

COON CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT BOARD OF MANAGERS' MEETING

The Board of Managers of the Coon Creek Watershed District held their regular meeting on Monday, February 9, 2026, at the Coon Creek Watershed District Office.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:37 PM due to technical difficulties.

Board Members Present: Erin Lind and Jason Lund

Board Members Present via Zoom: Dwight McCullough. Mr. McCullough attended the meeting via Zoom due to illness, but his online attendance met the quorum.

Board Members Absent: Jim Hafner, Mary Campbell

Staff Present: Jon Janke, Justine Dauphinais, and Hattie Hillukka

Staff Present via Zoom: Michelle Ulrich and Tyler Thompson

2. Approval of the Agenda

Board member Lund moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Board member Lind. Roll call vote taken pursuant to Minn.Stat. 13D.02: Lind – Aye, Lund- Aye, McCullough – Aye. The motion carried with three (3) yeas (Board Members, Lind, Lund, and McCullough) and no nays.

3. Announcements

No announcements

4. Open Mic/Public Comment

No one was present for comment

CONSENT ITEMS

5. Approval of Minutes of January 26, 2026

6. Administrator's Report

7. Advisory Committee Report

8. Approval of Bills for Payment

Claims totaling \$61,746.52 on the following disbursement(s) list will be issued and released upon Board approval.

Vendor	Amount
V0008--US BANK	17,894.46
V0010--A1 FLOOR AND CARPET CARE	1,119.30
V0026--CITY OF COON RAPIDS	3,170.00
V0054--MICHELLE J ULRICH PA	5,012.50
V0111--WELL GROOMED LAWNS INC	452.00
V0128--YTS COMPANIES LLC	12,777.50
V0242--METRO I NET	7,330.00
V0352--HEALTH EQUITY INC	768.99
V0362--PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION	7,865.02
V0363--MINNESOTA STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEM	1,215.00
V0427--LANDCO HOLDINGS OF MINNESOTA LLC	4,021.75
V0428--JESSICA LINDEMYER	120.00
	61,746.52

No Permit Items

Board member Lund moved to approve the consent agenda. Seconded by Board member McCullough. Roll call vote taken pursuant to Minn.Stat. 13D.02: Lind – Aye, Lund- Aye, McCullough – Aye. The motion carried with three (3) yeas (Board Members, Lind, Lund, and McCullough) and no nays.

POLICY ITEMS

9. 2026 MS4 General Permit Comments

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) is currently seeking stakeholder input on an early draft of the 2026 MS4 General Permit during a pre-public notice period through February 13th. There will be a formal public notice period to follow. All comments will be publicly posted.

Each District staff member responsible for administering portions of the permit have reviewed applicable sections of the early draft MS4 General permit. Questions and concerns were compiled, shared, discussed, and refined at the District’s Technical Advisory Committee Meeting on January 8th, 2026, and at the Countywide MS4 taskforce meeting on January 13th, 2026.

Staff also attended the MS4 permit update session hosted by MPCA at the 2026 Minnesota Erosion Control Association (MECA) Conference. Unfortunately, staff left this session with more questions than answers, prompting a greater need to participate in the stakeholder input gathering process.

Based on the findings and exhibits as presented in the Staff Report, the staff recommendation was to authorize staff to submit the letter attached to the staff

report providing comments on the early draft 2026 Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) General Permit.

Board member Lind moved to Approve the recommendation for staff to submit the provided letter including comments on the early draft 2026 Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) General Permit. Seconded by Board member Lund. Roll call vote taken pursuant to Minn.Stat. 13D.02: Lind – Aye, Lund- Aye, McCullough – Aye. The motion carried with three (3) yeas (Board Members, Lind, Lund, and McCullough) and no nays.

PERMIT ITEMS

No Permit Items

DISCUSSION ITEMS

10. Annual Aquatic Invasive Species Update

Annually, District staff review the statewide priority list of Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) to identify those species that are at high risk for introduction and spread within Coon Creek Watershed District (CCWD). High risk is defined as a species on the current statewide priority list with a documented occurrence in Anoka County or one of the seven adjacent counties (based on local and [MN DNR Records](#) [updated Dec 16, 2025]).

Water Quality Coordinator Justine Dauphinais presented the Annual Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Update mentioning a correction from 17 species as stated on the staff report to the corrected number of 18 species. As of 2025, there are 18 high priority aquatic invasive species (AIS) that pose a risk to District waters, 11 of which have already been documented within the District. The District may play a role in managing these species on a case-by-case basis depending on extent and severity of impacts and feasibility, efficacy, and cost of control efforts.

Three new additional AIS's have been added to the list this year. First is Grass Carp, secondly is Brittle Naiad which is a plant, and lastly is Freshwater Jellyfish. There are also 3 new infestations in 2026 being Phragmites, Golden Clam and Rusty Crayfish.

Presently, District staff largely provide technical assistance with treatment planning and permitting, grant applications, and monitoring. The District also holds contingency funds to enable rapid response to new infestations for situations where infestations can be contained before they spread.

Based on the findings and exhibits as presented in the Staff Report, the staff recommendation was to receive the Annual Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) update.

Board member Lund moved to receive the Annual Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) update. Seconded by Board member Lind. Roll call vote taken pursuant to Minn.Stat. 13D.02: Lind – Aye, Lund- Aye, McCullough – Aye. The motion carried with three (3) yeas (Board Members, Lind, Lund, and McCullough) and no nays.

11. 2026 Projects and Activities

On December 8, 2025, the Board approved the District's 2026 budget and associated activities.

Administrator Jon Janke provided a map showing a visual overview of the planned 2026 activities illustrating the distribution of activities across the District. The map includes monitoring, planning, projects, grants, inspections, and maintenance. It is intended to serve as a general update and reference. Not all District responsibilities are location-based or reflected on the map.

No action was requested

12. Minnesota Watershed's Legislative Briefing

Mr. Janke discussed that Minnesota Watersheds has scheduled its annual Legislative Briefing and Day at the Capitol for March 3-4, 2026, in St. Paul, Minnesota. This annual event provides participating watershed organizations with legislative updates, opportunities to engage with state agencies and legislators, and time to discuss active legislative priorities.

Staff is requesting to identify any Board members who plan to attend so registration and participation can be coordinated and to confirm whether Board attendance may constitute a quorum, in which case staff will provide public notice consistent with open meeting law requirements. Currently Board Members Lund, Lind and McCullough are unable to attend. It is not determined at this time if Board Members Hafner and/or Campbell will be in attendance.

No action was requested

13. DNR Permit Application Completeness Meeting

Mr. Janke discussed that Minnesota Watersheds has scheduled a free virtual meeting for Wednesday, February 25, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. to present the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) permit application completeness expectations and associated review timelines. The meeting is open to watershed

board members, administrators, staff, and engineers from participating organizations.

Staff is requesting to identify any Board members who plan to attend this virtual meeting so that meeting access information can be shared directly and to confirm whether Board attendance may constitute a quorum, in which case staff will provide public notice consistent with open meeting law requirements. Board Member Lind is interested in attending if the workday allows, Board Members Lund and McCullough are unable to attend. It is not determined at this time if Board Members Hafner and/or Campbell will be in attendance.

No action was requested

14. Watershed Management Video

The purpose of this item is to provide Board members with accessible watershed management training resources to strengthen understanding of District roles, responsibilities, and governance and support more informed decision making.

In December 2025, a video series developed by the Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) for members of local government boards and commissions was shared with the Board.

At the January 12, 2026, Board meeting, the Board expressed interest in reviewing the video series at future meetings as time allows. This staff report is intended to serve as a standing reference so the Board may review the videos incrementally over time.

No action was requested

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

No items

ADJOURN

Board member Lund moved to adjourn at 6:17 pm. Seconded by Board member Lind. Roll call vote taken pursuant to Minn.Stat. 13D.02: Lind – Aye, Lund- Aye, McCullough – Aye. The motion carried with three (3) yeas (Board Members, Lind, Lund, and McCullough) and no nays.

President