

COON CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT
Request for Board Action

MEETING DATE: September 14, 2026
AGENDA NUMBER: 10
ITEM: 2027 Budget Hearing

FISCAL IMPACT: \$9,900,940 Budget; \$6,814,581 Proposed Property Tax Levy
POLICY IMPACT: Policy

REQUEST

Hold the public hearing, adopt the 2027 budget, and adopt the proposed 2027 property tax levy by resolution.

PURPOSE & SCOPE OF ITEM

To receive public comment on the proposed 2027 District budget and consider adoption of the 2027 operating budget and proposed 2027 property tax levy.

The budget establishes the planned revenues and expenditures needed to fund District programs and activities for 2027. The property tax levy is one source of revenue supporting the overall budget.

BACKGROUND

On March 24, 2026, the Board adopted the budget calendar and process for development of the 2027 budget.

Between April and August, the Board reviewed portions of the budget and three complete budget drafts as the proposed 2027 budget was developed and refined.

On August 10, 2026, the Board authorized distribution of the draft budget to the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) for review and comment.

On August 24, 2026, the Board received Draft 2027 Budget #3, reviewed the advisory committee feedback, ordered the September 14 public hearing, and directed staff to publish notice of the hearing.

Notice of the public hearing was posted on the District website and published in the District's official newspapers in advance of the hearing. The published notice is attached for the record.

PROCESS

1. Open the public hearing
2. Review the proposed 2027 budget
3. Receive public comments
4. Close the public hearing
5. Consider public comments
6. Adopt the 2027 operating budget
7. Adopt the proposed 2027 property tax levy by resolution

Proposed 2027 Budget:

Revenues	Proposed 2027 Budget	
Property Taxes	\$	6,814,581
Fees & Charges	\$	270,223
Grants	\$	2,575,911
Other Revenue	\$	200,000
Fund Balances	\$	40,225
Total Revenue	\$	9,900,940
Expenditures		
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Professional Services	\$	501,808
Operating Expenses	\$	442,234
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Total Expenditures	\$	9,900,940

ISSUES/CONCERNS

1. **Advisory Committee Review:** The CAC reviewed the draft budget on August 12, 2026. Discussion included questions regarding several budget line items and the decision-making process for proposed activities. The office remodel, consulting services, staff salaries, and general cost-effectiveness of budgeted items were among the primary topics discussed. The TAC reviewed the draft budget on August 13, 2026. No formal comments were received from the TAC.
2. **Public Comments:** No public comments on the proposed 2027 budget have been received through preparation of this staff report.
3. **Hearing Requirement:** MN Statute 103D.911 requires the Board to hold a public hearing before adopting the following year's budget. The budget must be adopted on or before September 15.
4. **Public Notice:** The hearing notice was published in the District's official newspapers and posted on the District website in advance of the hearing. The notice identifies the hearing date, time and location and invites public comment on the proposed budget and property tax levy.
5. **Budget and Proposed Levy:** Following the public hearing, the Board may adopt the budget as proposed or make modifications before adoption. MN Statute 103D.911 and 103D.915 require the District to determine the amount to be raised by property tax levy and certify the levy to the county auditor no later than September 15. The September levy serves as the District's proposed levy for the Truth-in-Taxation process. The final 2027 property tax levy will return to the Board in December.

RECOMMENDATION

Hold the public hearing and adopt the 2027 operating budget and proposed 2027 property tax levy by resolution.

RESOLUTION 2026-06**COON CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT
BOARD OF MANAGERS****RESOLUTION TO ADOPT 2027 BUDGET AND
DIRECT CERTIFICATION OF PROPERTY TAX LEVY
FOR TAXES PAYABLE 2027**

Manager _____ offered the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by
 Manager _____

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes sections 103D.911 and 103D.915 require that on or before September 15 of each year, the Coon Creek Watershed District Board of Managers (Board) adopt a budget for the next year and decide on the total amount necessary to be raised from ad valorem tax levies to meet the District budget, and that the District certify to the auditor of Anoka County the tax levy amount;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 103D.911, the Board held a public hearing, duly noticed, on September 14, 2026, on the proposed 2027 District budget, whereby all interested members of the public were afforded the opportunity to address the Board concerning the proposed budget and levy, and the Board is legally authorized to levy the tax described below;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Coon Creek Watershed District Board of Managers adopts a 2027 operating budget totaling \$9,900,940 for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2027 and ending December 31, 2027;

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The question was on the adoption of the Resolution and there were _____ yeas and _____ nays as follows:

Campbell	Yea _____	Nay _____
Hafner	Yea _____	Nay _____
Lund	Yea _____	Nay _____
McCullough	Yea _____	Nay _____
Schneider	Yea _____	Nay _____

Upon vote, the President declared the Resolution 2026-06 passed.

Jim Hafner
CCWD President
9/14/2026

NOTICE OF PROPOSED PROPERTY TAXES and BUDGET

The Board of Managers of the Coon Creek Watershed District will hold a public hearing on:

Monday, September 14, 2026
5:30 PM
Coon Creek Watershed District
13632 Van Buren St NE
Ham Lake, MN 55304

All residents of the Watershed District are invited to attend the public hearing on the proposed 2027 budget to express their opinions on the budget and the amount of property taxes the Board of Managers propose to collect to pay for District services to be provided in 2027. If the discussion on the budget cannot be completed, a time and place for continuing the discussion will be announced at the hearing. You are invited to send written comments to:

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