

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE  
BOARD OF MANAGERS  
OF THE  
NINE MILE CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT**

**WEDNESDAY, June 17, 2026**

[Board Meeting Agenda](#) *(including links to packet materials)*  
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**1. Call to Order**

President Larry Olson called the Nine Mile Creek Watershed District Board of Managers regular meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. The meeting was held at the NMCWD office, Discovery Point, 12800 Gerard Drive, Eden Prairie.

Managers Present: Larry Olson, Chris-Ann Lauria, Brian Kirk, Bob Cutshall, and Peggy Kvam.

Advisors Present: Janna Kieffer, Louise Heffernan, Karen Wold, and Katie Turpin-Nagel (Barr Engineering Co.), and Michael Welch (Smith Partners)

Staff Present: Erica Sniegowski (Administrator), Elizabeth Boor (Grant and Project Coordinator), Carrie Bush (Communications and Public Engagement Manager), Brett Eidem (Project and Planning Manager), Cynthia Rubio (Watershed Technician),\* Zach Stafslie (Regulatory Manager), Jordan Wein (Water Resources Project Manager), Gael Zembal (Education & Outreach Coordinator)

Guest Present: Stacy Harwell, Charles Remington, Diane Remington, Bob Simons (City of Bloomington), Deric Deuschle (SEH)

*\* attended virtually*

**2. Approval of Regular Meeting Agenda**

Administrator Sniegowski requested to pull item 4c. Cost Share Project Agreements: Dewey Hill South Homeowners Association Shoreline Buffer, City of Hopkins Streambank Stabilization, YMCA of the North Native Planting from the consent agenda for discussion as the first action item, 5a.

**MOTION:** Manager Kvam moved, seconded by Manager Kirk, to approve the meeting agenda as amended. **Upon vote, the motion carried.**

3. **Public Open Forum**

Stacey Harwell shared her interest in the work being done at Fred Richards Park, and desire to be a good steward of the wetlands. Charles Remington and Diane Remington shared similar comments.

4. **Consent Agenda**

- a. **Minutes, May 6, 2026 Board Workshop**
- b. **Minutes, May 20, 2026 Board Meeting**
- c. **Discovery Point Maintenance Agreement Authorization**
- d. **2025 Water Monitoring Program Summary Report**

**MOTION:** Manager Lauria moved, seconded by Manager Cutshall, to approve the consent agenda as amended. **Upon vote, the motion carried.**

5. **Action Items**

- a. **Cost Share Project Agreements: Dewey Hill South Homeowners Association Shoreline Buffer, City of Hopkins Streambank Stabilization, YMCA of the North Native Planting**

Manager Brian Kirk stated for the record that he is an employee of the YMCA. Mr. Kirk stated he did not have a conflict of interest and as such did not abstain from voting.

**MOTION:** Manager Kvam moved, seconded by Manager Lauria, to authorize the administrator, on advice of counsel, to enter into a cost share agreement with the Dewey Hill South Homeowners Association for the amount of \$7,200 to complete a shoreline buffer project; authorize the administrator, on advice of counsel, to enter into a cost share agreement with the City of Hopkins for the amount of \$62,500 to install a streambank stabilization project; authorize the administrator, on advice of counsel, to enter into a cost share agreement with the YMCA of the North for the amount of \$11,656.29 to install a native planting project. **Upon vote, the motion carried.**

- b. **Fred Richards Wetland Replacement Plan**

**MOTION:** Manager Kirk moved, seconded by Manager Kvam, to approve the wetland replacement plan and Wetland Conservation Act no-loss application and direct the administrator to issue the necessary notifications of the approval. **Upon vote, the motion carried.**

**c. Nine Mile Corridor Permit Application**

**MOTION:** Manager Kirk moved, seconded by Manager Cutshall, to approve the two exception requests and approve permit application 2026-021 with the conditions and stipulations in the engineer's report. **Upon vote, the motion carried.**

**d. Cost Share Project Agreement: 501 Mainstreet Reuse**

Michael Welch noted that he could not recommend authorization of the cost-share for the project given concerns regarding contamination in groundwater, but recommended that should the managers wish to authorize NMCWD support, the project proponent should agree to defend, hold harmless and indemnify NMCWD from liability arising from site conditions.

**MOTION:** Manager Cutshall moved, seconded by Manager Kirk, to authorize the administrator, on advice of counsel, to enter into a cost-share agreement with 501 Mainstreet LLC for installation of a water reuse system at 501 Mainstreet, Hopkins, on the condition that the project proponent, its successors and assigns, indemnify the district against liability arising from site conditions, for an amount not to exceed \$62,500. **Upon vote, the motion carried.**

**e. Administrative Spending Authority**

**MOTION:** Manager Kvam moved, seconded by Manager Lauria, to adopt resolution 26-05 delegating limited spending authority to administrator. **Upon roll-call vote, the motion carried 5-0.**

**6. Treasurer's Report**

**MOTION:** Manager Kirk moved, seconded by Manager Lauria, to accept the treasurer's report and authorize payment of the bills as presented. **Upon vote, the motion carried.**

**7. Discussion Items**

**a. Annual Water Monitoring Presentation: Creek**

Katie Turpin-Nagel presented stream monitoring data for 2025.

**b. 2027 Budgeting Discussion**

Ms. Sniegowski introduced the budget and levy process for 2027.

**c. Mirror Lake Alum Treatment Update**

Jordan Wein updated the board on work to obtain lake access for the treatment. Challenges encountered with access make it unlikely that the treatment will be conducted this year.

8. Updates

- a. Administrator's Report
- b. Staff Reports
- c. Administratively Approved Permits & Inspection Report
- d. Engineer's Report
- e. Attorney's Report
- e. Managers' Reports

9. Adjournment

**MOTION:** Manager Lauria moved, seconded by Manager Kirk, to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 p.m. **Upon vote, the motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,



Chris-Ann Lauria (Aug 24, 2026 13:19:54 CDT)

Chris-Ann Lauria, Secretary