

AGENDA

COON CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT BOARD OF MANAGERS

October 9, 2023
5:30 PM

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of the Agenda
3. Announcements
4. Open Mic

CONSENT ITEMS

5. Approval of Minutes
6. Receive Administrator's Report
7. Advisory Committee Report
8. Approve Bills

POLICY ITEMS

PERMIT ITEMS

DISCUSSION ITEMS

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

9. Anoka County Approved Preliminary 2024 Property Tax Levy
10. Article: Rice Creek Watershed District looks to establish new tax district

ADJOURN

**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 25, 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 and Dwight McCullough.
Board Members Absent: Patrick Parker
Staff Present: Justine Dauphinais, Dawn Doering, Corinne Elfelt, Tim Kelly, Michelle Ulrich
Staff Present via Zoom: Erik Bye, Dawn Doering, Erin Edison, Jon Janke
Others:

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

3. Announcements: Administrator Kelly announced that the District is now back to full staff with the additions of Kailee Hasbrook (Watershed Development Specialist), Bobbie Law (Administrative Assistant) and Jessica Lindemyer (Engagement Coordinator).

4. Open Mic/Public Comment: No one present for comment.

CONSENT ITEMS

5. Approval of Minutes of September 11, 2023

6. Approval of Bills: Claims totaling \$266,058.67 on the following disbursement list will be issued and released upon Board approval.

September 25, 2023	
To	Amount
Anoka County	128,399.25
Centerpoint Energy	2,924.49
City of Coon Rapids	27,500.00
City of Spring Lake Park	2,840.80
ECM Publishers	580.80
Frontier Precision	2,110.50
JP Brooks Builders	216.43
Justin Guenther	1,834.75
League of MN Cities	2,221.00
Metro Inet	4,498.00
National Sports Center	37,245.40
Respec	11,236.25
RMB Environmental Labs	1,082.00
Stantec Consulting Services	38,106.55
USGS	4,135.50
Well Groomed Lawns	1,126.95
	266,058.67

Board Member Lind moved to Approve the Consent Agenda Items seconded by Board Member Campbell. Motion carried with four yeas (Board Members Mary Campbell, James Hafner, Erin Lind and Dwight McCullough) and no nays.

POLICY ITEMS

7. Petition Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) to Extend Current Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan

As outlined in the staff report, Administrator Kelly, highlighted that to be eligible for the BWSR Clear Water Fund grant requested for the Coon Rapids Dam Regional Park project, the District's Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan needs to be current. CCWD's Plan has been considered expired by BWSR since August 29, 2023. While staff continues the process the updating the Plan, the proposed one-year extension of the Plan would make the District eligible for grant funding for District projects and provide additional time to complete the 2024-2033 Watershed Management Plan.

Staff recommendation is to approve Resolution 2023-04 TO EXTEND THE COON CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLAN until August 29, 2024, as follows:

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes, §103B.231, of the Metropolitan Surface Water Management Act, requires metropolitan watershed districts to develop and adopt a watershed management plan, and

WHEREAS, on August 29, 2013, the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources by order approved the Coon Creek Watershed District's Watershed Management Plan dated 2013- 2023, and

WHEREAS, on October 14, 2013, the Coon Creek Watershed District Board of Managers by resolution adopted the Coon Creek Watershed District's Watershed Management Plan dated 2013- 2023, and

WHEREAS, the Coon Creek Watershed District is in the process of updating the watershed management plan in accordance with Minnesota Statutes §103B.231, and

WHEREAS, the Coon Creek Watershed District is currently revising its watershed management plan prior to formal review and approval, and

WHEREAS, the Coon Creek Watershed District and key partners have experienced changes affecting the timeline of the watershed management plan update, and

WHEREAS, the Coon Creek Watershed District assures continued effort toward completion of the watershed management plan update, and

WHEREAS, the Coon Creek Watershed District has identified a high priority time sensitive water quality project consistent with the watershed management plan that requires competitive grant funding to effectively implement, and

WHEREAS, the Fiscal Year 2023 Clean Water Fund Competitive Grant Policy requires watershed districts to be working under a current State approved and locally adopted watershed management plan to be an eligible applicant for competitive grants, and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources has authorization to grant extensions pursuant to Minnesota Statutes §103B.3367;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Coon Creek Watershed District Board of Managers requests from the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources an extension of the effective date of the current Coon Creek Watershed District Watershed Management Plan until August 29, 2024, in order to complete the update process in accordance with Minnesota Statutes §103B.231.

Board Member McCullough moved to Adopt Resolution 2023-04 To Extend The Coon Creek Watershed District Watershed Management Plan seconded by Board Member Hafner. Motion carried with four yeas (Board Members Mary Campbell, James Hafner, Erin Lind and Dwight McCullough) and no nays.

8. District Bylaws Adoption

Administrator Kelly explained the purpose of this item is to adopt bylaws to guide the District in the administration of its business practices as well as meet a statutory requirement. The applicable statute provides that the watershed district adopt bylaws for its internal business administration. The Legislature has also made clear the "bylaws" are not considered "rules" that are subject to the more formal regulatory rule requirements and adoption under Minnesota Statutes section 103D.341. Kelly stated the bylaws were reviewed by the Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) on September 13, 2023. The CAC was supportive of the drafted bylaws.

Staff recommendation is to approve the Coon Creek Watershed District Bylaws as presented.

Board Member Campbell moved to Approve the Bylaws as Presented, seconded by Board Member Lind. Motion carried with four yeas (Board Members Mary Campbell, James Hafner, Erin Lind and Dwight McCullough) and no nays.

PERMIT ITEMS- none

DISCUSSION ITEMS - none

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

9. Star Tribune Article – Blaine/Lexington Water Issue

Article reviews Blaine and Lexington shared water system and issues they are having. Board should be aware that trends indicate there may be an increase in jurisdictional issues with water in the future that may have to be dealt with.

10. Minnesota Regulations on Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS)

Article highlights Minnesota regulations changes dealing with PFAS. Also noted that this is a national issue, the great cost of cleaning up and consequences of not doing so are significant and complicated.

ADJOURN

Board Member McCullough moved to adjourn at 5:45 p.m. seconded by Board Member Campbell. Motion carried with four yeas (Board Members Mary Campbell, James Hafner, Erin Lind and Dwight McCullough) and no nays.

President

**COON CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT
Request for Board Action**

MEETING DATE: October 9, 2023
AGENDA NUMBER: 6
ITEM: Administrator’s Situation Report

AGENDA: Consent

REQUESTED ACTION:
Receive report

ADMINISTRATOR’S EVALUATION

Upcoming Board Considerations

- 2024-2033 Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan
- Property Tax Levy - December

District Capacity and Capability

The District possesses the required resources and is trained to undertake most of its legislative mission for which it is organized or designed.

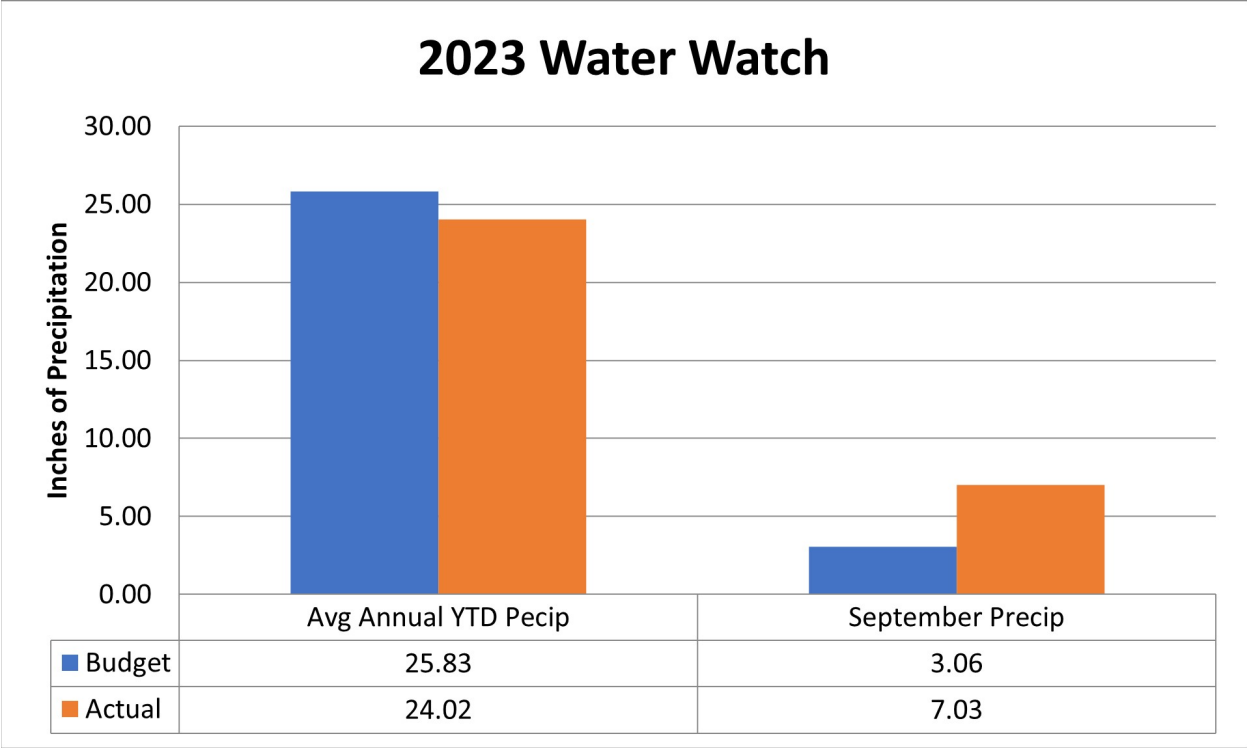
The District can accomplish most required tasks to standard under most conditions.

MANAGEMENT SITUATION

The District averaged 7.03 inches of precipitation in the month of September. That leaves the District 3.97 inches or 130% above average for the month and 1.81 inches or 7% below for the year. Growing season precipitation is 5.5 inches or 28% below average.

According to the latest US Drought Monitor release (September 26th), the District is experiencing Severe Drought after spending the previous week in Extreme Drought and I expect this will improve further this week. Water level/discharge throughout the District have rebounded to normal or above normal after last week’s precipitation events. Over 6” of precipitation fell between September 23rd and 30th throughout the District. Minor flooding occurred, but no significant damage has been reported or found by District staff.

The National Weather Service is currently predicting 0.10” of precipitation over the next seven days.



Non-Routine Projects

Anoka County Transition:

Accounting: Data transfer from the county has started,

Payroll: Data entry for payroll is awaiting transfer and input of County held data.

Benefits: Assessment of benefit packages as started.

Audit:

Audit entrance meeting is scheduled for Thursday 10/12

Boundary Amendment

Had been submitted to the BWSR and is under review.

Comp Plan Extension:

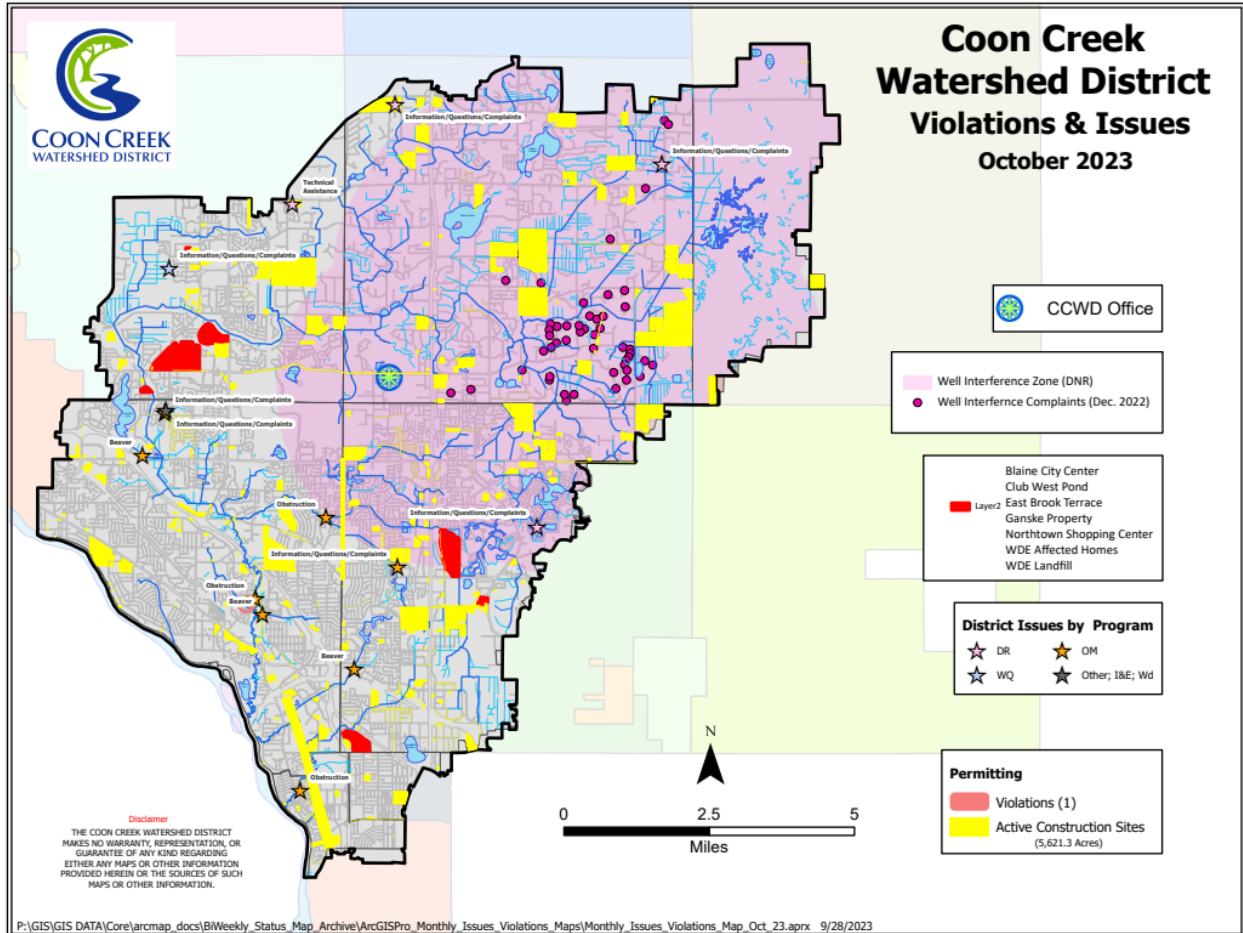
Has been submitted to BWSR and forwarded to their Administration

Patrick Parker: Notice of vacancy has been submitted to Anoka County and BWSR as required by statute. County has 90 days to fill the position.
 Memorial service is scheduled for Friday 10/13 2-5 PM at Thurston Deshaw Funeral Home in Andover

Proposed Amendments to 103D: No report

TH 65: At less than 30% design –District submitted additions to project management team meeting minutes emphasizing that storm water needs to be embedded into the design.

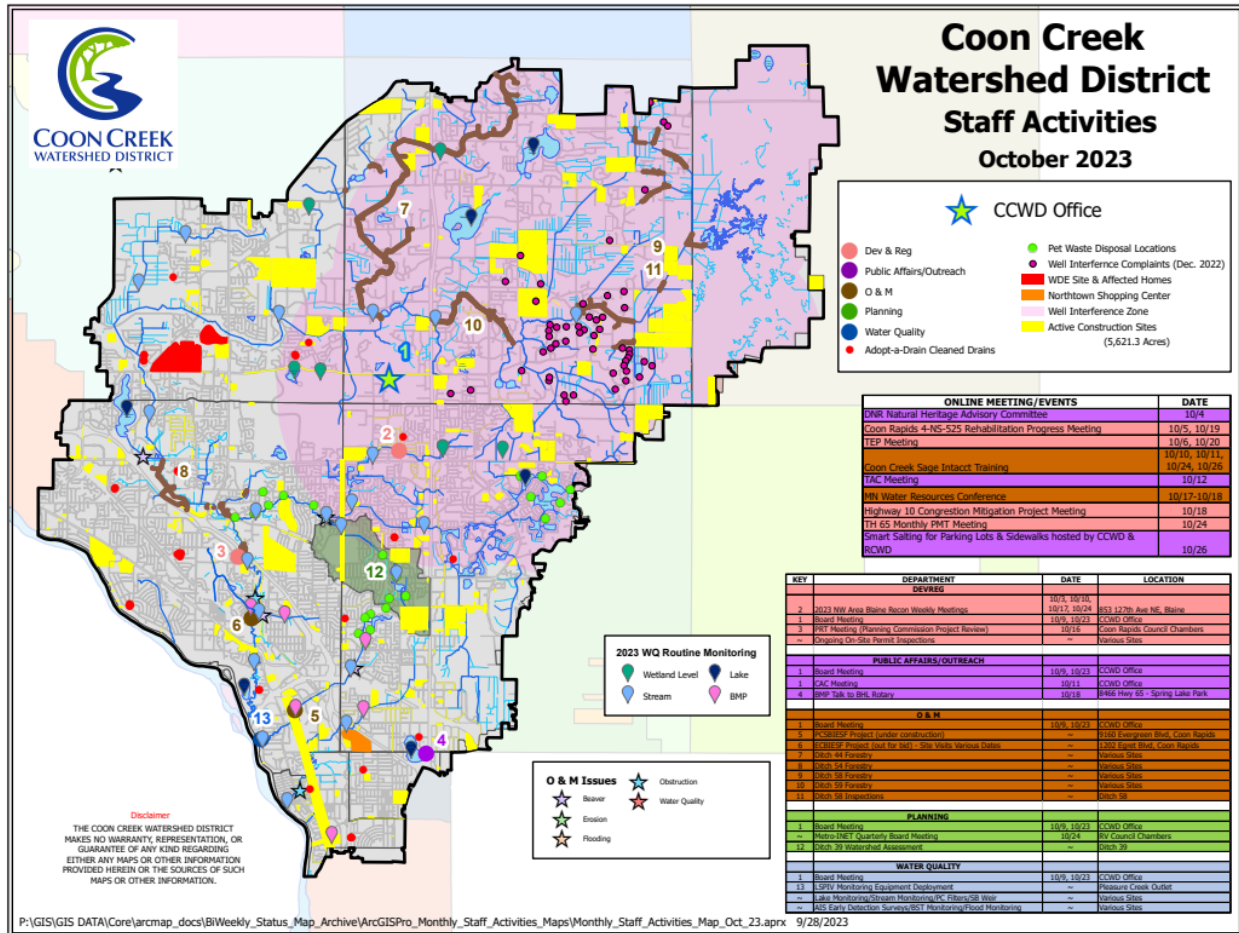
Problems, Issues and Concerns



EXECUTION

August Priorities

O&M	Planning	PGA	WQ	Development
Coon Rapids Dam Regional Park	2024 Budget	Website-Issues Reporting Mapfeeder module	Lake Monitoring	Water Quality Annex to Comprehensive Plan
2023 Routine Forestry	Comprehensive Plan	Article- November Ham Laker: Smart Salting	CWF Grant close Outs	CWF grant closeout: Aurelia Park
Ditch 20 Routine Inspection	Annual Plan Prep	Cohost Smart Salting Training	AIS Early detection Survey	FY 24 CWF RFP – LCCNR proposal evaluation



MANAGEMENT DISPOSITION

Financial Position:

September started with an operational fund balance of approximately \$1,179,219.32. 3.4% of those funds are restricted, leaving a working fund balance of \$1,138,469.32. Change in net cash position was -\$347,295.17. Balance of the escrow trust fund is \$2,126,596.12. Eight months into the fiscal year, the budget variance is -\$149,942 (22%) less than planned.

Equipment and Facilities:

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Staffing:

- Health: Overall health of staff is good
- Staff Availability: Over the month of September the District we will be at 90%
- Succession Planning: Development of the Succession Plan continues.
- Vacancies/New Hires
 - All positions a filled and new employees are engaged in on-boarding and position based training

**COON CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT
Request for Board Action**

MEETING DATE: October 9, 2023
AGENDA NUMBER: 7
ITEM: Advisory Committees Report

AGENDA: Policy Discussion Information

ACTION REQUESTED Receive Report

BACKGROUND

The Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) met in person on September 13th. The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) met virtually on September 14th.

- The next CAC meeting scheduled: October 11th at 4:30pm in person at the CCWD office.
- The next TAC meeting scheduled: October 12th at 8:30am hybrid with Zoom.

ISSUES/CONCERNS

Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC)

Most members were present in person at CCWD office except Ms. Goodboe-Bisschoff, Mr. Jones, and Mr. Nereson. Ms. Lind is now on the CCWD Board of Managers.

1. Announcements: None.
2. Update on 2024 Budget
 - a. The proposed 2024 budget was approved at Monday, 9/11, CCWD Board meeting, same budget as seen by the CAC. No comments or discussion followed.
3. Tim Kelly led a discussion on the Draft CCWD By-Laws; explained why the review now.
 - a. Clarification was requested about roles of the CAC in Article VIII, Section 1, and if the group feels that it need to be doing more as stated in draft by-laws about water-related community concerns or engagement activities or if the Board members would like this group to consider other items.
 - i. Mr. Kelly responded that the by-laws state minimum standards; providing comments on proposed budgets and watershed plans each year is an important element of the CAC and relates to water-related community concerns.
 1. Mr. Lindahl, ACD Supervisor, agrees that comments and recommendations associated with these items are a vital activity of the CAC.
 - b. Two responses were received by 9/19 deadline: No comment; Agreement with the drafted By-laws.
4. Tim Kelly announced that three new faces are coming in September: the replacement for Erik Bye, CCWD WD Specialist, is Kailee Hasbrook, formerly of Stantec, Inc; the new Administrative Assistant is Bobbie Law coming from Comfort Lake-Forest Lake WD; and a new Engagement Coordinator, Jessica Lindemeyer, is also coming from Comfort Lake-Forest Lake WD.

Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

All members were present with exception of Columbus and Spring Lake Park.

1. Watershed Status: still in Severe Drought status like much of Minnesota
2. Announcements:
 - Updates were given on the CCWD 2024 Budget (approved by CCWD Board as drafted),
 - CCWD Comp Plan status
 - i. Only comments on Water Quality chapter were received from Mark Hansen, Coon Rapids.
 - Staff Changes were announced.
3. Briefing: New 2023 MPCA Construction Site Permit, effective August 1, 2023:
 - not much public notice on it or about it from the MPCA
 - Andover, Blaine, Coon Rapids, Fridley – all were not aware (HL had left for another meeting).
 - Erin Edison, CCWD, is tracking the changes: the TAC was updated on these.
 - i. No comments or feedback were given after the briefing.
4. Old business: Plumbing code stormwater surcharge- prior decision is under consideration but so far no changes just more discussion and consideration. Mark Hansen reported that the MN City Engineering Association is taking lead along with League of MN Cities; it's only for State required plumbing permits and not if a city has its own plumbing inspector who can defer to City Engineer.

RECOMMENDATION

Receive Report

**COON CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT
Request for Board Action**

MEETING DATE: October 9, 2022
AGENDA NUMBER: 8
ITEM: Bills to Be Paid

FISCAL IMPACT: Budgeted
POLICY IMPACT: Policy

REQUEST
 Approve bills

BACKGROUND

Claims totaling \$92,361.40 on the following disbursement(s) list will be issued and released upon Board approval.

October 9, 2023		
To	Amount	
A 1 Floor and Carpet Care	1,076.25	
Centerpoint Energy	32.37	
Connexus Energy	239.54	
EOR	5,584.50	
Indigital	1,880.70	
Loffler	132.14	
Poop 911 of MSP	1,645.65	
Ranger Development LLC	3,220.25	Escrow Rtn
Redstone Construction	14,500.00	Escrow Rtn
Respec	7,432.50	
Ridgecrest Coon Rapids I LLC	3,213.75	Escrow Rtn
RMB Environmental Labs	2,127.40	
Stantec	38,171.34	
US Bank	11,623.39	
Well Groomed Lawns	775.84	
Xcel Energy	180.78	
YTS Companies	525.00	
	92,361.40	0.00

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VENDOR	Paid vendor #	Div	CheckID	RefDt	Ref	Desc	DistAmt	GLKey	GIObj	JlGr	JlKey	JLObj	Units	UnitPrice	Rate	Rev	Addr Cdr	DutyCd	Payment	Fiscal Year
	invoice date	invoice #												unit rate		Service address				
A1 FLOOR AND CARPET CARE INC	129035	CCWD	CC	09/28/2023	1023CCWD	DCT 2023 CLEANING SERVICE	1,076.25	8699560112	61105				1	1,076.25		RO	GEN	CHK	2023	
CENTERPOINT ENERGY	136202	CCWD	CC	09/29/2023	1090621-0923	ACCT 1090621-4 CCWD	32.37	8699560112	62225				1	32.37		RO	GEN	CHK	2023	
CONNEXUS ENERGY	131028	CCWD	CC	09/25/2023	253758-0923	ACCT 828846-253758 CCWD	239.54	8699560112	62226				1	239.54		RO	GEN	CHK	2023	
EMMONS & OLIVIER RESOURCES INC	249839	CCWD	CC	09/20/2023	01883-0001-9	PROJ101883-0001 SWEEPING STUDY	5,584.50	8699560112	61549				1	5,584.50		RO	GEN	CHK	2023	
INDINGTAL	249140	CCWD	CC	09/25/2023	13300	WO 18598 DOCUMENT SCANNING	1,880.70	8699560112	61549				1	1,880.70		RO	GEN	CHK	2023	
LOFFLER COMPANIES INC	134135	CCWD	CC	10/02/2023	4485827	ACCT CC16 CCWD SEPT 23	132.14	8699560112	62124				1	132.14		RO	GEN	CHK	2023	
POOP #11 OF MSP LLC	250897	CCWD	CC	09/01/2023	1036-166981	5 WEEKS CLEAN UP SERVICE SEPT 23	675.75	8699560112	63595		86122201	63595	1	675.75		RO	GEN	CHK	2023	
POOP #11 OF MSP LLC	250897	CCWD	CC	09/01/2023	1036-166981	5 WEEKS CLEAN UP SERVICE SEPT 23	238.50	8699560612	61549				1	238.50		RO	GEN	CHK	2023	
POOP #11 OF MSP LLC	250897	CCWD	CC	10/01/2023	1037-166981	4 WEEKS CLEAN UP SERVICE OCT 23	540.60	8699560112	63595		86122201	63595	1	540.60		RO	GEN	CHK	2023	
POOP #11 OF MSP LLC	250897	CCWD	CC	10/01/2023	1037-166981	4 WEEKS CLEAN UP SERVICE OCT 23	190.80	8699560612	61549				1	190.80		RO	GEN	CHK	2023	
RANGER DEVELOPMENT LLC	253008	CCWD	CC	10/09/2023	PAN 19-056	ESCROW REF-ARROYO VILLAS	3,202.25	8600000041	25412				1	3,202.25		RO	GEN	CHK	2023	
REDSTONE CONSTRUCTION	136170	CCWD	CC	10/09/2023	PAN 19-080	ESCROW REF-FOLEY CSAH 11 GR SEP	14,500.00	8600000041	25412				1	14,500.00		RO	GEN	CHK	2023	
RESPICE COON	212892	CCWD	CC	09/23/2023	INV-0923-068	PROJ 02734 GIS MTHLY SERVICES	7,432.50	8699560112	63010				1	7,432.50		RO	GEN	CHK	2023	
RIDGECREST COON RAPIDS I LLC	252193	CCWD	CC	10/09/2023	PAN 22-030	ESCROW REF-RIVERDALE COMMS 7TH ADDN	2,735.00	8600000041	25412				1	2,735.00		R1	GEN	CHK	2023	
RIDGECREST COON RAPIDS I LLC	252193	CCWD	CC	10/09/2023	PAN 22-030	REVIEW REF-RIVERDALE COMMS 7TH ADDN	478.75	8699560212	53191				1	478.75		R1	GEN	CHK	2023	
RMB ENVIRONMENTAL LAB INC	228886	CCWD	CC	09/18/2023	8010410	WOB010410 STREAM MONITORING	260.40	8699560512	61549				1	260.40		RO	GEN	CHK	2023	
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RMB ENVIRONMENTAL LAB INC	228886	CCWD	CC	09/25/2023	8010632	WOB010632 STREAM MONITORING	216.00	8699560512	61549				1	216.00		RO	GEN	CHK	2023	
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RIDGECREST COON RAPIDS I LLC	252193	CCWD	CC	10/09/2023	PAN 22-030	REVIEW REF-RIVERDALE COMMS 7TH ADDN	478.75	8699560212	53191				1	478.75		R1	GEN	CHK	2023	
STANTEC CONSULTING SERVICES	244057	CCWD	CC	09/27/2023	2136246	PROJ 22770566 PERMITS 2/3	20,873.59	8699560212	63246				1	20,873.59		RO	GEN	CHK	2023	
STANTEC CONSULTING SERVICES	244057	CCWD	CC	09/27/2023	2136244	PROJ 22770566 GENL ENGINEERING 9/23	3,878.75	8699560312	63246				1	3,878.75		RO	GEN	CHK	2023	
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STANTEC CONSULTING SERVICES	244057	CCWD	CC	09/27/2023	2136247	PROJ 227705673 OBM 9/23	115.25	8699560412	63246				1	115.25		RO	GEN	CHK	2023	
STANTEC CONSULTING SERVICES	244057	CCWD	CC	09/27/2023	2136247	PROJ 227705673 OBM-MOU AC 9/23	676.75	8699560412	63246				1	676.75		RO	GEN	CHK	2023	
STANTEC CONSULTING SERVICES	244057	CCWD	CC	09/27/2023	2136247	PROJ 227705673 PCSISF 9/23	280.50	8699560112	63595		86122102	63595	1	280.50		RO	GEN	CHK	2023	
STANTEC CONSULTING SERVICES	244057	CCWD	CC	09/27/2023	2136245	PROJ 227705668 PLAN 9/23	1,138.75	8699560312	63246				1	1,138.75		RO	GEN	CHK	2023	
STANTEC CONSULTING SERVICES	244057	CCWD	CC	09/27/2023	2136245	PROJ 227705668 LC CLUV REPL 9/23	3,879.00	8699560412	63246				1	3,879.00		RO	GEN	CHK	2023	
STANTEC CONSULTING SERVICES	244057	CCWD	CC	09/27/2023	2136245	PROJ 227705668 CD39 KNOLL CRK 9/23	2,420.00	8699560112	63246		86122203	63246	1	2,420.00		RO	GEN	CHK	2023	
US BANK	128761	CCWD	CC	09/25/2023	25-SEPT-2023	ACCT 4246 0445 5571 4595 CCWD	116.00	8699560312	61355				1	116.00		RO	GEN	CHK	2023	
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US BANK	128761	CCWD	CC	09/25/2023	25-SEPT-2023	ACCT 4246 0445 5571 4595 CCWD	80.29	8699560112	61559				1	80.29		RO	GEN	CHK	2023	
US BANK	128761	CCWD	CC	09/25/2023	25-SEPT-2023	ACCT 4246 0445 5571 4595 CCWD	17.19	8699560112	61149				1	17.19		RO	GEN	CHK	2023	
US BANK	128761	CCWD	CC	09/25/2023	25-SEPT-2023	ACCT 4246 0445 5571 4595 CCWD	95.55	8699560112	61105				1	95.55		RO	GEN	CHK	2023	
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Anoka County Board Approves Preliminary 2024 Property Tax Levy

The Anoka County Board of Commissioners approved a 15.44 percent preliminary property tax levy increase at the board's Sept. 26 regular meeting.

The county's Truth in Taxation meeting is at 6 p.m. Nov 30. Details about that meeting will be posted on the county's website, anokacountymn.gov. The Board of Commissioners will approve the final levy and budget during their 9:30 a.m. Dec. 1 meeting. The levy can be reduced prior to final approval, but it cannot increase.

The board noted, to lessen the financial burden felt by residents and businesses during the pandemic, the county was able to keep its property tax levy at a zero percent increase from 2021 to 2023.

Even with the 2024 preliminary amount figured in, Anoka County's annual levy increase has been one of the lowest in the metro area. The 5-year average is at 3.87 percent. This figure is lower than the pace of inflation, which was at 4.64 percent over the last 5 years.

Matt Look, chair, Anoka County Board of Commissioners, noted this year's preliminary levy is a departure from recent levies, and there are several reasons why the 2024 cap was set higher.

"This budget reflects direct and indirect spending," Look said. "Inflation is indirect spending — that's the cost of fuel, electricity, and more. Just about everything has increased substantially. Anyone who goes to a grocery store or does projects in their home knows that. In terms of the county's direct spending, the board made the choice last year to invest in our

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employees through a market wage adjustment, so we can attract and retain the best talent, which directly benefits the residents we serve. We've also had an increase in violent crimes, and we currently do not have enough staff in our Attorney's Office to prosecute all the offenders. If offenders are not prosecuted within a statutory timeframe, they can no longer be prosecuted. This is a public safety issue, and that's why we're hiring more attorneys. We're investing in our County Attorney's Office in a needed way that hasn't been done in the past."

Look and his fellow commissioners stressed that the 15.44 percent is the absolute maximum the county could levy, and work will be done over the coming months to hopefully reduce that number before a final levy is approved.

"We've invested a lot of time in working on the budget this year, and we are committed to looking at it even further, until December, so we can figure out more ways to reduce it," Look said. "We will be considering all suggestions from commissioners and county staff to further refine this budget."

Note: Anoka County only has authority over the county portion of the property tax bill; cities and school districts have their own taxing authority.

Rice Creek Watershed District looks to establish new tax district

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This photo was taken during a particularly bad algae bloom on Centerville Lake. Although the blooms aren't that bad all summer, they can be quite disruptive to homeowners and recreational users.

CENTERVILLE — Around the new year, residents/taxpayers who live along Centerville Lake will have the opportunity to weigh in on a proposal to establish a water management district.

Rice Creek Watershed District (RCWD) Lake and Stream Program Manager Matt Kocian explained that the watershed district, along with the Centerville Lake Association (CLA), have been talking about water quality issues on Centerville Lake for the past couple of years, as conditions continue to deteriorate.

“(According to our) water quality monitoring data, things have been getting a bit worse over the past couple of years,” Kocian said. “That’s concerning to us, obviously, it’s concerning to the residents who live on Centerville Lake, the Centerville Lake Association, Anoka County Parks and everybody who uses the Rice Creek Regional Park there.”

The main problem is algae blooms, which are driven by excess nutrients in the water, primarily phosphorus. The beach at the adjacent Rice Creek Chain of Lakes regional park is regularly closed due to health concerns from blue-green algae.

“We want to get an (alum) treatment because it is so bad... It’s not safe for dogs, it’s not safe for kids,” said CLA President Barry Stoffel.

Kocian said that RCWD has performed several diagnostic studies to try to determine where the excess phosphorus is coming from. “These studies are saying that a good portion of the excess phosphorus is just being recycled inside the lake. So, the sediments or the mud at the bottom of

the lake is releasing phosphorus, and phosphorus is being recycled that way out of the bottom of the lake,” he explained.

A commonly used tool to address frequent algae blooms and excess phosphorus is a chemical called alum sulfate, also known as alum. An alum treatment on Centerville Lake is estimated to cost between \$850,000 and \$1.3 million, depending on the selected dosing option. The project would be partially funded by project partners (city of Centerville, Anoka County) and through grant dollars.

In addition, the RCWD and CLA propose the establishment of a water management district.

“A water management district is like a special tax district that a watershed district could institute and manage for a project like this,” Kocian said.

Although the exact details are yet to be determined, Kocian said the district would likely run about 10 years, and people who live on the lake or have deeded access would then have to contribute a yearly amount that could range anywhere from \$150 up to \$600. Kocian says that likely 75 to 80 landowners would be affected.

“That’s a big range ... that’s what we’re waiting on right now, and we’ll have more clarity on that around the new year,” Kocian said. “The big X Factor is whether or not we can get grant dollars for this project.”

Once the watershed district knows if it will receive grant dollars, it will better be able to zero in on what the cost would be to individual landowners.

Kocian said it would be similar to the process that the RCWD used for Bald Eagle Lake to fund an alum treatment around 10 years ago.

The process for establishing a new water management district is a fairly lengthy process and defined by statute (103B.231, subds 7 and 9). It requires an amendment to the water management plan (WMP). After the district receives notice about its Clean Water Fund grant application (January 2024), the RCWD will ask its board to accept new WMP language to proceed with amendment. The amendment will go on the 60-day comment period, sent to the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR), the Met Council, and all cities, counties and conservation districts. RCWD will respond in writing to concerns. A public hearing will be held following the 60-day comment period. BWSR has up to 90 days for final review. After all that, RCWD would vote to accept the amendment. That would likely be in August 2024.

The district would start collecting revenue in 2025.

“We want to continue to preserve and clean up the lake and make sure that it is a clean, safe and lake. That’s really our main goal,” Stoffel said.

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