

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING AND WORKSHOP
OF THE
BOARD OF MANAGERS
OF THE
NINE MILE CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT**

WEDNESDAY, August 5, 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 workshop 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, Mark Origer,* Keith Pilgrim* (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), Rashi DaSilva (Greencorps Member),* Brett Eidem (Project and Planning Manager), Jordan Wein (Water Resources Project Manager), and Gael Zembal (Education & Outreach Coordinator)

Guest Present: Anne Eingler, Linda Goetz, Scott Campbell, Ron Sackett, Phil Cykana, Sharon Kuhlman, Judith Koechel, David Koechel, Erling Ringquist, Nan Lu, Nina Kleinschmidt, Erica Monroe, Timber Filkins,* Tamara Filkins*

** attended virtually*

2. Approval of the Agenda

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

3. Anderson Lakes Public Hearing

President Larry Olson opened the public hearing on the proposed Southeast Anderson Lake outlet-modification project at 5:32 pm. Jordan Wein provided an introductory overview of the project, noting that the district has been exploring options to address equalizing water levels in Southwest Anderson Lake and Southeast Anderson Lake while continuing to prevent spread of Eurasian watermilfoil and curly-leaf pondweed. The district engineer is recommending reconstruction of the outlet. President Olson solicited comments from the public. Scott Campbell, Bloomington, expressed appreciation that work was being conducted, and concern about low water levels on Southeast Anderson Lake. Linda Goetz, Bloomington, expressed concern about the existing weir's impact on wildlife and recreation. Erling Ringquist, Bloomington, expressed concern that the proposed work would impact water levels on Northwest Anderson Lake. Phil Cykana, Bloomington, asked whether there was also an outlet from Northwest Anderson to Nine Mile Creek, and whether that control structure is adjustable. Janna Kieffer answered that there is an outlet from Northwest Anderson that discharges to a storm sewer system and ultimately to Nine Mile Creek, and that the outlet is not adjustable. Ron Sackett asked if the new structure would be controllable. Ms. Kieffer clarified that the overflow structure from Northwest Anderson to the creek will not be replaced as part of the project, only the structure between Southwest and Southeast Anderson, and the exact design specifications are still to be determined. Phil Cykana asked about the status of University of Minnesota research on groundwater-surface water interactions in the area. Ms. Kieffer noted that the watershed district is also working on a groundwater-surface water interaction study for Bush Lake and the Anderson Lakes. Mr. Cykana asked questions related to how contracting for the project work would be conducted. Anne Eingler, Bloomington, asked whether the project was contingent on the groundwater-surface water interaction study, and how successful the screen is anticipated to be in preventing movement of aquatic invasive species.

President Olson closed the public hearing at 6:15 pm.

4. Lake Cornelia Management Presentation

Keith Pilgrim presented results of a study on internal-loading control in Lake Cornelia and Lake Nancy.

5. Draft 2027 Budget and Levy Discussion

Erica Sniegowski presented a draft budget and levy for 2027. The draft will be further discussed at the August 19 board meeting, and a public hearing will be held at the September 2 board workshop.

6. **Summer Tour Preparation**

Carrie Bush reviewed the schedule and purpose of the summer tour, which managers will be attending on August 10.

7. **Water Management Plan Discussion**

(Discussion deferred to a future board meeting.)

8. **Adjournment**

MOTION: Manager Lauria moved, seconded by Manager Kvam, to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 p.m. **Upon vote, the motion carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,



Chris-Ann Lauria (Sep 17, 2026 12:34:38 CDT)

Chris-Ann Lauria, Secretary