

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

WEDNESDAY, February 18, 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, and Bob Cutshall

Manager Absent: Peggy Kvam

Advisors Present: Janna Kieffer (Barr Engineering), Katie Turpin-Nagel (Barr Engineering),* and Michael Welch (Smith Partners)

Staff Present: Erica Sniegowski (Administrator), Elizabeth Boor (Grant and Project Coordinator), Rashi DaSilva (Greencorps Member), Brett Eidem (Project and Planning Manager), Michelle Jordan (Administrative Specialist), Zach Stafslie (Regulatory Manager), Jordan Wein (Water Resources Project Manager), Gael Zembal (Education & Outreach Coordinator)

Guests Present: John Bilotta (University of Minnesota),* Timber Filkins,* Jim Millin,* Phillip Cykana,* Michael Berndt

** attended virtually*

Manager Chris-Ann Lauria stated that she was attending virtually this evening because she is out of state for a family crisis.

2. Approval of Agenda

MOTION: Manager Kirk moved, seconded by Manager Cutshall, to approve the meeting agenda as presented. **On roll call vote, the motion carried 4-0.**

3. **Public Open Forum**

No members of the public spoke during the forum.

4. **Consent Agenda**

- a. **Minutes, January 7, 2026 Board Workshop**
- b. **Minutes, January 21, 2026 Board Meeting**
- c. **Alum Treatment Bid Authorization**
- d. **Holiday-Wing-Rose-Birch Island Lake Drainage Study**

MOTION: Manager Cutshall moved, seconded by Manager Kirk, to approve the consent agenda as presented. **On roll call vote, the motion carried 4-0.**

5. **Action Items**

a. **Minnesota Stormwater Research Council**

MOTION: Manager Kirk moved, seconded by Manager Cutshall, to authorize the administrator to enter into a contract with the University of Minnesota Water Resources Center for an amount not to exceed \$15,000 to support stormwater management research. **On roll call vote, the motion carried 4-0.**

b. **Bush Lake Shoreline Maintenance RFO Authorization**

MOTION: Manager Kirk moved, seconded by Manager Cutshall, to authorize the administrator to develop an agreement with the City of Bloomington and Three Rivers Park District to jointly manage invasive species around Bush Lake for 2026-2028 for presentation to the board, and to solicit quotes for the work for 2026-2028. **On roll call vote, the motion carried 4-0.**

c. **Resolution 26-01: Adoption of Manuals**

- i. **Governance Manual**
- ii. **Employee Policy Manual**

MOTION: Manager Cutshall moved, seconded by Manager Kirk, to adopt Resolution 26-01 adopting NMCWD bylaws and policy updates as presented, and adopting the updated Employee Policy Manual as presented with such nonsubstantive changes as may be needed to implement the intent of the managers. **On roll call vote, the motion carried 4-0.**

6. **Treasurer's Report**

MOTION: Manager Kirk moved, seconded by Manager Cutshall, to accept the treasurer's report and authorize payment of the bills as presented. **On roll call vote, the motion carried 4-0.**

7. **Discussion Items**

a. **Coordinated Flood Management Plan Scope of Work**

Zach Stafslie and Janna Kieffer presented a draft scope of work for a coordinated flood-management plan. A final scope will be brought before the board for consideration in March.

b. **Anderson Lakes Presentation and Discussion (continued)**

Ms. Kieffer and Katie Turpin-Nagel continued the discussion with the managers from the January regular meeting of management strategies for submerged aquatic invasive plants and cattails for the Anderson Lakes, and management strategies for water-level equalization of Southeast Anderson Lake. A public hearing on herbicide treatment for management of aquatic invasive species in Southeast Anderson Lake will be held at the March 4 workshop, and a draft report brought before the managers at the March 18 regular meeting.

c. **2025 Water Management Plan Workplan Tracking and 2026 Workplan**

Erica Sniegowski presented the 2025 water management plan workplan tracking and 2026 workplan, which will be submitted to the Board of Water and Soil Resources as required.

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 Cutshall moved, seconded by Manager Kirk, to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. **On roll call vote, the motion carried 4-0.**

Respectfully submitted,



Chris-Ann Lauria (Mar 24, 2026 12:33:22 CDT)

Chris-Ann Lauria, Secretary