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 July 8, 2026

Roll call

Managers Present:	Others Present:
Klayton Eckles, President	Karen Kill, BCWD administrator
Chuck LeRoux, Vice President	Hannah Peterson, BCWD communications and project assistant
Celia Wirth, Treasurer	Michael Welch, Smith Partners, BCWD counsel
Luke Mattson, Secretary	Paul Nation, EOR, BCWD engineer
Griffin Brod, 2nd Vice President*	

*Attended virtually

1) Call to order

President Klayton Eckles called the regular meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. Manager Griffin Brod noted that he was attending virtually because he was feeling under the weather.

2) Approve agenda

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

	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Manager Eckles	X			
Manager LeRoux	X			
Manager Wirth	X			
Manager Mattson	X			
Manager Brod	X			

Motion carried on a roll call vote 5/0.

3) Public comments

There were no public comments.

4) Consent agenda

Luke Mattson requested removing item 4e, authorize interactive unique species inventory scope of work with Emmons and Olivier Resources, from the consent agenda for discussion.

a) **Approve minutes of the June 10, 2026, regular meeting as presented**
b) **Accept Permit Fee Statement as presented**
c) **Accept Authorized Funds Spreadsheet as presented**
d) **Authorize the payment of bills as presented, totaling $67,781.8**
f) **Authorize education event expenses not to exceed $3,650 from account 910-0000**

Manager Mattson moved, seconded by Manager LeRoux, to approve the consent agenda as amended.

	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Manager Eckles	X			
Manager LeRoux	X			

Manager Wirth	X			
Manager Mattson	X			
Manager Brod	X			

<u>Motion carried on a roll call vote 5/0.</u>

e) Authorize interactive unique species inventory scope of work with Emmons and Olivier Resources

Manager Mattson asked about the process for generating scopes of work for presentation to the board. Karen Kill explained that the scope for the unique species inventory is in the current plan as well as the plan update beginning in 2027. Manager Eckles asked about the use of iNaturalist and historical data, and the managers discussed keeping the exact locations of rare species private. Ms. Kill said that Hannah Peterson will work with EOR on how to share this information on the BCWD website.

<u>Manager Mattson moved, seconded by Manager Wirth, to authorize the interactive unique species inventory scope of work with Emmons and Olivier Resources not to exceed $2,856 from account 910-0000.</u>

	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Manager Eckles	X			
Manager LeRoux	X			
Manager Wirth	X			
Manager Mattson	X			
Manager Brod	X			

<u>Motion carried on a roll call vote 5/0.</u>

5) Policy

a) Capital improvement project engineering approach

Ms. Kill reviewed options for contracting with firms other than the district engineer for project design and management. She noted the projects in the memo in the packet that are in the new plan that would be good opportunities to explore requesting proposals from others. The identified projects present opportunities to develop solutions to problems to be explored, rather than those that EOR had the background on and had already identified possible solutions. The managers discussed seeking information on firms' capabilities and strong suits during the biennial solicitation process. They acknowledged that the project-specific process would take additional time to develop and review request for proposals. There was general concurrence on the projects in the updated plan that would be a good fit for requesting proposals from different engineers.

6) Discussion agenda

a) Updates

i) Administration

Ms. Kill said staff will be presenting on the updated plan to the Board of Water and Soil Resource's central region committee in early August. She said that the grant-funding agreements for phase two of the Brown's Creek restoration project require 10-year agreements with the private landowners, and that the landowners were agreeable as long as no encumbrance is recorded on their properties. She said that she was planning to meet again with the landowners to go over project details and that progress is being made with project permitting. Ms. Kill also updated the managers on the Applewood Hills Golf Course reuse project, and said that the pump is still not running and there are concerning chloride levels in the ponds to be used for reuse. She said she would bring more information to the August regular meeting. Ms. Peterson shared an update on upcoming events, noting the Long Lake event at the end of July in partnership with artists.

ii) Legal

Michael Welch said Minnesota Plumbing Board terminated its effort to adopt new rules prohibiting use of stormwater for irrigation after a hearing in June, but that a committee of the board will still discuss the issue.

iii) Engineer

Paul Nation said that he investigated the use of iron-sand infiltration in nearby watersheds for commercial projects. He said that it is being used for water-quality treatment, and watersheds have had to help developers with understanding maintenance needs.

iv) Managers

Manager Mattson asked about the grades in the permit inspection update, and Ms. Kill explained that the grading system describes how well each permitted project is doing at meeting the rules based on inspections.

b) August 2026 Regular Meeting Agenda

7) Adjournment

Manager Wirth moved, seconded by Manager Mattson, to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:34 p.m.

	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Manager Eckles	X			
Manager LeRoux	X			
Manager Wirth	X			
Manager Mattson	X			
Manager Brod	X			

Motion carried on a roll call vote 5/0.

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