

Coon Creek Watershed District names Jon Janke as new District Administrator

The Coon Creek Watershed District (CCWD) is pleased to announce the appointment of Jon Janke as its new District Administrator, effective January 1, 2026. After a thorough hiring process that included external candidates, the CCWD Board of Managers unanimously appointed Jon to the role of District Administrator at a special board meeting on December 15, 2025.

Jon is a seasoned water management professional with a degree in Watershed Management from the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. Jon has over 18 years of professional experience, with 14 of those years dedicated to the Coon Creek Watershed District. During his time with the CCWD, Jon has served in a variety of roles, including Director of Operations, where he was responsible for overseeing hundreds of projects ranging from routine maintenance to complex, multi-agency capital improvements. This includes coordinating more than 120 capital projects and over 550 ditch repair and maintenance efforts, administering more than \$8.4 million in public investment to improve water quality, reduce flooding risk, and enhance community resilience.

Jon brings to the role of Administrator a wealth of experience and local knowledge. He is known by staff and agency partners for his practical approach to problem solving, intimate knowledge of local water infrastructure, and strong commitment to organizational success.

In the role of District Administrator, Jon will oversee daily operations and Board relations to ensure smooth workflows, coordinate the annual planning and budgeting process, and lead interagency relations. The CCWD is confident in Jon's ability to lead the District in its mission to manage surface water and groundwater systems and contributing lands to provide for and balance the competing uses of development, drainage, flood prevention, and the protection and restoration of water quality and habitat for the benefit of our communities now and in the future.

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Jon takes over the role of District Administrator from Tim Kelly who served as District Administrator for over 35 years. Tim's vision, dedication, and institutional knowledge have left a lasting impact on the District, the watershed, and the communities it serves. CCWD congratulates Tim on his well-earned retirement!