

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

WEDNESDAY, May 20, 2026

[Board Meeting Agenda](#) *(including links to packet materials)*
[Board Meeting Recording](#)

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, Katie Turpin-Nagel (Barr Engineering Co.); 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), Michelle Jordan (Administrative Specialist)

Guests Present: Tony Brough, Denise Brough (Izaak Walton League, Bush Lake Chapter); Fall Owens, Tara Owens, Daniel Owens, Michael*

** attended virtually*

2. Approval of Regular Meeting Agenda

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

3. Public Open Forum

Youth community member Fall Owens spoke to the board regarding her concerns about buckthorn growth around Bush Lake.

4. Consent Agenda

a. Minutes, April 15, 2026 Board Meeting

- b. **Anderson Lakes Protection Framework Final Report**
- c. **Minnesota Watersheds Summer Tour**
- d. **2027 Budget Process**

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

5. **Action Items**

a. **Professional Services**

MOTION: Manager Kvam moved, seconded by Manager Lauria, to authorize the administrator, on advice of counsel, to enter into agreements effective July 1, 2026, to June 28, 2028, with Barr Engineering Co., Cavanaugh & Company, and Redpath & Company for engineering, accounting, and annual audit services, respectively. **Upon vote, the motion carried.**

MOTION: Manager Kirk moved, seconded by Manager Kvam, to authorize the administrator, on advice of counsel, to enter into an agreement with Smith Partners PLLP for legal services through December 31, 2026. **Upon vote, the motion carried.**

b. **Delegation of Authority for Administratively Approved Permits**

MOTION: Manager Kirk moved, seconded by Manager Cutshall, to adopt resolution 2026-03, as presented, expanding the administrator's delegated permit-approval authority. **On roll call vote, the motion carried 5-0.**

c. **Bryant Internal Loading Assessment Statement of Work**

MOTION: Manager Lauria moved, seconded by Manager Kvam, to authorize Barr Engineering to complete the Bryant Lake Internal Loading Study - Scope of Work for not to exceed \$46,025. **Upon vote, the motion carried.**

d. **Minnetoga Internal Loading Assessment Statement of Work**

MOTION: Manager Lauria moved, seconded by Manager Kirk, to authorize Barr Engineering to complete the Minnetoga Lake Internal Loading Study - Scope of Work for not to exceed \$45,200. **Upon vote, the motion carried.**

e. **Board Meeting Schedule Revision**

MOTION: Manager Cutshall moved, seconded by Manager Lauria, to adopt the revised 2026 board meeting schedule as presented. **Upon vote, the motion carried.**

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. **Minnesota Watersheds Resolutions**

Erica Sniegowski stated that Minnesota Watersheds is accepting proposed resolutions from members until June 2. No manager suggested a resolution.

b. **Administrative Spending Authority**

Ms. Sniegowski stated that the managers recently discussed but did not adopt a change to the administrator's delegated spending authority, with a suggestion that the board review the current policy to determine if updates are warranted. The managers indicated an interest in entertaining a resolution retaining the present structure, but increasing the amounts.

c. **Draft 2025 Water Monitoring Program Summary Report**

Ms. Sniegowski noted the draft Nine Mile Creek Watershed District 2025 Water Monitoring Program Summary report was provided in the meeting packet for review and comment, and requested comments be provided to staff by June 1, 2026.

d. **Annual Water Monitoring Presentation: Lakes**

Katie Turpin-Nagel presented a summary of 2025 lake monitoring results.

8. **Updates**

a. **Administrator's Report**

b. **Staff Reports**

c. **Administratively Approved Permits & Inspection Report**

d. **Engineer's Report**

e. **Attorney's Report**

a. **Managers' Reports**

9. **Adjournment**

MOTION: Manager Lauria moved, seconded by Manager Cutshall, to adjourn the meeting at 7:21 p.m. **Upon vote, the motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,



[Chris-Ann Lauria \(Jul 2, 2026 08:36:30 CDT\)](#)

Chris-Ann Lauria, Secretary