



Capitol Region Watershed District

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September 4, 2024
Board Meeting
APPROVED

Regular Meeting of the Capitol Region Watershed District (CRWD) Board of Managers, for **Wednesday, August 21, 2024, 6:00 p.m.**

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

I. Call to Order of Board Workshop (*Mary Texer, Vice President*)

A) Attendance

Managers

Mary Texer
Rick Sanders
Shawn Mazanec
Hawona Sullivan Janzen

Staff Present

Bob Fossum
Elizabeth Hosch
Rachele Krivichi
Terrence Chastan-Davis

Other Attendees

Christopher Bates, Ramsey County Attorney
(Legal Counsel for CRWD)

B) Review, Amendments, and Approval of the Agenda.

Motion 24-149: *Approve the Agenda of the August 21, 2024, Board Meeting.*

Mazanec/Sanders
Unanimously Approved

II. Public Comment

A) Public Hearings – PUBLIC HEARING – WATERSHED DISTRICT 2025 Budget and Levy.

The Board of Managers heard and accepted public comments regarding the proposed 2025 Budget and Levy of the Capitol Region Watershed District.

The required public hearing notice was published in the Saint Paul Pioneer Press on August 14th. The Preliminary 2025 Budget and Levy were sent to partners, including Ramsey County, the cities within our watershed, and all interested parties, and posted on our website. The Work Plan, Budget, and Levy were reviewed with the Community Advisory Committee (CAC) at their August 14th meeting. The CAC supports the Preliminary Budget and Levy as presented.

There was no public comment. Manager Texer asked about the previous discussion about adjusting the levy and when that would happen. Mr. Fossum responded that the option to adjust the levy will be brought to the Board at their September 4th meeting.

There were no additional comments. Vice President Texer closed the public hearing.

B) Public Comment For Items not on the Agenda

No public comments

III. Permit Applications and Program Updates

A) Permit 10-027, Lafayette Bridge – Closure (Hosch)

This permit was issued to MnDOT for the demolition and reconstruction of Lafayette Bridge on Highway 52 across the Mississippi River from Plato Blvd to 7th Street in Saint Paul. Stormwater treatment is provided by one sand filtration basin. Work has been complete for some time, the site is stable, and the stormwater treatment basin has now been confirmed functional. No surety was collected for this public project.

Manager Mazanec asked if we had permits out still that were older than this. Ms. Hosch said there are some from 2007 that are not yet closed. Manager Sanders asked what they got to grow under the bridge. Ms. Hosch said it was a combination of vegetation and non-vegetative stabilization, such as woodchips.

Motion 24-150: *Approve Certificate of Completion for Permit #10-027, Lafayette Bridge – Closure*

Mazanec/Sanders
Unanimously Approved

B) Permit 22-005, Edgumbe Road Reconstruction – Closure (Martinkosky)

This permit was issued to the City of Saint Paul Public Works Department for reconstruction of Edgumbe Road including utility upgrades, new pavement, curb and gutter, sidewalks and bike lanes. Work was completed on Edgumbe Road between Saint Paul Avenue and Fairview Avenue South in St. Paul. Stormwater treatment is provided by an underground filtration system and a \$32,932.40 contribution to the Stormwater Impact Fund. Work is complete, the site is stable, and the stormwater treatment has been confirmed functional. No surety was collected for this public project.

Motion 24-151: *Approve Certificate of Completion for Permit 22-005, Edgumbe Road Reconstruction - Closure*

Mazanec/Sanders
Unanimously Approved

C) Permit 23-013, MnDOT Snelling, Ford to Montreal – Amendment (Chastan-Davis)

The original permit approval included 8 infiltration basins and use of bank credits to comply with volume retention standards. Infiltration testing and soil investigation during construction revealed clay within 3 feet below 7 of the proposed basins. The applicant is proposing converting 7 of the originally approved 8 basins to filtration basins. Since the proposed plans are to convert

several infiltration basins to filtration basins, additional bank credits will be used to comply with the volume retention standards.

Manager Sanders asked what the difference between infiltration and filtration is and how it applies to this project. Mr. Chastan-Davis said that they changed the medium mixed that they used to make the filtration, but that the trenches didn't change much because a capped drain tile was included in the original design already and just needed to be uncapped for the switch to infiltration.

Motion 24-152: *Approve Amendment for Permit 23-013 Mn DOT Snelling, Ford to Montreal*

Mazanec/Sanders

Unanimously Approved

IV. Special Reports

None

V. Action Items

A) Approve Minutes of August 7, 2024, Regular Board Meeting (Armstead)

Motion 24-153: *Approve the August 7, 2024, Minutes, Regular Board Meeting.*

Mazanec/Sanders

Unanimously Approved

B) Approve Partial Accounts Payable/Receivable for July 2024 (Dalit)

Motion 24-154: Approve July 2024 accounts payable/receivable and year-to-date financial report (Dalit)

Mazanec/Sanders

Unanimously Approved

VI. Unfinished Business

None

VII. General Information

A) Board of Managers' Updates

Manager Sullivan said her residency was going great and that she would share photos.

B) Administrator's Update

Administrator Eleria will be back from vacation on August 22nd.

Wednesday, Sept. 11 is the CAC meeting.

The board workshop is on September 4th at 5 PM, and the regular meeting is at 6 PM.

VIII. Adjournment

Motion 24-155: *Adjournment of August 21, 2024, Regular Board Meeting at 6:21 PM.*

Mazanec/Sanders
Unanimously Approved

Respectfully submitted,
Rachele Krivichi