

LOWER RUM RIVER WATERSHED MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION

MARCH 19, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Weaver called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. in the Workshop Conference Room of Anoka City Hall.

ROLL CALL

Voting members present were: Chris Riley, Ramsey; Jeff Weaver, Anoka; and Jonathan Shafto, Andover (arrived at 8:02 a.m.).

Voting members absent were: None.

Also present were: Deputy Treasurer Lori Yager, Ramsey Water Resources Technician Nathan Gillett, Anoka Assistant City Engineer Ben Nelson, Andover Natural Resources Technician Kameron Kytonen, Jamie Schurbon of Anoka Conservation District, Becky Wozney of Anoka Conservation District, Heather Lau of Barr, and Danielle Holder of Anoka Conservation District.

APPROVE AGENDA

Motion was made by Riley, seconded by Weaver, to approve the March 19, 2026, agenda as presented. Vote: 2 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

RESIDENT'S FORUM

None.

APPROVE MINUTES

February 19, 2026 Regular Meeting

Motion was made by Riley, seconded by Weaver, to approve the February 19, 2026, Regular Meeting minutes as presented. Vote: 2 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

FINANCE MATTERS

Treasurer's Report

Yager presented the Treasurer's Report for the period ending February 28, 2026. Account balances for the period were: Checking, \$189,536.08; less permit account balance of (\$37,806.41), less Generation Plan reserves balance of (\$38,493.43); for a total balance of \$113,236.24.

Shafto arrived.

Payment of Bills

Yager presented the payment of bills for Anoka Conservation District in the amount of \$3,550.25 (3rd and 4th quarter Water Coordinator), Barr Engineering in the amount of \$3,693.50 (January and February engineering services), TimeSaver in the amount of \$851 (February secretarial services),

Milestones Maple Grove in the amount of \$445 (Lil Explorers deposit refund), and League of Minnesota Cities in the amount of \$2,593 (2026 insurance).

Riley asked for more information about the insurance cost. Yager provided additional information on the required liability insurance for a government agency.

Motion was made by Riley, seconded by Shafto, to authorize payment as presented and indicated above. Vote: 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

LRRWMO Permit #2026-01 ~ Green Haven Villas ~ Anoka

Nelson reviewed the March 9, 2026, memo from Barr Engineering in which Barr Engineering recommends that the LRRWMO continue this item and extend the review period by 60-days until additional information to address the comments is provided for review.

Motion was made by Riley, seconded by Shafto, to continue Permit #2026-01, Green Haven Villas, Anoka, and extend the review period by 60-days, as detailed in the Barr Engineering memorandum dated March 9, 2026. Vote: 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

ACD Report of 2025 Work

Schurbon presented the ACD Report of 2025 work completed, including administrative and lake water monitoring.

Weaver noted the topographic maps provided for certain water bodies. Schurbon provided additional information on the water depths. Weaver asked if fish surveys are completed. Schurbon replied that they do not conduct fish surveys and agreed that there is not as much data on that topic present as other agencies reduce the frequency. Weaver stated that he would like to see that information included if it is available.

Kytonen acknowledged that this type of survey is done by the State and not ACD. Schurbon provided information on where that information could be found for those interested, if it exists. He stated that ACD could request that a fish survey be completed.

Schurbon continued to review the 2025 work results related to monitoring of the Rum River and tributaries.

Weaver acknowledged that water issues in a river can be impacted by actions upstream. Schurbon agreed and provided additional information on rivers and tributaries, acknowledging that some of the factors are natural and some are related to agriculture. He noted the importance of collaboration between entities to make improvements.

Riley recognized that the water quality is already coming into the watershed at the maximum level and asked if there are things that should be done upstream to improve the water quality. Schurbon stated that historically, the upstream entity has not done as much in terms of improvements. He noted increased funding that has been allocated, and projects are ramping up, but there will be a

lag time before those results are realized. He stated that the LRRWMO should continue to focus on its own efforts and continue to collaborate and support efforts upstream.

Weaver recognized that for the Rum River, the WMO is inheriting the impaired designation. Wozney stated that the LRRWMO should continue its efforts to maintain what it is doing for the river within the watershed. Schurbon noted that the permits that the WMO reviews each month ensure that new projects do not have a negative effect on the WMO and its water bodies.

Schurbon continued to review the 2025 work results, including high school biomonitoring, education and outreach, project funding, and completed projects.

Weaver noted input he received from a resident who was concerned with potential shore erosion that could occur south of the riprap. Nelson provided additional information and stated that the City of Anoka completed all work that was allowed under the permit that was issued. He noted that the City requested to extend the work, but the permitting agency would not allow it. Wozney noted that ACD could inspect that area and investigate whether additional work could be requested.

Schurbon continued to review projects within the WMO.

2026 Contract with ACD

Schurbon presented the scope of work within the 2026 ACD contract. He noted that with the proposed changes, the contract would remain in budget and would not change in cost from the 2025 contract.

Schurbon noted that monitoring of Lake Itasca was added as requested. Riley confirmed that he could provide the necessary access to the water body.

Motion was made by Shafto, seconded by Riley, to approve the 2026 contract with ACD as presented in the amount of \$61,380. Vote: 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

CONSIDER COMMUNICATIONS ~ None

REPORT OF OFFICERS & WAC ADMINISTRATION REIMBURSEMENT ~ None

ACD QUARTERLY REPORT ~ None

OLD BUSINESS ~ None

OUTSTANDING ITEMS/TASK CHECKLIST

Schurbon provided an update on the Rum River WBIF process. He reviewed the potential projects included within the LRRWMO area.

Wozney provided a staffing update for ACD.

Weaver asked and received confirmation that the ACD tree sale is still ongoing.

Riley noted that he was at the Capitol yesterday when it happened to be soil and water day. Wozney commented that ACD participated virtually in the event, meeting with different legislators.

OTHER BUSINESS ~ None

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Shafto, seconded by Riley, to adjourn the meeting. Vote: 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Time of adjournment: 8:56 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Amanda Staple". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "A" and a long, sweeping underline.

Amanda Staple
Administrative Secretary