

COON CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT BOARD OF MANAGERS' MEETING

The Board of Managers of the Coon Creek Watershed District held their regular meeting on, Monday, September 11, 2023, at the Coon Creek Watershed District Office.

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM
Board Members Present: Mary Campbell, James Hafner, Erin Lind, Dwight McCullough and Patrick Parker (5:34 Arrival).
Staff Present: Dawn Doering, Corinne Elfelt, Tim Kelly
Staff Present via Zoom: Erik Bye, Jon Janke
Others:

2. Approval of the Agenda: Board Member McCullough moved to Approve the Agenda. Seconded by Board Member Campbell. Motion carried with four yeas (Board Members Mary Campbell, James Hafner, Erin Lind, and Dwight McCullough) and no nays.

3. Announcements: None

4. Discussion from the Floor: No one present

CONSENT ITEMS

5. Approval of Minutes of August 28, 2023

6. Administrator's Report

7. Advisory Committee Report

8. Approval of Bills :

Claims totaling \$43,803.62 on the following disbursements list will be issued and released upon Board approval.

September 11, 2023	
To	Amount
A1 Floor & Carpet Care	1,076.25
Abdo LLP	11,925.00
Connexus Energy	273.29
Indigital	8,410.58
Loffler	171.22
Michelle Ulrich PA	4,388.00
Plaudit Design	3,500.00
RMB Environmental Labs	2,654.00
US Bank	5,236.53
YTS Companies	6,168.75
	43,803.62

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the District Board of the Coon Creek Watershed District hereby adopts an annual operating budget totaling \$5,646,994 for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2024, and ending December 31, 2024

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the District Board of the Coon Creek Watershed District hereby establishes the 2024 Coon Creek Watershed District Operating Budget as follows:

Revenues		Proposed 2024 Budget	
	Property Taxes	\$	4,965,765
	Fees & Charges	\$	298,423
	Grants	\$	314,539
	Other Revenue	\$	28,042
	Fund Balances	\$	40,225
Total Revenue		\$	5,646,994
Expenditures			
	Salaries & Benefits	\$	1,981,605
	Professional Services	\$	589,000
	Operating Expenses	\$	239,164
	Program Costs	\$	2,680,517
	Capital Costs	\$	156,708
Total Expenditures		\$	5,646,994

Board Member Campbell moved to Adopt the Proposed Coon Creek Watershed District 2024 Budget seconded by Board Member Hafner. Motion carried with five yeas (Board Members Mary Campbell, James Hafner, Erin Lind, Dwight McCullough and Patrick Parker) and no nays.

10. Election of Officer

Elections are typically held annually in January, however, election of officers has occurred at varied times in 2023 due to the resignation of two Board Members. Administrator Kelly recommended the Board decide if they are going to elect all positions or only the vacant position.

After discussion, the Board decided to elect only the vacant position and leave the other incumbents in place. Board Member McCullough suggested that Board Member Lind be considered for the position of Vice President. The Board was in agreement with the nomination and Board Member Lind accepted the nomination.

Office	Incumbent	
Vice President	Vacant	Erin Lind

Board Member Hafner stated that if the potential issues are not addressed beforehand, those issues are likely to come back to the Board when they do become issues, so it is best if they get the District's input now.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

13. Waters of the U.S. (WOTUS):

The Board Packet included the revised definition of the Waters of the U.S. (WOTUS). Kelly noted that this does not have a great impact on Minnesota because of the Wetland Conservation Act.

14. League of Women Voters Metropolitan League to do Watershed District Study

Administrator Kelly stated that metro League of Women Voters will be looking at watershed governance.

The Board discussed the benefits of the League of Women Voters study would include increased awareness of watershed districts, what we do and why watershed districts are important.

15. New York Times (NYT) article – Five takeaways from Groundwater 8/28/23 article

The Board Packet included this article on the decline of groundwater.

16. Star Tribune article – Twin Cities Area Home Building Trend

The Board Packet included this article on home building trends in the Minneapolis/St. Paul Metro area.

ADJOURN

Board Member Campbell moved to adjourn at 6:34 p.m. seconded by Board Member Lind. Motion carried with five yeas (Board Members Mary Campbell, James Hafner, Erin Lind, Dwight McCullough and Patrick Parker) and no nays.



President