



LOWER MINNESOTA RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT

Executive Summary for Action

Lower Minnesota River Watershed District Board of Managers Meeting
Wednesday, July 16, 2025

Agenda Item

Item 7. A. – 2026 LMRWD Budget

Prepared By

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Summary

A draft of the proposed 2026 LMRWD budget is attached along with supporting documentation. A preliminary certification of the 2026 levy must be submitted to the counties by September 30, 2025. The Board should review the proposed budget and recommend changes before adoption at the August 20, 2025 Board of Manager meeting. In accordance with MN Statutes Section 103D.911, the Board of Managers must hold a public hearing on the proposed 2026 LMRWD Budget and tax levy. The Board should adopt the attached Resolution 25-08 calling for the public hearing and ordering notice of the public hearing published in accordance with 103D.911.

A copy of Table 4-1 of the Implementation Program from the LMRWD Watershed Management Plan is attached. 2026 budget items are highlighted. The amount watershed districts can levy for their general funds is limited by statute. The amount that can be levied for the general fund which covers LMRWD administrative and operation expenses is limited to 0.096 percent of estimated market value, or \$500,000, whichever is less. In the LMRWD \$500,000 is less than 0.096 percent of the estimated market value of the LMRWD. The estimated market value for 2026 has not been received yet, so the 2025 amount was used to calculate the limit. The proposed General Fund levy for 2026 is \$429,659.00. (2024 Estimated Market Value = \$15,305,048,900 x .096% = \$146,928,469.44)

\$5,000 is included for local plan reviews. This line will need to be increased in future years, as municipalities begin to update Comprehensive Plans. The Metropolitan Council has noted that it will not approve Comprehensive Plans for municipalities until the surface water management section of the plans have been approved by watershed districts.

Once the Board is satisfied with the proposed budget, resolutions will be drafted for adoption by the Board,

Attachments

- Resolution 25-08 Call for a Public Hearing on the 2025 Budget and Levy
- Notice of Public Hearing for Publication
- LMRWD Certification of Apportioned Levies Payable 2026

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Recommended Action

Motion to adopt Resolution 25-08 Calling for a public hearing on the 2026 Budget and Preliminary Certification of Levy Payable 2026

RESOLUTION 25-08

**RESOLUTION OF THE LOWER MINNESOTA RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT BOARD OF
MANAGERS**

TO CALL FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2026 BUDGET AND LEVY

Manager_____ made a motion to adopt Resolution 25-08. The motion was seconded
by Manager _____:

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes Sections 103D.911 and 103D.915 require that before September 15 of each year the Board of Managers of the Lower Minnesota River Watershed District adopt a budget for the next year and determine the total amount necessary to be raised from ad valorem tax levies to meet the watershed district's budget; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Minnesota Statutes Section 103D.911, the Board of Managers must hold a public hearing on the proposed 2026 LMRWD budget and tax levy, where all interested members of the public were afforded the opportunity to address the Board concerning the proposed budget and levy; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes Section 103D.911, states that a notice of public hearing shall be published in one or more newspapers of general circulation in each county consisting of part of the watershed district. The notice and summary shall be published once each week for two successive weeks before the hearing. The last publication shall be at least two days before the hearing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 103D.911, the Board of Managers of the Lower Minnesota River Watershed District, hereby calls for a public hearing on the proposed 2026 budget to be held at the regular meeting of the Board of Managers on August 20, 2025, and authorizes and directs the district administrator to cause notice of this hearing, including a summary of the proposed budget, to be published in the adopted official publication of the LMRWD at least two consecutive weeks prior to this meeting. The last publication of which shall be at least two days before the hearing.

The question was on the adoption of the Resolution and 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"/>
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"/>
WILLIAMS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Upon a vote being taken, the President declared Resolution 25-08 adopted by the Board of Managers of the Lower Minnesota River Watershed District this 16th day of July 2025.

Joseph Barisonzi, President

ATTEST:

I, Lauren Salvato, Secretary of the Lower Minnesota River Watershed District Board of Managers, do hereby certify that I have compared the above resolution with the original thereof as the same appears of record and on file with the District and find the same to be a true and correct transcript thereof.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 16th day of July 2025.

Lauren Salvato, Secretary

**PUBLIC NOTICE
(Official Publication)
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
ON THE PROPOSED 2026 BUDGET
AND PRELIMINARY CERTIFICATION OF TAX LEVY PAYABLE IN 2026
FOR THE LOWER MINNESOTA RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT**

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Managers of the Lower Minnesota River Watershed District (LMRWD) will hold a public hearing pursuant to Section 103D.911 of Minnesota Statutes on Wednesday on August 20, 2025 at 7:00 p.m., in the County Board Room of the Carver County Government Center, 602 East Fourth Street, Chaska, Minnesota 55318 to receive comments on the District's proposed 2026 budget and preliminary tax levies payable in the year 2026. Members of the public are invited to attend and/or provide comments either in-person or virtually. Virtual access to the meeting can be found on the LMRWD website: <https://lowermnriverwd.org/utility-nav/meetings/events/august-20-2025-board-managers-meeting>.

The total proposed expenses for 2026 are \$1,993,000.00. This represents a decrease of \$624,256.45 from 2025. A levy of \$1,576,200 is proposed on real property in Carver, Dakota, Hennepin and Scott Counties within the boundaries of the LMRWD, of which \$429,659 will be levied pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 103D.905, Subd. 3, to be used for administrative purposes, including general engineering, legal services, and costs and other expenses of the District's operations. \$846,541 will be levied pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 103B.241, Subd.1 to pay for projects identified in the District's approved and adopted plan, necessary to implement the purposes of Section 103B.201. A Capital Project Levy of \$300,000 is proposed for the purpose of stabilizing a reach of riverbank on the Minnesota River. This preliminary levy represents an increase of \$301,200 from the levies payable in 2025.

Questions may be referred to District Administrator by email at admin@lowermnriverwd.org.

Dated: August 10, 2025

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS

s/ Lauren Salvato, Secretary
Lower Minnesota River Watershed District

District 060 - Lower Minnesota River Watershed District
CERTIFICATION OF APPORTIONED LEVIES
PAYABLE 2026

(1) Payable 2026 Property Tax Levy: \$ _____

County	(2) Payable 2025 Taxable Net Tax Capacity	(3) Net Tax Capacity Percent Distribution	(4) Apportioned Payable 2026 Levy (1X3)
Carver	10,563,893	6.1528%	
Dakota	16,018,296	9.3297%	
Hennepin	66,362,338	38.6519%	
Scott	78,747,621	45.8656%	
Watershed Total	171,692,148	100.0000%	-- N/A --

Signature of Budget Officer

Title

Date

Proposed Levy 2026

General Fund	429,659.00
Planning and Implementation Fund	846,541.00
Capital Project Construction Fund	<u>300,000.00</u>

Apportioned Payable 2026 Levy **1,576,200.00**

<u>County</u>	<u>Net Tax Capacity % Distribution</u>	<u>Apportioned Payable 2026 Levy</u>
Carver	6.1528%	96,980.43
Dakota	9.3297%	147,054.73
Hennepin	38.6519%	609,231.25
Scott	45.8656%	722,933.59
Watershed Total	100.0000%	1,576,200.00

2026 LMRWD draft Budget for Administrative Operations
2024 Adopted Budget/2024 Actuals/2025 Adopted/ 2025 YTD/2025Projected/2026 Proposed

Account	Adopted 2024	2024 Actual	Adopted 2025	YTD 2025	Projected 2025	Proposed 2026
		(unaudited)		(Through 5/31/25)		
Expenses:						
53 Wages-General	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
54 Severance Allowance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
55 Benefits	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
56 PERA Expense	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
57 Payroll Tax (FICA/Medicare)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
58 Unemployment compensation	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
59 Manager Per Diem	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 5,750.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 7,625.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 18,375.00
60 Manager Expense (mileage/food/registrations)	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 539.87	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 464.59	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,500.00
61 Telecommunications-Cell-Internet/Phone	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
62 Office Supplies	\$ 300.00	\$ 258.61	\$ 300.00	\$ 216.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
63 Meeting Supplies/Expense	\$ 100.00	\$ 108.05	\$ 300.00	\$ 48.74	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
64 Rent	\$ 7,800.00	\$ 7,339.00	\$ 7,800.00	\$ 4,550.00	\$ 7,800.00	\$ 7,800.00
65 Dues	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
66 Miscellaneous-General	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,903.22	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,136.50	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
67 Training & Education	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,650.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
68 Insurance & Bonds	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,186.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 180.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,000.00
69 Postage	\$ 300.00	\$ -	\$ 300.00	\$ 12.25	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
70 Photocopying	\$ 750.00	\$ 2.21	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
71 Legal Notices-General	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,052.90	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
72 Subscriptions & License Fees	\$ 400.00	\$ 420.98	\$ 6,050.00	\$ -	\$ 6,050.00	\$ 6,667.00
73 Mileage	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 2,121.54	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 991.20	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
74 Taxable meal reimbursement	\$ 500.00	\$ 52.33	\$ 500.00	\$ 162.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
75 Lodging/ Staff Travel	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
76 Accounting/Financial Services	\$ 25,438.00	\$ 27,304.83	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 12,487.35	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00
77 Audit Fees	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 15,267.50	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00
78 Professional Services-General	\$ 153,000.00	\$ 142,500.00	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 73,008.50	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 181,667.00
79 Legal Fees-General	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 12,011.50	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 3,886.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
80 Engineering-General	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 111,464.20	\$ 65,500.00	\$ 43,197.95	\$ 65,500.00	\$ 75,000.00
81 Equipment-Maintenance	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
82 Equipment-Lease	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,613.25	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,250.28	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
83 Government Relations Services (Lobbying)	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.04	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00
84 Bank fees and charges	\$ 750.00	\$ 400.58	\$ 750.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00
85 Total Expense for Administration:	\$ 377,838.00	\$ 353,278.53	\$ 434,500.00	\$ 179,733.86	\$ 434,500.00	\$ 429,659.00

2026 LMRWD draft Budget for Administrative 509 Implementation Program

2024 Adopted Budget/2024 Actuals/2025 Adopted/ 2025 YTD/2025 Projected/2026 Proposed

	Account	Adopted 2024	2024 Actuals	2025 Adopted	2025 Actual YTD	Projected 2025	Proposed 2026
			(unaudited)		(Through 7/16/25)		
	Revenues:						
	General Property Tax						
1	Carver County	\$ 76,691.08	\$ 75,401.05	\$ 79,526.85	\$ 42,005.26	\$ 77,141.04	\$ 96,980.43
2	Dakota County	\$ 112,757.70	\$ 111,734.90	\$ 121,314.98	\$ 64,503.55	\$ 117,675.53	\$ 147,054.73
3	Hennepin County	\$ 473,452.15	\$ 471,961.56	\$ 494,144.10	\$ 260,216.51	\$ 479,319.78	\$ 609,231.25
4	Scott County	\$ 512,099.08	\$ 510,030.44	\$ 580,014.08	\$ 314,464.15	\$ 562,613.66	\$ 722,933.59
	Total Levy:	\$ 1,175,000.01	\$ 1,169,127.95	\$ 1,275,000.01	\$ 681,189.47	\$ 1,236,750.01	\$ 1,576,200.00
5	Interest Income	\$ -	\$ 53,459.79	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 21,381.86	\$ 60,000.00	\$ -
6	MCES WOMP Grant	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,500.00
7	State of MN Grant for Dredge Material Management	\$ 240,000.00	\$ 480,000.00	\$ 240,000.00	\$ -	\$ 240,000.00	\$ 240,000.00
8	Metro-Area Watershed Based funding grants	\$ -	\$ 96,866.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
9	License Revenue from placement of dredge	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 11,979.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ -	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
10	Revenues from sale of dredge material	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 109,778.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00
11	Permit Fees	\$ -	\$ 9,125.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
12	Miscellaneous Income	\$ -	\$ 5.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Total Revenues:	\$1,449,500.01	\$ 1,935,840.74	\$1,604,500.01	\$707,071.33	\$ 1,566,250.01	\$ 1,850,700.00
	Expenses:						
13	Administration (from Administrative Budget Page)	\$ 377,838.00	\$ 353,679.11	\$ 434,500.00	\$ 179,733.86	\$ 434,500.00	\$ 429,659.00
	Cooperative Projects						
14	Eden Prairie Bank Stabilization -Area #3	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 128,968.13	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 23,894.30	\$ 100,000.00	\$ -
15	Seminary Fen Ravine C-2	\$ 90,000.00	\$ -	\$ 80,000.00	\$ -	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
16	Eagle Creek Bank Restoration Town & Country RV Park Study	\$ 30,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 90,200.00
17	Shakopee River bank Stabilization Project	\$ 50,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	509 Plan Budget						
	Resource Plan Implementation						
18	Watershed Resource Restoration Fund	\$ 82,500.00	\$ 8,586.00	\$ 55,000.00	\$ 7,103.48	\$ 55,000.00	\$ 100,000.00
19	Fen Private Land Acquisition Study	\$ 50,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
20	Gully Inventory	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 27,806.00	\$ 160,000.00	\$ 38,166.03	\$ 160,000.00	\$ 150,000.00
21	Minnesota River Floodplain Model Development	\$ -	\$ 38,415.44	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 22,385.23	\$ 30,000.00	\$ -
22	Downtown Shakopee Stormwater BMPs	\$ 50,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
23	Spring Creek Project	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 78,158.40	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 2,598.25	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 70,000.00
24	Sustainable Lakes Management Plan (Trout Lakes)	\$ 50,000.00	\$ -	\$ 55,000.00	\$ 7,700.48	\$ 55,000.00	\$ -
25	Geomorphpic Assessments (Trout Streams)	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 97,243.03	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
26	Fen Stewardship Program	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 87,681.07	\$ 85,000.00	\$ 33,991.77	\$ 85,000.00	\$ 75,000.00
27	Local Water Management Plan reviews	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
28	Project Reviews	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 110,284.24	\$ 110,000.00	\$ 37,777.85	\$ 110,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
29	Project Inspections		\$ 24,462.77	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
30	Monitoring	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 63,081.40	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 11,699.00	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 104,175.00
31	Watershed Management Plan						
32	Legal expense related to rule enforcement & implementation	\$ -	\$ 8,586.16	\$ -	\$ 285.00	\$ -	\$ -
33	Technical expense related to plan & rule development	\$ -	\$ 3,238.50	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
34	Municipal Coordination	\$ -	\$ 9,801.22	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 12,521.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
35	Rule Enforcement	\$ -	\$ 7,260.98	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 4,709.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
36	Next Generation Plan	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 75,000.00	\$ -	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 75,000.00
37	Public Education/Citizen Advisory Committee/Outreach Program	\$ 115,000.00	\$ 112,377.88	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 70,682.58	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 133,966.00
38	Cost Share Program	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 8,279.97	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 1,433.50	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
	Nine Foot Channel						
39	Dredge site operations	\$ 240,000.00	\$ 191,593.32	\$ 65,175.00	\$ 26,960.08	\$ 65,175.00	\$ 126,000.00
40	Vernon Avenue Rehabilitation			\$ 680,229.85	\$ 164,542.21	\$ 680,229.85	\$ 62,500.00
41	Dredge Site Culvert replacement						\$ 51,500.00
42	Dredge Site Restoration	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Capital Project Fund						
43	Area #3	\$ 300,000.00	\$ -	\$ 300,000.00	\$ -	\$ 300,000.00	\$ 300,000.00
44	Total Non-adminsitrativ	\$ 1,732,500.00	\$ 1,005,824.51	\$ 2,120,404.85	\$ 466,449.76	\$ 2,120,404.85	\$ 1,503,341.00
45	Total Administrative Expenses (from line 13)	\$ 377,838.00	\$ 353,679.11	\$ 434,500.00	\$ 179,733.86	\$ 434,500.00	\$ 429,659.00
46	Total Expenses	\$ 2,110,338.00	\$ 1,359,503.62	\$ 2,554,904.85	\$ 646,183.62	\$ 2,554,904.85	\$ 1,933,000.00
47	Revenue less Expenses	\$ (660,837.99)	\$ 576,337.12	\$ (950,404.84)	\$ 60,887.71	\$ (988,654.84)	\$ (82,300.00)
48	Beginning Fund Balance - January 1		\$ 1,119,796.78	\$ 1,490,090.60	\$ 539,685.76		\$ 600,573.47
49	Total Revenue		\$1,935,840.74	\$1,604,500.01	\$707,071.33		\$ 1,850,700.00
50	Total Expenses		\$ (1,359,503.62)	\$ (2,554,904.85)	\$ (646,183.62)		\$ (1,933,000.00)
51	Fund Balance						\$ 500,000.00
52	Ending Fund Balance - December 31 (bold figures are projected)	\$ 1,119,796.78	\$ 1,696,133.90	\$ 539,685.76	\$ 600,573.47		\$ 1,018,273.47

2026 Budget Explanation of line items

5 Project funding proposed in the 2026 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>There is no money allocated to this project in 2026, as it was contemplated that this project would be complete. The Board has previously (August 2023) determined that construction costs incurred will be financed through municipal financing.</p> <p>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. 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. (A portion of this money will be used to pay for the Vernon Avenue Project)</p> <p>All permits have been received and the LMRWD subdivision and rezoning request is scheduled to be on the Eden Prairie City Council's July 28th agenda. The 90% design is being reviewed and construction specifications are being developed. Construction bids will be requested in September and it is expected that the construction of the project will be awarded in October. Once bids have been received, the LMRWD can proceed with financing the 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> <p>The schedule for this project proposes to bid the project in September, award the project in October and schedule construction for winter 2025/2026. No revenue or expenses are included in the 2026 budget for this project, other than \$300,000 in the Capital Project Fund. It is expected to be revenue/expense neutral, as the project will be financed through a state grant and public financing.</p>
15	<p>Seminary Ravine C-2</p> <p>The City of Chaska provided plans to address several areas within the Seminary Fen wetland complex that they would like to rehabilitate/restore. Three of the areas are ravines that are actively discharging sediment into the Seminary Fen Wetland Complex. The ravines are labeled C-1, C-2 and C-3. C-1 was stabilized in 2016, with a state grant and participation by the LMRWD.</p> <p>The schedule and cost to the LMRWD to stabilize the ravines is shown in Table 4.1 of the LMRWD Watershed Management Plan and 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 stabilize C-2 using 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>

2026 Budget Explanation of line items

	<p>Under the Watershed Based Implementation Funding program, projects approved for funding are reviewed by convene groups within the Watershed Planning Areas. Convene groups are comprised of representatives from watersheds, Counties with groundwater plans, Soil & Water Conservation Districts, and cities</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. In 2024, funds for site B were redirected to site C-2, for a total amount in 2025 of \$80,000. At a July 2nd meeting with the City, Chaska asked for an additional \$20,000 contribution from the LMRWD. The LMRWD implementation table has allocated \$50,000 in 2026 for construction of C-2 and C-3 stabilization.</p> <p>This project will stabilize eroding ravines discharging sediments into the Seminary Fen Wetland Complex and protect the fen ecosystem from further sediment deposition and potential degradation. Historical photos of the area indicate that erosion into the wetland complex predates.</p>
16	<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 strategies will be developed to stabilize the banks, reduce sediment transport, and improve habitat quality for aquatic species.</p> <p>A resolution will be presented at the July 16, 2025, Board of Managers meeting recommending mid-year budget adjustments. This re-allocation will be included in the resolution.</p>
17	<p>Shakopee Riverbank Stabilization Project</p> <p>Money was allocated to this project to assist the City of Shakopee stabilize the south bank of the Minnesota River that threatens city infrastructure.</p> <p>A resolution will be presented at the July 16, 2025, Board of Managers meeting recommending mid-year budget adjustments. This re-allocation will be included in the resolution.</p>
	509 Plan Budget
18	<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. In 2023, the Board approved a request from the City of Eagan to share in the cost to address a ravine that concentrated flows of stormwater have created. In 2024 the Board of Managers approved \$45,154 for a project from the City of Eden Prairie at the Richard T. Anderson Conservation Area. Reimbursement to the City is on the July 16th agenda. In 2025, the Board approved two projects under this program; \$90,280 to the City of Shakopee and \$9,720 to the City of Eden Prairie.</p>

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	<p>Table 4-1 in the amended Plan has allocated \$100,000 to this fund annually. Funding was reduced to \$82,500 in 2024 to re-directed to \$17,500 to Education and Outreach, to allow for funding for the Friends of the MN Valley River Watch program. The LMRWD notifies cities of the availability of this fund and solicits projects from cities.</p> <p>The only project to be funded in 2025 under this program is \$45,154 to the City of Eden Prairie. It is recommended that this line be reduced to \$55,000 and the remainder be allocated to other projects and programs.</p> <p>A resolution will be presented at the July 16, 2025, Board of Managers meeting recommending mid-year budget adjustments. This re-allocation will be included in the resolution.</p>
20	<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, the LMRWD will continue to assess new areas and areas that were inaccessible previously to prioritize development of 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.</p> <p>In 2026, feasibility studies to stabilize high priority gullies will be completed.</p>
23	<p>Spring Creek Project</p> <p>Construction of this project was completed in November 2024. Table 4.1 – Implementation Program Budget has \$100,000 in 2025 and \$70,000 in 2026 for this project. \$61,735.89 was paid on the construction contract in January 2025. The remaining balance on the construction contract including retainage is \$30,697.11. There will also be some expenses incurred for project management.</p> <p>The Board of Managers determined to re-allocate \$75,000 of this budget line to begin the development of the Next Generation of the LMRWD Watershed Management Plan. A resolution will be presented at the July 16, 2025, Board of Managers meeting recommending mid-year budget adjustments. This re-allocation will be included in the resolution.</p> <p>2026 funds for this project could be used for the Fen Private land acquisition study that was removed from the 2025 budget.</p>
26	<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. Work will continue in 2025 to map drain tiles within the fens, recharge areas, invasive species, and begin implementation of the stewardship plans. Mapping and implementing stewardship plans for fens is intended to protect these rare ecosystems.</p> <p>In 2026, recommendations from the drain tile and invasive species mapping will be implemented.</p>
27	<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> <p>The LMRWD was informed that Municipal Comprehensive Plans will not be approved by the Metropolitan Council until Municipal Surface Water Management Plans have been approved by Watershed Organizations.</p>
28	<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>

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	<p>Eden Prairie and Chanhassen have opted to have the LMRWD review projects within the boundaries of the LMRWD. Savage is working toward but has not yet received its LGU permit. 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 County projects and for project located within 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. In 2024, the LMRWD began tracking private projects and public projects separately. The LMRWD is looking into the ability of the LMRWD to charge for direct out-of-pocket expenses that may be incurred in reviewing public projects.</p> <p>An increase in the permit review fees for private projects was approved at the August 2024 Board Meeting. But, the fees do not fully cover the cost of reviews</p>
29	<p>Project Inspections</p> <p>This item in the budget has been moved to Rule Enforcement.</p>
30	<p>Monitoring</p> <p>The District will continue to perform water quantity and quality monitoring of resources within the boundaries of the District. The LMRWD contracts with others to collect and test samples and to monitor ground water levels in the calcareous fens. Contracts</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">\$41,500 – Carver County (Contract amount for 2026)</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">\$40,675 – Scott County (2025 not to exceed amount)</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><u>\$22,000</u> – Dakota County (2025 not to exceed amount)</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">\$104,175 – TOTAL</p> <p>The agreement with Carver County is a multi-year agreement that has a specified amount to be paid each year over the course of the five-year agreement that was entered into in 2023. Dakota and Scott County invoice the LMRWD for actual time and materials. The amount shown above is a “not to exceed” amount. In 2024, \$63,081.40 was spent monitoring.</p> <p>Periodic data evaluations are necessary to convert data collected into information that decision makers can use. It is recommended that data collected for each water resource 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>
34	<p>Municipal Coordination</p> <p>The LMRWD meets annually with the municipalities within the LMRWD to touch base on permitting and other areas of mutual interest. \$20,000 has been included in the 2026 budget to account for the expenses incurred by these meetings</p>
35	<p>Rule Enforcement</p> <p>In 2025, \$20,000 was added to this line to account for inspections of permits issued by the LMRWD. \$20,000 has been included in the 2026 Budget for project inspections.</p>
36	<p>Next Generation Management Plan</p> <p>The LMRWD is required by statute to review and update its Comprehensive Management Plan every 10 years. The LMRWD must prepare the next generation of its plan by 2028. \$75,000 is included in the 2026 budget for work to update the Plan.</p>
37	<p>Public Education/Digital Access/CAC/Outreach Program</p> <p>The 2026 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

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.....\$6,666.00 • 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 <p>TOTAL:.....\$133,966.00</p> <p>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>
38	<p>Cost Share and Water Quality Restoration Program</p> <p>Table 4-1 of the LMRWD Watershed Plan Implementation Program shows \$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>
	Nine Foot Channel
40/41	<p>Dredge Operations/Placement site restoration</p> <p>The District will continue its role as the local sponsor to the Army Corps of Engineers. The role of local sponsor includes the identification of locations to temporarily store dredge material from the river, and identify beneficial uses for the dredge material. The purpose is to maintain a 9-foot-deep river channel by providing a space for placement of dredge material from the Minnesota River.</p> <p>In addition, the LMRWD provides space to accept private dredge material to further facilitate commercial navigation.</p> <p>The maintenance and repair of Vernon Avenue and replacement of the culvert under the access road is complete. This project will cost more than the LMRWD can cover using state funds. The LMRWD can use funds collected in 2024 and 2025 anticipating the sale of</p>

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	<p>municipal bonds to pay for the cost of the project over and above the state funding. Amounts included in Table 4-1 for this project can be used to repay the Capital Improvement funds.</p> <p>The LMRWD is scheduled to receive \$240,000 from the State of Minnesota in 2026.</p>
Line #	Administrative Budget
Note	<p>Legislative session law changes enacted during the 2023 regular session, increased the amount that can be levied by a watershed district for general fund 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)(\$ 15,305,048,900 in 2024) • 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 1/2 meetings per month per manager. This amount is increased from previous years because of the formation of standing committees. The Board may want to adopt a policy for which meetings/activities are eligible for reimbursement.</p>
71	<p>Dues</p> <p>This line has traditionally been used for membership in Minnesota Watersheds. In 2021, the LMRWD Board of Managers decided to not renew its membership in the organization, because LMRWD Board felt that MN Watershed policies were at odds with LMRWD concerns. No funds are allocated in 2026 for MN Watershed Dues.</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.</p>
83	<p>Audit Fees</p> <p>Audit fees have increased since the last quote received from Redpath and Company. The LMRWD is behind in the preparation of its financial audits. Only one year of audit fees is included for \$30,000. If the LMRWD can get caught up, costs will likely be double what is include in the budget.</p>
84	<p>Professional Services General</p> <p>This line is for administrative services provided to the LMRWD. Additional funds have been included for digital infrastructure.</p>
86	<p>Engineering</p> <p>Costs incurred by the District that are charged to this line include preparation for monthly board meeting, Board meeting attendance by technical and engineering staff, preparation of reports and information requested by the Board that are not related to the projects or the annual workplans.</p>
89	<p>Government Relations Services</p> <p>This line includes the 2025 rate for government relations services.</p>
92	<p>Bank Fees and Charges</p> <p>This line was added to the Budget in 2024 to reflect the fees charged by US Bank and the 4M Fund for banking services.</p>

Table 4-1: Lower Minnesota River Watershed District - Implementation Program Budget for 2023 - 2027

ACTION	Year				
	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
EXPENDITURE					
Administrative and Managerial					
General Administrative Services, Conferences, Coordination with LGUs, Stakeholders and other Project Partners, LGU Program Reviews, 9-Foot Channel, and Advisory Committees (Technical and Citizen)	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000
Administrative/Managerial Budget Total	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000
Studies and Programs					
Cost Share Incentive and Water Quality Restoration Program	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
Dredge Management	\$240,000	\$240,000	\$240,000	\$126,000	\$240,000
Eagle Creek Bank Restoration at Town & Country RV Park Feasibility Study		\$30,000			
Education and Outreach Program	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$75,000
Fen Private Land Acquisition Study		\$50,000	\$25,000		
Fen Stewardship and Management Program	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$75,000
Gully Inventory and Assessment Program	\$90,500	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000
Trout Streams Geomorphic Assessments		\$100,000			\$100,000
Monitoring Program and Detailed Data Assessments	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$75,000
Project and Permit Reviews	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
Implementation of the Sustainable Lake Management Plans		\$50,000	\$50,000		\$50,000
Seminary Fen Ravines Site C-2 Feasibility Study	\$20,000	\$40,000			
Spring Creek Site 3 Design Feasibility Study	\$50,000				
Watershed Management Plan				\$50,000	\$100,000
Water Resources Restoration Fund	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
Studies and Programs Budget Total	\$795,500	\$1,055,000	\$860,000	\$721,000	\$1,035,000
Capital Improvements					
Minnesota River Study Area 3 – Bluff Stabilization Project		\$100,000	\$100,000		
Seminary Fen Restoration Site B		\$50,000	\$25,000		
Seminary Fen Ravines Site C-2 and C-3 Design and Construction			\$55,000	\$50,000	\$65,000
Dredge Site Culvert Replacement				\$51,500	
Eagle Creek Bank Restoration at Town & Country RV Park Project			\$69,800	\$90,200	
Eagle Creek Brown Trout Habitat Improvements Project					\$70,000
Minnesota River Floodplain Modeling	\$75,000				
Shakopee Riverbank Stabilization Project		\$50,000	\$50,000		
Spring Creek Sites 1 and 2 Design and Construction Stabilization Project	47,100	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$70,000	
Spring Creek Vegetation Management Project	\$40,000				
Stormwater BMP at Parking Lot near Lewis Street West and Second Avenue West Project	\$50,000	\$50,000			
Vernon Avenue Upgrade at the Dredge Site				\$62,500	
Capital Improvements Budget Total	\$212,100	\$350,000	\$399,800	\$324,200	\$135,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$1,257,600	\$1,655,000	\$1,509,800	\$1,295,200	\$1,420,000
General Levy	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000
Planning and Implementation Levy	\$525,000	\$625,000	\$650,000	\$675,000	\$700,000
Metropolitan Council Grant	\$5,500	\$5,500	\$5,500	\$5,500	\$5,500
Dredge Material Management Grant	\$240,000	\$240,000	\$240,000	\$240,000	\$240,000
Grants	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
Closed or Unrealized Projects	\$137,100	\$434,500	\$264,300	\$24,700	\$124,500
TOTAL REVENUE	\$1,257,600	\$1,655,000	\$1,509,800	\$1,295,200	\$1,420,000

Memo

Date: July 24, 2024

To: Watershed District Administrators and Managers

From: Melissa King, Tribal Liaison

Cc: Jan Voit, Minnesota Watersheds
Rob Sip, Red River Watershed Management Board
BWSR: John Jaschke, Andrea Fish, Justin Hanson, Dave Weirens, Amie Wunderlich, Regional Operations Staff

RE: 2024 Estimated Taxable Market Values for Watershed Districts

Please find attached a table containing the recently released total estimate market values for 2024 from the Minnesota Department of Revenue.

Session law changes enacted during the 2023 regular session effected the calculation of and increased the annual maximum general fund tax levy for a watershed district ([Minn. Stat. § 103D.905, Subd. 3](#)). The session law changes are effective beginning with the 2024 assessment year and thereafter. To calculate the annual maximum general fund tax levy for a particular watershed district:

- 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

Please contact me at melissa.king@state.mn.us or 651.350.8845 with any questions.

Attachment: Taxes Payable 2024 Estimated & Taxable Market Values for Watershed Districts in Minnesota

TAXES PAYABLE 2024**ESTIMATED & TAXABLE MARKET VALUES (EMV) FOR WATERSHEDS DISTRICTS IN MINNESOTA**

Watershed Code	Watershed Name	Total EMV
001	Bear Valley Watershed District	\$ 311,473,200
002	Cedar River Watershed District	\$ 4,728,314,400
003	Belle Creek Watershed District	\$ 542,064,100
005	Buffalo Creek Watershed District	\$ 3,677,321,700
007	Buffalo-Red River Watershed District	\$ 12,253,917,100
008	North Fork Crow River Watershed District	\$ 2,187,673,000
009	Clearwater River Watershed District	\$ 2,684,990,500
010	Carnelian-Marine-St. Croix Watershed District	\$ 2,584,685,300
013	Coon Creek Watershed District	\$ 24,424,365,800
014	South Washington Watershed District	\$ 21,029,559,100
015	Cormorant Lakes Watershed District	\$ 987,758,700
016	Crooked Creek Watershed District	\$ 515,086,800
018	High Island Watershed District	\$ 1,863,578,300
020	Joe River Watershed District	\$ 282,902,600
021	Kanaranzi-Little Rock Watershed District	\$ 2,697,762,200
022	Lac qui Parle-Yellow Bank Watershed District	\$ 4,193,572,200
024	Heron Lake Watershed District	\$ 3,817,492,200
026	Middle-Snake-Tamarac Rivers Watershed District	\$ 3,886,126,100
028	Okabena-Ocheda Watershed District	\$ 1,476,416,800
030	Pelican River Watershed District	\$ 3,411,723,800
031	Bois De Sioux Watershed District	\$ 5,741,851,600
032	Prior Lake-Spring Lake Watershed District	\$ 6,345,112,700
034	Ramsey-Washington Metropolitan Watershed District	\$ 23,891,815,500
036	Red Lake Watershed District	\$ 11,749,264,400
038	Rice Creek Watershed District	\$ 34,854,778,600
040	Roseau River Watershed District	\$ 1,186,753,200
042	Sand Hill Watershed District	\$ 1,613,634,300
043	Sauk River Watershed District	\$ 12,683,604,400
044	Stockton-Rollingstone-Minnesota City Watershed District	\$ 719,615,200
048	Turtle Creek Watershed District	\$ 1,785,764,200
050	The Two Rivers Watershed District	\$ 2,135,949,900
052	Upper Minnesota River Watershed District	\$ 1,889,315,500
054	Valley Branch Watershed District	\$ 8,158,601,700
056	Warroad Watershed District	\$ 616,404,100
058	Nine Mile Creek Watershed District	\$ 27,882,559,300
060	Lower Minnesota River Watershed District	\$ 15,305,048,900
062	Minnehaha Creek Watershed District	\$ 76,039,742,300
064	Riley-Purgatory-Bluff Creek Watershed District	\$ 20,710,259,500
066	Wild Rice Watershed District	\$ 5,656,472,500
068	Yellow Medicine River Watershed District	\$ 3,978,668,000
069	Browns Creek Watershed District	\$ 3,004,131,300
070	Capitol Region Watershed District	\$ 30,814,875,600
071	Comfort Lake-Forest Lake Watershed District	\$ 3,214,087,500
073	Shell Rock River Watershed District	\$ 2,941,346,200
074	Middle Fork-Crow River Watershed District	\$ 2,681,271,500

SOURCE: Minnesota Department of Revenue 2024 PRISM SUBMISSION #3 - FINAL ASSESSMENT AND TAXATION

RESOLUTION 25-10

LOWER MINNESOTA RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT

PRELIMINARY CERTIFICATION OF PROPERTY TAX LEVIES FOR CARVER COUNTY
FOR TAXES PAYABLE 2026 AND PRELIMINARY APPROVAL OF 2026 PROPOSED BUDGET

Manager_____ made a motion to adopt Resolution 25-10. The motion was seconded by Manager _____:

WHEREAS, State Law requires the adoption of a proposed budget and proposed tax levies no later than September 15th; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Managers has met and discussed the proposed budget and tax levy; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Managers of the Lower Minnesota River Watershed District ("LMRWD") has proposed a total budget of One Million Nine Hundred Thirty-Three Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$1,933,000.00) for the fiscal year commencing January 1, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the proposed budget requires One Million Five Hundred Seventy-Six Thousand Two Hundred and 00/100 Dollars (\$1,576,200.00) 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:

General/Administrative Fund Levy	\$429,659 (Minnesota Statutes § 103D.905 Subd. 3)
Planning & Implementation Levy	\$846,541 (Minnesota Statutes § 103B.241)
Construction Fund Levy:	<u>\$300,000</u> (Minnesota Statutes_§ 103D.905 Subd. 5)
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 to the Auditor of Carver County, the following sum to be raised by levy on all taxable property within Carver County, located in the Lower Minnesota River Watershed District payable in the year 2026 for the purposes noted above: Ninety-Six Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty and 43/100 Dollars (\$96,980.43), as provided in Minnesota Statutes, Sections 103D.911 and 103D.915; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Administrator shall certify to the Carver County Auditor a copy of this Resolution approving the property tax levies for collection in 2026 for the Lower Minnesota River Watershed District

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the 2026 expenses as proposed are \$1,933,000.00 and the proposed 2026 budget is approved in concept only.

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"/>
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"/>
WILLIAMS	<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 20th day of August 2025.

Joseph Barisonzi, President

ATTEST:

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand this 20th day of August 2025.

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:

Final Certification of Apportioned Levies

Payable 2026

1) General Fund (M.S. 103D.905, Subd. 3)		\$429,659.00	
2) Planning and Implementation Fund (M.S. 103B.241)		\$846,541.00	
3) Construction Fund Levy (M.S. 103D.905 Subd. 5)		\$300,000.00	
4) Payable 2025 Property Tax Levy		\$1,576,200.00	
<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	\$10,563,893	6.1528%	\$96,981.43
Dakota	\$16,018,296	9.3297%	\$147,054.73
Hennepin	\$66,362,338	38.6519%	\$609,231.25
Scott	\$78,747,621	45.8656%	\$722,933.59
TOTAL	\$171,692,148	100.00%	\$1,576,200.00