

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 23, 2026, 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, Jim Hafner, Jason Lund, and Dwight McCullough.

Board Member Absent: Erin Lind

Staff Present: Jon Janke, Corinne Elfelt, Erin Margl, Jessica Lindemyer, Hattie Hillukka and Michelle Ulrich

2. Approval of the Agenda

Board Member McCullough moved to add Permit Item #7 P26-006 Kurvers Residence Home Build, to the Consent Items. Seconded by Board Member Lund. The motion carried with four (4) yeas (Board Members Campbell, Hafner, Lund, and McCullough) and no nays.

Board Member Lund moved to approve the amended agenda. Seconded by Board Member Campbell. The motion carried with four (4) yeas (Board Members Campbell, Hafner, 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 February 9, 2026

6. Bills/Accounts Payable

Claims totaling \$77,962.84 on the following disbursement list will be issued and released upon Board approval.

Stipulations:

none

Board Member McCullough moved to approve the Consent Agenda Items. Seconded by Board Member Lund. The motion carried with four (4) yeas (Board Members Campbell, Hafner, Lund, and McCullough) and no nays.

POLICY ITEMS

No policy items

PERMIT ITEMS – *(moved to Consent Agenda)*

DISCUSSION ITEMS

8. Confined Space Safety Policy

The purpose of this item was to present the Board with the Coon Creek Watershed District proposed Confined Space Safety Policy that supports implementation of a written confined space program. The program is intended to protect employee safety consistent with applicable safety regulations.

Based on the findings and exhibits as presented in the Staff Report, the staff recommendation was to discuss and consider adoption of Resolution Number 2026-03 Coon Creek Watershed District Confined Space Policy.

Board Member Campbell moved to adopt Resolution Number 2026-03 approving the Coon Creek Watershed District Confined Space Policy. Seconded by Board Member Lund. The motion carried with four (4) yeas (Board Members Campbell, Hafner, Lund, and McCullough) and no nays.

9. Draft District Rules

Staff are in the process of updating the District Rules. The purpose of this item is to obtain preliminary feedback on revision and forward the Draft District Rules to the District's advisory committees to collect feedback.

The intent of this update to the District Rules is to provide clarification on standards that have caused confusion during the permitting process and address any gaps that staff have identified since the current rules have been in place.

Based on the findings and exhibits as presented in the Staff report, the staff requested the Board review and forward the currently proposed revisions noted

No recommendation was made by staff as this is an informational item.

12. Governors Executive Order on Permitting Reform

This issue concerns the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's permitting efficiency. The Governor released this Executive Order after discovering it is taking far too long (up to 348 days) between applications and issuing air permits, some which are sizable potential pollutants. The Executive Order also addresses MPCA's permitting efficiency goals for its air, water and land permits. This can help watershed districts' permit efficiency with the Governor's support; and is a great initiative to use as momentum to promote positive change for future permitting.

No recommendation was made by staff as this is an informational item.

ADJOURNMENT

Board Member Campbell moved to adjourn at 6:06 pm. Seconded by Board Member Lund. The motion carried with four (4) yeas (Board Members Campbell, Hafner, Lund, and McCullough) and no nays.



President