



BROWN'S CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT

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DRAFT Minutes of the regular meeting of the Brown's Creek Watershed District Board of Managers, Wednesday June 10, 2026

Roll call

Managers Present:	Others Present:
Klayton Eckles, President	Hannah Peterson, BCWD communications and project assistant
Chuck LeRoux, Vice President	Michael Welch, Smith Partners, BCWD counsel
Celia Wirth, Treasurer	Camilla Correll, EOR, BCWD engineer
Luke Mattson, Secretary	Alexander Furneaux, EOR
	Deven Lane, Washington Conservation District intern
Managers Absent:	Brian Van Rooyen, Toth Associates*
Griffin Brod, 2 nd Vice President	

*Attended virtually

1) Call to order

President Klayton Eckles called the regular meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

2) Approve agenda

Manager Wirth moved, seconded by Manager Mattson, to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion carried 4/0.

3) Public comments

There were no public comments.

4) Consent agenda

Luke Mattson requested removing item 4e, authorize tree removal services on the Brown's Creek Conservation Easement Area, from the consent agenda.

a) Approve minutes of the May 13, 2026, regular meeting as presented

b) Accept Permit Fee Statement as presented

c) Accept Authorized Funds Spreadsheet and approve revised 2026 Budget as presented

d) Authorize the payment of bills as presented, totaling \$86,902.13

f) Accept 2025 Audit and authorize distribution

g) Authorize registration, lodging, and expenses for staff for the Minnesota Watersheds summer tour not to exceed \$650 from account 200-4265

h) Authorize registration, lodging, expenses, and per diems for board managers for the Minnesota Watersheds summer tour not to exceed \$3,700 from account 200-4000

Manager Wirth moved, seconded by Manager LeRoux, to approve the consent agenda as amended. Motion carried 4/0.

- 1 e) **Authorize administrator to enter into an agreement upon advice of counsel with Woodchuck**
2 **Tree Care for tree removal services on the Brown's Creek Conservation Easement Area not to**
3 **exceed \$6,000 from account 935-0002**

4 Manager Mattson asked about the process of receiving quotes for work such as tree removal.
5 Hannah Peterson said that administrator Karen Kill worked with Washington Conservation
6 District staff to solicit quotes, but only two companies responded by the deadline. Celia Wirth
7 stated that she was pleased with tree-removal service Woodchuck recently provided to her.

8 **Manager Wirth moved, seconded by Manager Mattson, to authorize administrator to enter**
9 **into an agreement upon advice of counsel with Woodchuck Tree Care for tree removal**
10 **services on the Brown's Creek Conservation Easement Area not to exceed \$6,000 from**
11 **account 935-0002. Motion carried 4/0.**

12 **5) Permits**

- 13 a) **BCWD Permit #26-03: 7 Brew Coffee**

14 Camilla Correll presented the engineer's report on the application for a Brown's Creek
15 Watershed District permit for a new 7 Brew Coffee that would be constructed in place of the
16 current Ruby Tuesday in Oak Park Heights. She reviewed the stormwater management plan,
17 which includes an iron-enhanced biofiltration basin discharging to a stormwater management
18 pond on an adjacent property. The managers discussed concerns for the long-term monitoring
19 and maintenance of the iron-enhanced sand system, which is a new technology not often seen
20 in private projects. Michael Welch said that the maintenance would be included in the
21 stormwater maintenance declaration and that there are protocols and other examples that
22 could be referenced in drafting it. Brian Van Rooyen, representing the applicant, expressed
23 willingness to work with BCWD to make sure the declaration includes the necessary components
24 for an iron-enhanced system.

25 **Manager Wirth moved, seconded by Manager Mattson, to approve the application for permit**
26 **26-03 with the conditions and stipulations recommended in the engineer's report. Motion**
27 **carried 4/0.**

28 **6) Planning**

- 29 a) **2027-2036 Watershed Management Plan**

30 Ms. Peterson said that the draft in the meeting packet includes all changes made in response to
31 the responses to comments approved by the managers. She proposed creating a second, more
32 accessible version to include on the website once the plan is approved so that the main version
33 follows the format that staff and board members are familiar with. The managers supported this
34 approach.

- 35 i) **Public hearing**

36 President Eckles opened the public hearing on the final draft plan. There were no members
37 of the public present and no comments presented.

38 **Manager Wirth moved, seconded by Manager LeRoux, to close the public hearing.**
39 **Motion carried 4/0.**

1 **ii) Submit draft for 90-day review**

2 The managers shared their appreciation for the comments and positive support received.
3 Ms. Peterson said that next steps would include submitting to the Board of Water and Soil
4 Resources, presenting to BWSR's Central Region Committee, approval by the BSWR board,
5 and adoption by BCWD.

6 **Manager Wirth moved, seconded by Manager LeRoux, to authorize the interim**
7 **administrator to finalize the draft plan and submit the draft (showing amendments since**
8 **the 60-day review), all written comments received on the draft plan and responses, a**
9 **record of the public hearing, and a summary of changes incorporated as a result of the**
10 **review process to the Metropolitan Council, the state review agencies, and the Board of**
11 **Soil & Water Resources for final review and approval. Motion carried 4/0.**

12 **7) Projects**

13 **a) Brown's Creek Restoration Phase 2: Brown's Creek Cove land-use agreements**

14 Mr. Welch said that the agreement with Brown's Creek Cove Homeowner's association has been
15 signed, but the owners of the private property BCWD needs to access continue to express
16 concerns about the effect of the project on resale. The managers discussed a five- or seven-year
17 license as an alternative to an easement but would like longer commitments if possible. The
18 managers were supportive of the administrator exercising flexibility in working with the
19 landowners, and President Eckles encouraged legal counsel to find a way to make the
20 agreements run to any new property owner even though it isn't recorded.

21 **8) Discussion agenda**

22 **a) Updates**

23 **i) Administration**

24 Ms. Peterson said that the East Metro Water Resource Education Program 20th anniversary
25 celebration has been confirmed for Thursday September 29, 2026, at Rustic Roots and that
26 there is a sign-up available. She said that BCWD has been awarded the accelerated
27 implementation planning grant from the Minnesota Department of Health and that grant
28 agreement and project scope are likely coming in July. She also shared upcoming events
29 including a summer watercolor painting workshop at the Brown's Creek restoration area on
30 June 28; an event at Long Lake in collaboration with A House Unbuilt, three participating
31 artists and Jimmy Marty from EOR to celebrate the health of Long Lake and aquatic plants
32 on July 25, and the annual Community Watershed Celebration and Bird Festival on
33 September 19, which will be part of a Valley Climate Week put on by Sustainable Stillwater
34 this year. Ms. Peterson also shared the impervious land cover analysis was completed and a
35 presentation can be provided to the managers if desired.

36 **ii) Legal**

37 Mr. Welch said that BCWD staff are working to address the construction of a pole barn built
38 without a permit. Following up on a request from the managers last month, Mr. Welch also
39 reviewed legal requirements for of beaver removal from property, noting that landowners
40 can get permits from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources to take beavers
41 causing damage on their property or that licensed trappers can remove them during beaver-
42 trapping season. A permit from the city is not required.

1 **iii) Engineer**

2 Ms. Correll said that the design has changed for permit 25-30, but that it still meets BCWD's
3 rules so no further action is required from the board. Ms. Correll also said that the beaver
4 movie *Hoppers* will be playing at Stillwater's Summer Tuesdays on July 21.

5 **iv) Managers**

6 Manager Mattson asked about registration for the Minnesota Watersheds summer tour. He
7 and Manager Wirth confirmed they would be attending the Workshop on the Water in July.
8 President Eckles said he had a lot of upcoming travel that may prevent him from attending
9 public events but that he would be present for the board meetings. In response to a
10 question from President Eckles, Ms. Peterson shared that Washington County staff are still
11 actively trying to find a new manager.

12 **b) July 2026 Regular Meeting Agenda**

13 **9) Adjournment**

14 **Manager Wirth moved, seconded by Manager Mattson, to adjourn the regular meeting at**
15 **7:48 p.m. Motion carried 4/0.**

16 Respectfully submitted by Hannah Peterson, BCWD staff and Luke Mattson, Secretary