Bonds	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 10,318.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,186.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,000.00
75 Postage	\$ 375.00	\$ 21.63	\$ 300.00	\$ -	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
76 Photocopying	\$ 875.00	\$ 171.34	\$ 750.00	\$ 2.21	\$ 750.00	\$ 500.00
77 Legal Notices-General	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 800.40	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,052.90	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
78 Subscriptions & License Fees	\$ 250.00	\$ 580.99	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.99	\$ 400.00	\$ 500.00
79 Mileage	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 2,433.80	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 1,729.61	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
80 Taxable meal reimbursement	\$ 500.00	\$ 59.99	\$ 500.00	\$ 15.16	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
81 Lodging/ Staff Travel	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
82 Accounting/Financial Services	\$ 5,580.00	\$ 26,436.71	\$ 25,438.00	\$ 26,121.83	\$ 25,438.00	\$ 30,000.00
83 Audit Fees	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 3,279.81	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00
84 Professional Services-General	\$ 104,970.00	\$ 98,718.75	\$ 153,000.00	\$ 128,250.00	\$ 153,000.00	\$ 175,000.00
85 Legal Fees-General	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 21,634.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 9,729.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
86 Engineering-General	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 100,290.05	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 106,488.45	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 35,000.00
87 Equipment-Maintenance	\$ 500.00	\$ 3,405.34	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
88 Equipment-Lease	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,739.12	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,404.87	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
89 Lobbying	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 11,873.44	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 15,000.03	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 30,000.00
90 Bank fees and charges	\$ -	\$ 5,080.01	\$ 750.00	\$ 320.58	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00
91 Total Expense for Administration:	\$ 250,000.00	\$ 297,304.50	\$ 377,838.00	\$ 323,361.41	\$ 377,838.00	\$ 373,450.00

2025 LMRWD Budget for Administration Operations
2023 Adopted Budget/2023 Actuals/2024 Adopted/ 2024 YTD/2024 Projected/2025 Proposed

	Account	Adopted 2023	2023 Actuals (unaudited)	2024 Adopted	2024 Actual YTD (Through 11/30/24)	Projected 2024	Proposed 2025
	Revenues:						
	General Property Tax						
1	Carver County	\$ 42,871.43	\$ 46,558.34	\$ 76,691.08	\$ 39,780.17	\$ 76,691.08	\$ 79,526.85
2	Dakota County	\$ 72,959.65	\$ 76,518.99	\$ 112,757.70	\$ 111,734.90	\$ 112,757.70	\$ 121,314.98
3	Hennepin County	\$ 318,293.13	\$ 286,572.54	\$ 473,452.15	\$ 253,134.66	\$ 473,452.15	\$ 494,144.10
4	Scott County	\$ 290,875.80	\$ 332,061.92	\$ 512,099.08	\$ 263,729.67	\$ 512,099.08	\$ 580,014.08
	Total Levy:	\$ 725,000.01	\$ 741,711.79	\$ 1,175,000.01	\$ 668,379.40	\$ 1,175,000.01	\$ 1,275,000.00
5	Interest Income	\$ -	\$ 61,326.62	\$ -	\$ 47,275.41	\$ 47,275.41	\$ -
6	MCES WOMP Grant	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 4,500.00
7	State of MN Grant for Dredge Material Management	\$ 240,000.00	\$ 240,000.00	\$ 240,000.00	\$ 480,000.00	\$ 480,000.00	\$ 240,000.00
8	Metro-Area Watershed Based funding grants	\$ -	\$ 91,021.00	\$ -	\$ 96,866.00	\$ 96,866.00	\$ -
9	License Revenue from placement of dredge	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 20,513.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 11,979.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
10	Revenues from sale of dredge material	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 109,778.00	\$ 109,778.00	\$ 5,000.00
11	Permit Fees	\$ -	\$ 7,400.00	\$ -	\$ 9,125.00	\$ 9,125.00	\$ -
12	Miscellaneous Income	\$ -	\$ 11,279.44	\$ -	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00	\$ -
	Total Revenues:	\$1,000,000.01	\$ 1,177,751.85	\$1,449,500.01	\$1,428,907.81	\$ 1,948,549.42	\$ 1,549,500.00
	Expenses:						
13	Administration (from Administrative Budget Page)	\$ 250,000.00	\$ 297,304.50	\$ 377,838.00	\$ 323,361.41	\$ 377,838.00	\$ 373,450.00
	Cooperative Projects						
14	Eden Prairie Bank Stabilization -Area #3	\$ -	\$ 154,736.24	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 128,968.13	\$ 115,365.73	\$ 100,000.00
15	Gully Erosion Contingency	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
16	Seminary Fen Ravine C-2	\$ 20,000.00	\$ -	\$ 90,000.00	\$ -	\$ 90,000.00	\$ 80,000.00
17	Eagle Creek Bank Restoration Town & Country RV Park Study	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 30,000.00	\$ -	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 16,050.00
18	Shakopee River bank Stabilization Project	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50,000.00	\$ -	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
	509 Plan Budget						
	Resource Plan Implementation						
19	Watershed Resource Restoration Fund	\$ 100,000.00	\$ -	\$ 82,500.00	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 100,000.00
20	Fen Private Land Acquisition Study	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50,000.00	\$ -	\$ 50,000.00	\$ -
21	Gully Inventory	\$ 90,500.00	\$ 81,264.54	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 27,806.00	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 160,000.00
22	Minnesota River Corridor Management Project	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
23	Gun Clun Fen Intrusion Investigation	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
24	Assumption Creek Hydrology Restoration Project	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
25	Groundwater Screening Tool Model	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
26	Minnesota River Floodplain Model Feasibility Study	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 9,547.85	\$ -	\$ 27,914.94	\$ -	\$ -
27	Schroeder's Acres Park/Savage Fen Stormwater Management	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
28	Downtown Shakopee Stormwater BMPs	\$ 50,000.00	\$ -	\$ 50,000.00	\$ -	\$ 50,000.00	\$ -
29	PLOC Realignment/Wetland Restoration	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
30	Spring Creek Project	\$ 90,000.00	\$ 54,396.52	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 15,776.51	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 110,000.00
31	West Chaska Creek Project	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
32	Sustainable Lakes Management Plan (Trout Lakes)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50,000.00	\$ -	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 55,000.00
33	Geomorphpic Assessments (Trout Streams)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 97,243.03	\$ 100,000.00	\$ -
34	Fen Stewardship Program	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 51,540.00	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 82,837.32	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 85,000.00
35	District Boundary Modification Project	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
36	East Chaska Creek Bank Stabilization Project	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
37	Minnesota River Sediment Reduction Strategy	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
38	Local Water Management Plan reviews	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 31.25	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
39	Project Reviews	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 108,379.50	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 95,789.99	\$ 74,194.60	\$ 110,000.00
40	Monitoring	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 48,750.94	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 28,532.75	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 75,000.00
41	Watershed Management Plan						
42	Legal expense related to rule enforcement & implementation	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,238.50	\$ 1,869.00	\$ -
43	Technical expense related to plan & rule development	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,801.22	\$ -	\$ -
44	Municipal Coordination	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,260.98	\$ 4,305.75	\$ -
45	Rule Enforcement	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,242.00	\$ -	\$ 20,000.00
46	Public Education/Citizen Advisory Committee/Outreach Program	\$ 85,000.00	\$ 78,753.95	\$ 115,000.00	\$ 97,269.38	\$ 115,000.00	\$ 150,000.00
47	Cost Share Program	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,586.50	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 8,279.97	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
	Nine Foot Channel						
48	Dredge site operations	\$ 240,000.00	\$ 305,473.35	\$ 240,000.00	\$ 34,140.98	\$ 240,000.00	\$ 240,000.00
49	Dredge Site Restoration	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Bonded Debt Levy						
50	Area #3 Bonds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 300,000.00	\$ -	\$ 300,000.00	\$ 300,000.00
51	Total Non-administrative Expenses:	\$ 975,500.00	\$ 913,460.64	\$ 1,732,500.00	\$ 673,601.70	\$ 1,403,235.08	\$ 1,676,050.00
52	Total Administrative Expenses (from line 13)	\$ 250,000.00	\$ 297,304.50	\$ 377,838.00	\$ 323,361.41	\$ 377,838.00	\$ 373,450.00
53	Total Expenses	\$ 1,225,500.00	\$ 1,210,765.14	\$ 2,110,338.00	\$ 996,963.11	\$ 2,110,338.00	\$ 2,049,500.00
54	Revenue less Expenses	\$ (225,499.99)	\$ (33,013.29)	\$ (660,837.99)	\$ 431,944.70	\$ (161,788.58)	\$ (500,000.00)
55	Beginning Fund Balance - January 1		\$ 1,953,659.65		\$ 1,376,420.36		\$ 1,808,365.06
56	Total Revenue		\$1,177,751.85		\$1,428,907.81		\$ 1,549,500.00
57	Total Expenses		\$ (1,210,765.14)		\$ (996,963.11)		\$ (2,049,500.00)
	Fund Balance						\$ 500,000.00
58	Ending Fund Balance - December 31 (bold figures are projected)	\$ 1,953,659.65	\$ 1,920,646.36	\$ 1,376,420.36	\$ 1,808,365.06		\$ 1,808,365.06

2025 Budget Explanation of line items

5 Project funding proposed in the 2025 Budget is taken from Table 4-1 Implementation Program Budget found in Section 4 of the LMRWD Watershed Management Plan (as revised in 2022).
 Explanations for certain lines follow.

Line #	Cooperative Projects
	<i>Cooperative Projects are those projects that are intended to be completed by the LMRWD with other partners</i>
14	<p>Eden Prairie Bank Stabilization - Area #3</p> <p>The timeline for this project has been extended and hopefully this project will be ready to go for bid in late 2024. The LMRWD received state funds to construct this project and will need to match state funds in an amount equal to the state’s contribution. The City of Eden Prairie has indicated it will contribute \$400,000 to the project. The LMRWD applied for and received a \$50,000 grant from Hennepin County. At the August 2023 Board of Manager meeting, it was decided to issue bonds to raise the LMRWD share of the estimated project costs. The LMRWD will wait until bids for construction of the project have been received before a bond sale, however, it was recommended that the 2024 budget include an estimated first payment on the bonds. \$300,000 was included in the 2024 budget as bonded debt levy. \$300,000 is included in the 2025 budget for the same. If the money collected for repayment of debt is not used for that purpose it will be used to pay for direct costs of this project.</p> <p>This project involves stabilizing the eroding banks along the Minnesota River in Eden Prairie to prevent further erosion. It targets erosion that threatens both natural habitats and nearby infrastructure and stabilizes the bank to prevent further erosion and protect infrastructure from damage caused by current and potential bank failure.</p>
16	<p>Seminary Fen Ravine B and Ravine C-2</p> <p>The City of Chaska provided plans to address several ravines that are actively discharging sediment into the Seminary Fen Wetland Complex. The ravines were labeled A, B and C-2. The costs and schedule to stabilize the ravines shown in Table 4.1 of the LMRWD Watershed Management Plan are based on information provided to the LMRWD by the City. The City developed a feasibility study to stabilize C-2 in 2022 and is now ready to implement the recommendations found in the study.</p> <p>The City of Chaska is ready to move ahead with construction of the project and has applied for and received a \$615,000 Clean Water Fund grant for the project. The estimated total cost of the project is \$1,007,532. The City is looking for additional funds for the project. The City received Watershed Based Implementation Funding of; \$87,742 from the Lower MN River WPA and \$201,325 from the Carver County WPA.</p> <p>The City is asking the LMRWD to redirect funds in the LMRWD implementation plan to this project rather than the projects identified in LMRWD Plan implementation table. Funds for site B will be redirected to site C-2.</p> <p>This project will stabilize two eroding ravines discharging sediment into the Seminary Fen Wetland Complex and protect the fen ecosystem from further sediment deposition and potential degradation.</p>
17	<p>Eagle Creek Bank Restoration Town & Country RV Park Feasibility Study</p> <p>This project is a result of the municipal coordination meeting between the LMRWD and the City of Savage. Signs of hillslope failure have been observed near the campground on the Main Branch of Eagle Creek which is an added environmental stressor on Eagle Creek a designated trout stream. Funding to assess this area was included in the 2024 LMRWD budget. Funds in the 2025 budget are for stabilization of the area. The project will reduce sedimentation to the main branch of Eagle Creek.</p> <p>This feasibility study will assess potential bank restoration solutions along Eagle Creek to prevent further erosion and protect water quality in this sensitive trout stream. As part of</p>

2025 Budget Explanation of line items

	strategies will be developed to stabilize the banks, reduce sediment transport, and improve habitat quality for aquatic species.
18	<p>Shakopee Riverbank Stabilization Project</p> <p>This project proposes stabilizing sections of the Minnesota River riverbank that are eroding along the City of Shakopee’s parallel trunk sanitary sewer line that flows to L-16 and other storm sewer outlets. Funds may be used to complete recommendations from the Shakopee Downtown BMP Study that are part of the MN River Stabilization project. The MN Riverbank stabilization project plans to stabilize the MN Riverbank from Huber Park downstream to The Landing. The City has received funds from the Federal Government and the State of Minnesota. There is a second project planned by the City of Shakopee that was identified in its Downtown BMP study. The City has received Watershed Based Implementation funding for this project from the Scott County WPA (Watershed Planning Area) (\$150,000) and the LMRWD WPA (\$87,743). The project will divert low flows from an existing storm sewer to provide treatment in a pond to allow for settling of sediment to remove TSS and TP. The project would be constructed in 2026 coordinated with the Riverbank Stabilization project. The contributing watershed is 257.3 acres (approximately 2/3 of the watershed currently has no treatment). Project includes diversion structure, grit chamber, pond area, outlet structure, etc. The estimated total cost of this project is \$500,000. The LMRWD may use funds from this line to fund that project.</p>
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19	<p>Watershed Resource Restoration Fund</p> <p>This fund implements Goals 2 and 3, which are to protect, improve and restore surface water and ground water quality within the District. This program will fund projects sponsored by LGUs and were not identified at the time the Plan was adopted and/or updated.</p> <p>In 2022, the LMRWD Board of Managers accepted a request from the City of Burnsville to partner on the stabilization of a ravine along Willow Creek. \$67,500 of this line was used for that project. This fund was also used to contribute \$75,000 to the City of Carver to develop plans for the City’s levee improvement project, needed to apply for funding from the State of Minnesota. The Board recently approved a request from the City of Eagan to share in the cost to address a ravine that concentrated flows of stormwater have created. Table 4-1 in the revised Plan has allocated \$100,000 to this fund. At the August 2023 Board of Managers meeting, the amount of this line item was reduced to \$82,500. \$17,500 was re-directed to Education and Outreach, to allow the Board flexibility to provide funding for River Watch. In 2024, the LMRWD notified cities of the availability of this fund and solicited projects from cities. One project (although several other cities expressed interest) was submitted by the City of Eden Prairie which was evaluated and approved for \$45,154 funding from this fund dependent on the final cost of the project.</p>
21	<p>Gully Inventory</p> <p>The gully inventory and condition assessment are an ongoing project. In 2023, the LMRWD prioritized gullies based on several factors. In 2025, funds will be used to develop feasibility studies for high priority gullies so that they can be stabilized. Erosion from gullies contributes to landscape degradation and sediment transport into water bodies. The ongoing gully inventory project prioritizes and stabilizes high-risk gullies contributing to erosion in the district.</p>
30	<p>Spring Creek Project</p> <p>Site 1 and Site 2 along Spring Creek will be stabilized using the Carver SWCD’s designs (increased riprap size and standard gradation recommended). Erosion along the creek banks contributes to landscape instability and environmental degradation. The LMRWD is preparing to bid this project in 2024. These funds will be used to pay for the construction of the project.</p>

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32	<p>Sustainable Lakes Management Plan (Trout Lakes) Implementation</p> <p>In 2019, the District developed Sustainable Lake Management Plans (SLMPs) for trout lakes within its boundary. In 2025, the LMRWD will reassess the Trout Lakes. Reassessing the trout lakes will help maintain the water quality necessary to support cold-water species. The implementation of management plans helps protect these high-value resources from pollution and degradation.</p>
34	<p>Fen Stewardship Program</p> <p>The District, in partnership with the DNR and Metropolitan Council, has developed a fen stewardship program for the District’s fens. This work will continue in 2025 to map recharge areas and begin implementation of the stewardship plans. Mapping recharge areas and implementing stewardship plans for fens will protect these rare ecosystems by ensuring that their water sources are maintained, contributing to biodiversity preservation and groundwater quality</p>
38	<p>Local Water Management Plan Reviews</p> <p>The LMRWD is responsible for reviewing and approving local surface water management plans for all cities within the boundaries of the LMRWD. The LMRWD also reviews the plans to ensure they are in conformance with the LMRWD standards.</p>
39	<p>Project Reviews</p> <p>LMRWD initiated a permitting program and facilitates the review of development projects to ensure the projects meet water and natural resources protection, preservation and restorative standards.</p> <p>This item includes costs incurred by the LMRWD to review non-LMRWD projects. Cities have been encouraged to apply for Municipal LGU permits.</p> <p>Eden Prairie has opted to have the LMRWD review projects within the boundaries of the LMRWD. The Cities of Chanhassen and Savage are working toward but have not yet received LGU permits. The LMRWD reviews projects in some cities that are within the 100-year floodplain or high value resource areas because they do not have official controls that reflect the standards of the LMRWD rules, even though they have Municipal LGU permits.</p> <p>The LMRWD is also responsible for reviewing MNDOT, and MAC (Metropolitan Airport Commission) projects, County projects and for the unincorporated areas of the District. The LMRWD collects permit fees on private projects, but fees do not entirely offset the cost of reviews. The LMRWD is not able to collect a permit review fee on public projects. There have been so many public projects that the LMRWD has projected an increase in this line item in the Budget.</p> <p>An increase in the permit review fees for private projects was approved at the August 2024 Board Meeting.</p>
40	<p>Monitoring</p> <p>The District will continue to perform water quantity and quality monitoring of resources within the boundaries of the District. The District's Monitoring Plan will be updated to include the geochemistry recommendations from the Fens Sustainability Gaps Analysis report and the monitoring parameter recommendations from the Quarry Lake Sustainable Lake Management Plan report.</p> <p>Over the past few years, the District has collected a large quantity of water quality data. The Plan includes a preliminary assessment of lake water quality data. However, the last comprehensive data evaluation was completed in 2000. Periodic data evaluations are necessary to convert data into information that decision makers can use. Data collected for each water resource will be evaluated on a 3-year or 5-year cycle. As part of Strategy 1.3.1, all water resources within the watershed will be evaluated. An outcome of Strategy 1.3.1 will be groupings of water resources into High, Medium, and Low categories for detailed data assessments and timetables formulated for each category.</p>

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45	<p>Rule Enforcement \$20,000 has been added to this line to account for inspections of permits issued by the LMRWD and to offset the reduction in engineering fees in the Administrative Budget.</p>
46	<p>Public Education/CAC/Outreach Program The 2025 projected costs the LMRWD plans to spend on public education include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC).....\$26,750.00 • District Signage.....\$10,000.00 • School Engagement/Mini-grant Program\$15,000.00 • Community Outreach & Engagement..... \$15,000.00 • Scott County Water Education Program.....\$7,500.00 • Project Management & Coordination w/Board.....5,000.00 • LMRWD website update/maintenance.....\$17,700.00 • Sponsor Minnesota River Congress.....\$400.00 • MN River Boat Tour/engagement activity.....\$10,500.00 • Sponsorship of Salt Symposium and Water Summit.....\$500.00 • Sponsor Metro Children’s Water Festival..... \$1,650.00 • Social Media.....\$10,000.00 • Friends of the MN Valley River Watch.....\$20,000.00 • Printing Postage, and other expenses.....\$5,000.00 • Coalition for a clean MN River.....<u>\$5,000.00</u> <p>TOTAL:.....\$150,000.00 LMRWD’s public education and outreach program aims to increase public awareness of environmental protection efforts. Public awareness of the importance of natural resource protection is often limited, which can hinder preservation and protection efforts. Educating the public on the impacts of development and land use on natural resources, encourages sustainable practices.</p>
47	<p>Cost Share and Water Quality Restoration Program Table 4-1 of the LMRWD Watershed Plan Implementation Program show \$20,000 for this program. This program offers financial incentives to local governments, landowners, and community organizations to implement best management practices aimed at improving water quality and protecting natural resources. The program targets pollution from stormwater runoff, erosion, and nutrient loading, which negatively impact water quality in local water bodies. These pollutants often originate from agricultural, urban, and residential areas, contributing to issues such as sedimentation, excess nutrients (e.g., Total Phosphorus), and habitat degradation. The goals of the program are to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water Quality Improvement: Support projects that implement BMPs, such as rain gardens, permeable pavements, and wetland restoration, to reduce stormwater runoff and pollutants entering local water bodies. • Erosion Control: Provide funding to projects that stabilize soil, reducing erosion and sediment deposition in streams and rivers. • Community Engagement: Encourage local participation in water resource protection by providing financial support for initiatives that foster greater environmental stewardship and awareness of water quality issues. • Long-term Sustainability: Promote the adoption of sustainable practices that ensure ongoing protection and restoration of water quality, benefiting both current and future generations. <p>These general benefits reflect how the program supports the district's broader goals of improving water quality and reducing negative environmental impacts.</p>
<p>Nine Foot Channel</p>	
48/49	<p>Dredge Operations/Restoration The District will continue its role as the local sponsor responsible for providing placement sites for the Army Corps of Engineers. The purpose is to place dredge material from the</p>

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	<p>Minnesota River and maintain a 9-foot-deep river channel. This program includes the identification of locations to temporarily store dredge material from the river, private dredge spoil disposal and transfer, and other beneficial uses of the dredge material. The LMRWD is planning to a project for maintenance and repair of Vernon Avenue in 2024 and a culvert under the access road. This project will cost more than the LMRWD can cover using state funds. The Board has authorized the sale of bonds to finance the project and anticipates using state funds to repay the debt. Once the project has been bid, the LMRWD will know how much money is needed to fund the project.</p> <p>There will need to be some repairs made to the dredge material placement site. A section of the containment area blew out and several sink holes developed in the internal road system. Scott County is not eligible for Disaster relief funds.</p>
Line #	Administrative Budget
Note	<p>The 2023 Legislature increased the amount that can be levied to cover administrative expenses. The new formula is calculated as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multiply the estimated market value listed in the enclosed table for the watershed district by 0.096 percent (0.00096) • Compare that calculated value to the maximum general fund levy limit of \$500,000. • Use whichever value is less. <p>See the attached memo and Estimated & Taxable Market Values (EMV) table Payable 2024</p>
65	<p>Manager Per Diem</p> <p>This amount is calculated for 5 Managers, using a per diem of \$125/meeting and 2 meetings per month per manager. If the Board intends to hold more meetings with standing committees this number may need to be increased.</p>
71	<p>Dues</p> <p>The budget for this item has been eliminated to reduce the levy. In 2023, MN Watershed dues, \$12,500, was re-directed to the Education and Outreach budget, as directed by the Board at the August 16, 2023, Board of Managers meeting.</p>
72	<p>Miscellaneous-General</p> <p>This line includes fees paid to the recording secretary for preparation of minutes of Board of Manager meetings.</p>
82	<p>Accounting /Financial Services</p> <p>In 2022, Clifton Larson Allen began providing financial/accounting services to the LMRWD. The amount in this line item reflects the amount in the Professional Services Agreement between the LMRWD and CLA. Services with CLA were recently renewed.</p>
83	<p>Audit Fees</p> <p>In 2022, the LMRWD retained the services of Global Portfolio Consulting to provide audit services. Global Portfolio Consulting withdrew from the engagement in 2023, without completing the 2021 or 2022 financial audits. Redpath and Company has agreed to perform a two-year audit covering FY 2021 and 2022 at a price of \$25,000 per year. Redpath has said that is the going rate for audits currently. Redpath informed the LMRWD that its fees have increased since receiving the quote of \$25,000 for the 2022 audit. The LMRWD issued a Request for Proposal for audit services to conduct the 2023 audit but received no responses. CLA said that was likely because the 2022 audit was not complete.</p>
84	<p>Professional Services General</p> <p>This line is for administrative services provided to the LMRWD by Naiad Consulting LLC and occasionally other consultants retained by the LMRWD. Naiad Consulting is contracted for 150 hours per month. Naiad’s hourly rate is \$95/hour. The Board should consider what it will do to replace Naiad Consulting. The current Administrator is planning to retire in 2025. It is doubtful that the LMRWD will find a replacement the current rate. If the Board plans to hold more committee meetings there will be more staff support necessary. If the LMRWD will plans to hire staff, this will engender more expense, because of payroll tax, FICA/Medicare, PERA, Unemployment compensation, health care and other required</p>

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	<p>benefits, like safe and sick time and PTO. It is likely that the LMRWD will need to hire an HR consultant if staff is hired. The LMRWD has not had to pay any of these expenses since it contracted with Naiad Consulting. Some firms in the area contract for administrative services, but it will be more expensive than \$95/hour that the LMRWD currently pays. Some LMRWD partners have expressed interest in providing administrative services. The LMRWD would then contract with whichever partner is chosen. The LMRWD should consider asking legal counsel if a joint powers agreement would be necessary under this situation. The USACE should also be consulted.</p>
86	<p>Engineering Costs incurred by the District that are charged to this line include preparation for monthly board meeting, and Board meeting attendance by technical and engineering staff.</p>
89	<p>Lobbying The line has increased to reflect the fact that the LMRWD is looking for a new lobbyist. This number may be too low, depending on who the LMRWD retains.</p>
92	<p>Bank Fees and Charges This line was added to the Budget in 2024 to better reflect the fees charged by US Bank and the 4M Fund for banking services.</p>