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AGENDA

Date: 10 March 2026 **Attachment 2**

Time: 3:00 PM

Location: 2522 Marshall Street NE, Minneapolis, MN 55418

Agenda (D) — Signifies Decision Item

- 1) Welcome, Introduction of Commissioners and Roll Call
- 2) Approval of Agenda **(D)** Attachment 2
- 3) Approval of Minutes **(D)** Attachment 3
- 4) Consent Agenda **(D)** Attachment 4
 - a. 2026-007: CAC Appointment..... Attachment 4.1
 - i. CAC Review Worksheet..... Attachment 4.1.1
 - ii. CAC Application Attachment 4.1.2
 - iii. CAC Resume Attachment 4.1.3
 - iv. CAC Letter of Support Attachment 4.1.4
- 5) Reports from Staff..... Attachment 5
- 6) General Business..... Attachment 6
 - a. 2026-008: 5% Contingency Increase Upper Harbor REOA **(D)** Attachment 6.1
 - b. 2026-009: Action and Planning Grants **(D)** Attachment 6.2
 - c. 2026-010: Website Update **(D)**..... Attachment 6.3
 - d. 2026-011: Window Treatment Upgrade **(D)**..... Attachment 6.4
 - i. Amys Windows Quote Proposal..... Attachment 6.4.1
 - ii. Daley Electric LLC First Floor Quote Proposal Attachment 6.4.2

iii. Daley Electric LLC Second Floor Quote Proposal.....Attachment 6.4.3

7) Board Updates and Announcements

8) Open Public Input (Non-Agenda Items).....Sign-in Sheet

9) Adjourn **(D)**



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MEETING MINUTES

Date: 13 January 2026

Attachment 3

Time: 3:00 p.m.

Location: 2522 Marshall Street NE, Minneapolis, MN 55418

Commissioners in Attendance

Connie Buesgens, Columbia Heights and Hilltop; Ann Bolkcom, Fridley; Jeff Dains, Lauderdale (online); LaTrisha Vetaw, Minneapolis (online), Lona Doolan, St. Anthony Village; Michael Lukes, St. Paul; and Meg Fourney, MPRB (online).

Staff and Guests: Emmy Baskerville-Doeckel, Adam Flett, Shameka Gherau, Akadia Johnson, Abby Moore, Kevin Reich, Emily Resseger, and Nancy Stowe, MWMO; Glenda Meixell, Anoka Conservation District; Sarah Nassif, Artist in Residence; and Amy Juntunen, JASS.

The meeting was called to order at 3:01 p.m. by Chair Buesgens.

New Commissioner Meg Fourney, 13-year member on the Minneapolis Parks & Recreation Board, was introduced.

Approval of Agenda and Minutes

Motion by Bolkcom, second by Doolan to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Dains, second by Doolan to approve the minutes of the November 18, 2025 regular meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda

Motion by Bolkcom, second by Lukes to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Reports from Staff

Sacred Water Shared Future

The year 2026 is the launch of the Sacred Water Shared Future outreach campaign. MWMO has been partnering with several organizations for the past five years. Originally the Mississippi Centennial Celebration, this campaign celebrates 100 years of Mississippi River restoration efforts. In 1926, the Mississippi was officially declared “dead” after a survey found only two living fish between Minneapolis and Red Wing. The river is much healthier today thanks to restoration efforts. Throughout 2026, the MWMO and this campaign will acknowledge that progress and educate on more actions to protect and improve the river. Partner organizations from throughout the area will be hosting events directly related to this campaign all through the year, with the goal of creating a community effort to keep the river clean and healthy. The website is now live at <https://sacredwatersharedfuture.org/> and includes a list of partner events. Events are focused in the metro, but partner organizations and cities are able to add events up and down the river. A media kit regarding the Sacred Water Shared Future campaign will be added to the MWMO website, and Moore will send information directly to member cities and Commissioners. Starting this weekend, Met Council will be hosting an art shanty at Lake Harriet in support of the campaign. Fourney noted that MPRB is hosting an open house for North Mississippi Regional Park from 6:00-7:30 p.m. at Webber Recreation Center.

Project Maintenance Initiative

In the late 2010s, MWMO staff recognized a lack of maintenance on BMP installations owned by project partners, which compromised the effectiveness and benefits of these projects, impacting MWMO investments. Staff then explored the gaps and barriers to partners conducting maintenance. Seven key areas were identified: O&M plans, design issues, agreements/contracts, MWMO structure, partner limitations, skilled workforce, and lack of inspections. Staff then considered different approaches to address these areas by impact and viability. Current focus is on support for project owners, strengthening agreements, and workforce development. Each of these foci includes several actions, like: conducting inspections and outreach to owners to learn their barriers. These actions are separated into physical issues like vegetation management, sediment, and conveyance issues or coordination issues such as lack of attention, design problems, and labor needs. MWMO has added a project establishment period to include funding schemes, performance standards, warranties, and long-term agreements/partnerships to strengthen agreements. For workforce development, MWMO has continued sponsoring the Mississippi Green Team, Green Infrastructure Inspection Team (GrIIT), interagency connections, and supporting internal and external training.

In 2024, performance-oriented guiding principles for the program were drafted. MWMO does not own many of the partner projects it supports financially and technically, requiring ongoing

collaboration with project partners. The programmatic framework includes dedicated staff time, embracing the skills, interests and abilities of the whole MWMO team, and exploring MWMO's offerings, risks and funding models. Staffing for this effort is an ongoing conversation. Staff continue to add and hone tools and resources, expand efforts to reach more project partners, define staff roles in this program and adapt for capacity with staff and funding. MWMO currently has about 300 projects installed, so inspecting them all or reaching all partners is a serious undertaking. The Walker Sculpture Garden feasibility study is underway to correct issues with that installation.

MWMO Audit Planning Letter

Reich shared the letter from the Auditor notifying the Board of audit timing. The audit will be moved into the first quarter instead of mid-year.

General Business

2026-002: Artist in Residence 2026

Staff are requesting funding for another year to support the artist-in-residence (AIR) program. Sarah Nassif is a local artist and botanist and has been working as the MWMO AIR since 2021. The art program has helped create connections and conversations in the community through events and exhibitions, which is very important in building public trust and support. Nassif, with MWMO, provides hands-on, engaging, creative experiences, fostering curiosity and allowing for longer conversations and engagements. Since 2021, Nassif has hosted Weaving Water workshops, reaching 4622 individuals. In 2025 alone, there were 2,832 participants with four new community partners. Nassif also had pieces hosted in two long-term exhibitions in downtown Minneapolis. The broader impact includes presenting at the MN Water Resources Conference, attending the Catalyst Professional Conference, and increased press coverage for MWMO, including one article written by Nassif and two about her and her work. In 2025, MWMO also hosted two exhibits and worked to develop the AWE (Art, Water and Ecology) Network and launch the website artwaterecology.org. The 2026 plan includes developing an internal toolkit for staff, implementing an evaluation strategy, hosting more workshops/events, and expanding the AWE network with events and connections.

Motion by Bolkom, second by Doolan to approve Resolution 2026-002 approving \$45,000 for the MWMO artist-in-residence 2026 program. Motion carried unanimously.

2026-003: Demolition of 1720 Marshall Street Building

In early 2025, Hennepin County began planning reconstruction of Marshall Street NE. MWMO completed a feasibility study to identify opportunities for water quality improvements in the area. There are several major trunk storm sewer crossings at Marshall Street NE and 11 outfalls to the Mississippi in the reconstruction area between Lowry and 3rd Avenue NE. The study identified 76 potential BMP locations, which were then narrowed down to the two highest-ranking projects – one on this MPRB-owned property that drains about 40 acres and currently discharges a lot of sediment and TP. MPRB plans to build a park on this property. The building needs to be demolished to allow for site grading in preparation for BMP installation. The park project will include shoreline restoration, connecting to existing bike/pedestrian paths, and a potential pedestrian bridge over the river. Staff are requesting \$500,000 to partner with MPRB on initial site preparation, including building demolition, to allow for future construction of a regional stormwater treatment facility. Altogether, this will be a multi-million dollar project. Reconstruction of Marshall Street is expected to begin in 2027.

Motion by Doolan, second by Lukes to approve Resolution 2026-003 initial site preparation at 1720 Marshall Street in collaboration with MPRB at a cost not-to-exceed \$500,000. Motion carried unanimously.

2026-004: Remediation of UPI Site Improvements

MWMO has partnered with Edison High School to create the Northeast Green Campus Initiative, installing several BMPs on the school campus. Edison and Spark Y have integrated the stormwater BMPs into the school's educational curriculum. Additional aspects of the original Green Campus Plan were not incorporated as they required additional land to the south, the former Universal Plating "UPI" site owned by Hennepin County. This site faces pollution issues that were too costly to address at the time. MWMO has worked with the County to secure funding from the state, Met Council, Hennepin County Environmental Response Fund (ERF), and an EPA grant in partnership with the County. The County has already spent approximately \$1 million on cleanup efforts. Total cost for cleanup is now \$2.6 million. Match for the grants secured is \$306,000, about 11% of the total cleanup cost. Pollution on this site has degraded water quality to the aquifer and surface water. As part of the green campus expansion, a senior housing element and Spark Y youth workforce training center, built by partners Clare Housing, Spark Y, and MPS, are also planned for construction on this site.

Motion by Lukes, second by Doolan to approve Resolution 2026-004 approving funds contributing to the remediation of the former UPI site in the amount of \$308,000. Motion carried unanimously.

2026-005: Jackson Square Park Improvements

Jackson Square Park is the most publicly used space in the NE Green Campus area. This property is adjacent to Edison High School and has planned upgrades to the girls' softball field in 2026 that could allow for the expansion of the green campus. Further upgrades to the park in 2027 could allow for additional projects. Staff is requesting \$490,000 for BMP installation at Jackson Square Park.

Motion by Bolkom, second by Doolan to approve Resolution 2026-005 approving \$490,000 to advance NE Green Campus objectives at Jackson Square Park. Motion carried unanimously.

2026-006: Election of MWMO Officers

Nominations included Buesgens, Chair; Doolan, Vice Chair; and Vetaw, Treasurer.

Motion by Vetaw, second by Lukes to approve officers as nominated and 2026 meeting dates as listed in attachment 6.4. Motion carried unanimously.

Open Public Input

None.

Board Updates and Announcements

Doolan noted that she attended the Watershed Democracy Workshop hosted by the U of M. Reich was a presenter. There were about 60 attendees.

Lukes announced that the Kasota Ponds cleanup will take place on the second Saturday in April. Buckthorn removal is also planned in the area.

Vetaw noted that she believes she will be reappointed to the MWMO Board for 2026, but it is not official yet.

Adjourn

There being no further business, motion by Doolan, second by Bolkom to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 4:54 p.m.



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Request for Board Action

Attachment 4.1

Agenda Item: Appointment of Community Advisory Committee Member

Presenter: A. Flett

Meeting Date: 10 March 2026

Flexibility: Yes No

Estimated Time: Consent Agenda 10 Min. 15 Min. 30 Min. 45 Min. 1 Hour

Action Request: Information/Review Motion to approve Budget Change Other

Board Action: Approved Denied Tabled Accepted Report Other

Date of Action: 10 March 2026

Background

Kimberly is a dedicated resident of Minneapolis and a Water Resources Engineer at the consulting firm SRF, working to help communities with a variety of civil engineering projects with a focus on protecting water quality. She specializes in hydraulic & hydrologic (H&H) modeling and has a unique skill set that is not currently represented on the committee.

Kimberly has also worked with MWMO on a past feasibility study to improve water quality outcomes along the Lowry Avenue corridor in Northeast. She provides new perspectives from her respective communities and organizations in Minneapolis and the Lynnhurst area, and as an individual in our watershed with truly relevant and beneficial expertise that could serve the CAC for years to come.

The MWMO staff recommends the Board appoint Kimberly Baker to the at-large Advisor Committee seat. This would fill an open seat that was recently vacated by Sam Westlund.

Applications, resumes and letters of support provided by new applicants are attached – ATT 4.1.2 to ATT 4.1.4.

CAC Membership Policy

All positions:

Preference is given to applicants who are:

- Residents of the MWMO
- Residents of a subwatershed flowing into the MWMO
- Employer or employee in the MWMO
- Employer or employee from a subwatershed flowing into the MWMO

Current open and filled positions on the CAC:

Columbia Heights (one): Sarah Evenson

Fridley (one): Open

Hilltop (one): Open

Lauderdale (one): Open

Minneapolis Communities (five):

North: Akia Vang

Northeast: Mary Fitzgerald

Downtown: Gareth Becker

South: Open

Southwest: Jared Langer

Saint Anthony Village: Natalie Warren (applicant)

Saint Paul (one): Open

At-Large Positions (five):

NOTE: At-large representatives cannot all be from the same city

Perry Dean (Minneapolis)

Allison Graper (Minneapolis)

Kimberly Baker (Minneapolis — current applicant)

Mississippi Watershed Management Organization

RESOLUTION 2026-007

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC) MEMBER

WHEREAS, The Community Advisory Committee (CAC) fulfills legislative requirements for watershed management organizations (Minnesota Rules 8410); and

WHEREAS, The CAC meets at the request of the MWMO Board of Commissioners to assist the MWMO in managing the water resources of the Mississippi Watershed; and

WHEREAS, The MWMO CAC Policy requires approval of CAC member appointments by the Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, Staff recommends the Board of Commissioners appoint the attached new applicant.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the MWMO Board of Commissioners appoints Kimberly Baker to the Community Advisory Committee to represent the watershed At-Large and authorizes MWMO staff to take all necessary actions to implement this resolution.

Adopted this on the 10th day of March, 2026.

Review for the Board: _____

Connie Buesgens, Chair

Review for Administration: _____

Kevin Reich, Executive Director

Community Advisory Committee Selection Criteria

The following criteria will be used to review all Community Advisory Committee (CAC) applications, in order to fairly and consistently select CAC members. The CAC Membership Policy and Code of Conduct may be found at [Community Advisory Committee - MWMO](#).

Name: Kimberly Baker

Position applied for: Minneapolis- At-Large

The position is currently: Open Filled

Status: New applicant Incumbent Former member

The applicant:

- Resides in the MWMO
- Resides in a subwatershed flowing into the MWMO
- Employer or employee in the MWMO
- Employer or employee from a subwatershed flowing into the MWMO
- Resides outside of the MWMO

Current or past involvement with MWMO:

Yes	Unsure	No	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1. Does the applicant have the ability to complete the assigned responsibilities of the CAC?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2. Are there any obvious conflicts of interest?
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	3. Does the applicant's background/experiences/interests add value, new perspective or diverse experience to the CAC?
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	4. Will the applicant provide a perspective that reflects the watershed's constituency?
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	5. Is the applicant currently active in civic, professional, community or volunteer groups? (Or has been active in the past?)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	6. Did the applicant provide a letter of support?
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	7. Did the commissioner for that area approve me moving their name forward to Board?

Comments: Kimberly Baker would be a great addition to the MWMO CAC and would bring a unique perspective from their varied experience both personally and professionally in environmental efforts.

Recommended **Not Recommended**



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CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MWMO Citizen Advisor Application

Personal Contact Information

Name: Kimberly Baker

Address: 4657 Aldrich Ave. S, Minneapolis, MN

Home Phone: N/A

Cell Phone: 952-288-8177

Work Phone: N/A

Email: baker.kimberlysarah@gmail.com

Occupation: Water Resources Engineer

Employer: SRF Consulting Co.

Preferred Method of Contact:

Email Home Phone Cell Phone Work Phone

Availability for Meetings:

Weekdays Weeknights Weekends

Please answer the questions on the following page.

MWMO CITIZEN ADVISOR APPLICATION

Application Questions

Please answer the questions below as fully as you can. The text boxes will expand as you type.

1. Why would you like to serve on the Citizen Advisory Committee? (Please answer completely.)

I am passionate about protecting and preserving our environment. Minneapolis has many natural amenities I hope to see flourish and expand in the changing climate. My finance and I are new homeowners in the Lynnhurst neighborhood and I see the technical skills I've gained in 10+ years working as a water resources engineer as a great opportunity to contribute to improving our community.

I am excited for the opportunity to be a voice for South Minneapolis and Lynnhurst water quality projects. In my time in consulting, I've seen the success of a project often depends on involving the community early and tailoring a solution that centers around the needs and strengths of those supporting and maintaining the better management practices (BMPs). I plan to engage with community members to determine solutions that both improve the Mississippi River's water quality and are practical for local neighborhoods.

2. Describe your background, interests and expertise that would support your involvement with the CAC, such as experience in natural resources, education, government, planning, community engagement, etc. Include any applicable experience with civic, professional, community and volunteer organizations. (Please attach a resume. Resumes are not required, but assist staff in reviewing applications.)

I currently work as a water resources engineer for SRF Consulting and have worked in the industry for over ten years. I have a bachelor's and master's degree in civil engineering, focused in environmental engineering. My area of expertise is hydraulic and hydrologic modeling and I have assisted in water management projects for the city of Minneapolis as well as many areas throughout Minnesota and the country.

Outside of my technical background, I volunteer as a board member and Vice President of Finance for the Minneapolis-St. Paul alumnae chapter of my college sorority and have enjoyed facilitating events to connect members in the area.

I have also served as the secretary for my condominium HOA and have experience working with the association's homeowners and renters in Minneapolis.

I look forward to applying the skills and connections I've made in these roles to have a meaningful impact on the Citizen Advisory Committee.

3. How did you hear about this opportunity?

MWMO Website Neighborhood Group

MWMO CITIZEN ADVISOR APPLICATION

Please return completed and signed application to:

Adam Flett
Communications & Outreach Specialist
Mississippi Watershed Management Organization
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Include a Letter of Support with your application. These letters can come from your city, a neighborhood group or a civic organization in the area where you reside and with which you are involved. Applications are accepted year-round and open positions may be filled throughout the year. Applications to replace incumbents are due by Dec. 15. Applications are reviewed by the MWMO staff and the MWMO Executive Committee using the CAC Selection Criteria, and are approved by the MWMO Board of Commissioners. Appointment is for one year and is renewable annually. After appointment, all CAC members will be asked to sign the CAC Code of Conduct agreement. To review the Citizen Advisory Policy, Code of Conduct and Selection Criteria, visit: mwmo.org/cac.

Contact

Adam Flett
Communications & Outreach Specialist
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Kimberly Baker, PE

Engineer III – Water Resources



Kimberly has over 10 years of experience in water resources engineering. She specializes in hydraulic and hydrologic (H&H) computer modeling using a variety of stormwater management softwares. Her past projects include developing and updating H&H models to characterize watershed hydrology, determine flooding extents in both rural and urban settings, establish network deficiencies, and evaluate flood risk reduction opportunities. She has managed hydraulic, hydrologic, and water quality projects and assisted industrial and municipalities in determining effective water management solutions. Her software experience includes XPSWMM, PCSWMM, InfoSWMM, HydroCAD, P8, HECHMS, WaterGEMS, ArcGIS, and ArcGIS Pro.

Areas of Expertise

- Hydraulic and Hydrologic Modeling
- Water Quality Modeling
- Alternatives Analysis
- Future Rainfall Modeling
- GIS

Education

Civil Engineering, Case
Western Reserve University,
BS, MS

Certifications

PE (MN)

Project Experience

Apple Valley, Minnesota*. Created a P8 model for a subwatershed assessment of the Keller Lake watershed to identify potential projects for the City to achieve its wasteload allocation. The water quality modeling assisted the City in developing a feasibility study for potential projects (Redwood Pond).

City of Farmington, Minnesota*. Served as project manager as well as performed hydraulic and hydrologic modeling analysis utilizing the City's XPSWMM model to determine a solution to flood inundation in Farmington Industrial Park.

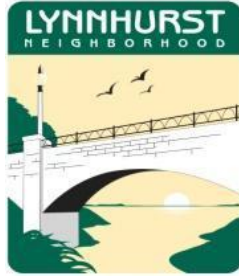
Blue Line Extension, Minneapolis, Minnesota. Analyzed potential flood mitigation solutions using the City of Minneapolis' existing XPSWMM model to eliminate inundation along the proposed track alignment.

State Highway 59, Waukesha, Wisconsin. Converted and updated an existing XPSWMM 2D model to PCSWMM 2D to analyze the impact of proposed highway design for stormwater management.

Cole County, Missouri*. Created a PCSWMM model from City data and survey to analyze existing conditions and determine effective stormwater management options to reduce inundation throughout the county.

Marathon Petroleum, Mandan, North Dakota*. Managed water quality and PCSWMM modeling for Marathon's Mandan refinery. The analysis determined the refinery's lagoon overflow risk and expected water quality treatment for a variety of simulated events.

**Completed with a previous employer*



January 8, 2026

Mr. Adam Flett,

The Lynnhurst Neighborhood Association (LYNAS) is writing in support of Kimberly Baker's application to the Citizen Advisory Committee of the Mississippi Watershed Management Organization. LYNAS' board interviewed Kimberly and were impressed with her experience in water resource engineering coupled with the energy and enthusiasm she expressed at the prospect of serving the watershed. We are excited to have one of our newest residents be considered for this committee, joining in the Lynnhurst traditions of civic engagement and volunteerism.

Thank you for your consideration,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Patrick McDougale". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Patrick McDougale

Lynnhurst Neighborhood Association Livability Chair
On behalf of the Lynnhurst Neighborhood Association



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Request for Board Action

Attachment 5

Agenda Item: Staff Updates

Presenter: Various

Meeting Date: 10 March 2026

Flexibility: Yes No

Estimated Time: Consent Agenda 10 Min. 15 Min. 30 Min. 45 Min. 1 Hour

Action Request: Information/Review Motion to approve Budget Change Other

Board Action: Approved Denied Tabled Accepted Report Other

Date of Action: 10 March 2026

Background

Nancy Stowe

- Introducing Watershed Systems Coordinator Grace Polverari



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Attachment 6.1

Agenda Item: 5% Contingency Increase on Remaining Projects in the Upper Harbor REOA

Presenter: D. Kalmon

Meeting Date: 10 March 2026

Flexibility: Yes No

Estimated Time: Consent Agenda 10 Min. 15 Min. 30 Min. 45 Min. 1 Hour

Action Request: Information/Review Motion to approve Budget Change Other

Board Action: Approved Denied Tabled Accepted Report Other

Date of Action: 10 March 2026

Background

The current Upper Harbor Reciprocal Easement and Operating Agreement (REOA) was approved on 2/1/23. The REOA established a 10% contingency on the 13 capital projects that are a part of the Upper Harbor District System. Change order requests beyond 10% require Board approval for final payment.

The REOA's contingency was set aside to cover unexpected costs that arise after work begins. This is intended to cover things we can't fully predict during estimating. It's meant to accommodate items like:

- Hidden conditions (poor soil, unknown utilities)
- Design or scope changes (owner requests, code-required changes, plan corrections)
- Unforeseen site issues (weather delays, access constraints, extra excavation)

In short, contingency is a financial buffer that lets projects keep moving without constant reapprovals and construction delays, even in the face of surprises.

Staff reviewed contingency expenses on the following 4 projects under construction during the past 2 years (2024 -2026).

- MPRB Parcel 2 exceeded its contingency by 47%
- Southern Regional Treatment exceeded its contingency by 30%
- Northern Common Reuse (Used contingency but did not exceed the 10%)
- Parkway Phase 1 (Used contingency but did not exceed the 10%)

The following specific site conditions were identified after work started, and resulted in an exceedance of contingency:

- removal of remanent RR spurs
- dewatering and testing of polluted groundwater
- undetected clay soil lenses that require design and installation modifications from infiltration to filtration practices
- the testing, adding, and removal of soils
- redesign and repairs due to geology, soil conditions, vandalism

To avoid future project delays due to these newly discovered site conditions and costs, staff are requesting an increase in contingency from 10% up to 15% for each of the remaining individual projects listed in the REOA. This excludes the completed City Phase 1 Parkway and MPRB Parcel 2 Mass Grading and Shoreline projects.

The total increase in potential contingency expenditures across the 11 remaining projects would be \$580,853.00.

Mississippi Watershed Management Organization

RESOLUTION 2026-008

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN INCREASE IN CONTINGENCY FROM 10% UP TO 15% FOR EACH OF THE REMAINING INDIVIDUAL PROJECTS LISTED IN THE UPPER HARBOR RECIPROCAL EASEMENT AND OPERATING AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, MWMO's 10-year Plan establishes a goal to protect and improve the Mississippi River by implementing stormwater management practices in highly urban settings that enhance habitat structure and ecosystem function; and

WHEREAS, The Upper Harbor District System treats stormwater runoff from the 50-acre site before it discharges into the Mississippi River; and

WHEREAS, The Upper Harbor Reciprocal Easement and Operating Agreement (REOA) established a 10% contingency for each of the 13 District System's capital project Phases; and

WHEREAS, The first two years of constructing the District System's projects revealed multiple site conditions and costs that could not have been predicted during estimating; and

WHEREAS, MWMO staff are requesting to add these known conditions and costs to each of the 11 remaining District System Phases which exclude the City Phase 1 Parkway and MPRB Parcel 2 Mass Grading and Shoreline; and

WHEREAS, Staff recommends the Board of Commissioners approve an increase in contingency from the existing 10% up to 15% for each of the 11 remaining individual District System Phases listed in The Upper Harbor Reciprocal Easement and Operating Agreement.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the MWMO Board of Commissioners approves the increase in contingency from the existing 10% up to 15% for each of the 11 remaining individual District System Phases listed in The Upper Harbor Reciprocal Easement and Operating Agreement and authorizes MWMO staff to take all necessary administrative actions to implement the resolution.

Adopted this on the 10th day of March, 2026.

Review for the Board: _____

Connie Buesgens, Chair

Review for Administration: _____

Kevin Reich, Executive Director



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Attachment 6.2

Agenda Item: Stewardship Fund — 2026 Action & Planning Grants

Presenter: E. Baskerville Doeckel and A. Flett

Meeting Date: 10 March 2026

Flexibility: Yes No

Estimated Time: Consent Agenda 10 Min. 15 Min. 30 Min. 45 Min. 1 Hour

Action Request: Information/Review Motion to approve Budget Change Other

Board Action: Approved Denied Tabled Accepted Report Other

Date of Action: 10 March 2026

Background

As directed by Stewardship Fund guidance, staff is presenting the first round of Action and Planning Grant applications of 2026. These applications have been reviewed and recommended by both staff and the Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC).

One Planning Grant and two Action Grant pre-applications were accepted and invited back to complete a full application. If approved, total funding for the first round of 2026 will total \$120,000.

1. NRRC Demonstration Site Rehabilitation— \$50,000 (Action)

- a. Grantee: Northside Residents Redevelopment Council
- b. Location: North Minneapolis
- c. Partners: GreenCorps, Mortenson Family Foundation, Barr Engineering, AmeriCorps, Hennepin County, West Broadway Business & Area Coalition
- d. Summary: The NRRC is repurposing an existing water collection cistern at their Demonstration Site in north Minneapolis to divert water from the rooftop to utilize for backyard pollinator gardens, bee lawn, and fruit trees and bushes in their

residential backyard demonstration site. The purpose of this project is to provide an example of a viable alternative to traditional turf and lawn landscaping. This Action Grant will allow NRRC to provide residents with a sustainable example of alternative ground cover, rainwater capture and reuse, and alternatives to traditional turf and landscaping.

2. PFG Raingarden — \$50,000 (Action)

- a. Grantee: Seward Redesign
- b. Location: South Minneapolis
- c. Partners: Metro Blooms
- d. Summary: Seward Redesign will work with the property owner (Phelan Manufacturing Group) to install 4 raingardens on-site to capture nearly all stormwater from the site's impervious surfaces, serving as a capstone to a years-long campus greening effort. Working with Metro Blooms, the 6-inch deep rain gardens will infiltrate 100% of the 1.25"/24-hour rainfall event and 99% of runoff from the connected impervious surfaces annually. At present, roof and parking lot runoff flows out to the street, and this project will intercept that runoff and infiltrate a significant portion of it. Additionally, this reduces the parking lot's size, thereby reducing the impervious footprint in general. Community engagement with local neighborhood and business groups, along with targeted outreach messaging in newsletters, will help share the project's story with the community. The new space will be tended to and cared for by PFG employees, as it will also serve as their break area.

3. Community Planning for the Future of the Locks and Dams— \$20,000 (Planning)

- a. Grantee: Friends of the Mississippi River
- b. Location: Mississippi River; Minneapolis, St. Paul
- c. Partners: National Parks Conservation Association, American Rivers, University of Minnesota, Macalester College. Community groups, neighborhood associations and river recreation groups, agency and elected leaders from local, state, tribal and federal governments who will serve on the TAC for the project.
- d. Summary: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is conducting disposition studies of two Mississippi River locks and dams in the heart of the Twin Cities: the Lower St. Anthony Falls Lock and Dam and Lock and Dam 1. These structures have drastically altered the river for over a century, but no longer serve the barge traffic for which they were built. Removing these functionally obsolete dams could restore rare habitat, improve water quality, and enhance river recreation, yet it's not clear whether dam removal is the right choice after accounting for all trade-offs and costs. The Corps'

study is a high-level review that lacks a comprehensive assessment of habitat changes, water quality impacts, and other impacts. The Corps has said its study will likely recommend transferring the dams to any willing owner. This could foreclose the potential for dam removal before the question is even fully studied. Elected officials at the local, state, federal, and tribal levels will all have authority over aspects of this decision. Quantifying the costs and benefits of dam removal, and disseminating that information swiftly, will enable our leaders to make the best decision about these structures before they deteriorate to the point of requiring major reinvestment—or fail. Friends of the Mississippi River is playing a leading role in filling this crucial gap. FMR has been recommended for \$923,000 in funding from Minnesota’s Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund (ENRTF), pending legislative approval in early 2026. These funds are for a dam removal feasibility study for the Lower St. Anthony Falls Lock and Dam and Lock and Dam 1. This project will support scientifically sound decision-making to improve the health of the Mississippi River in the Twin Cities and downstream. The study will examine habitat restoration opportunities, water quality impacts, impacts on endangered species, sediment transport, and recreational changes. FMR was not awarded funding for community engagement and information dissemination. MWMO funding for engagement and dissemination will ensure that the study is used as intended: as an informative decision-making tool for community members and policymakers.

Mississippi Watershed Management Organization

RESOLUTION 2026-009

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2025 ACTION AND PLANNING GRANTS.

WHEREAS, The Mississippi Watershed Management Organization works to protect and improve water quality, habitat and natural resources in an urban watershed that drains directly into the Mississippi River; and

WHEREAS, The MWMO Board of Commissioners created the Stewardship Fund to engage the community in the protection of said resources; and

WHEREAS, Three applications were submitted which meet the MWMO Board guidance of the Stewardship Fund; and

WHEREAS, Staff and the Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) have reviewed the applications; and

WHEREAS, Staff and the Citizen Advisory Committee recommend funding to implement the Action and Planning Grants described above; and

WHEREAS, There is funding available in the Stewardship Fund for Community, Planning and Action grants in FY 2026.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the MWMO Board of Commissioners awards the 2026 Action and Planning Grants to the following applicants — Northside Residents Redevelopment Council, Friends of the Mississippi River, and Seward Redesign — committing \$120,000 from the Stewardship Fund, authorizes MWMO staff to take all necessary administrative actions to implement the resolution, and authorizes the MWMO Executive Director to sign the Grant Agreements.

Adopted this on the 10th day of March, 2026.

Review for the Board:

Connie Buesgens, Chair

Review for Administration: _____

Kevin Reich, Executive Director



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Attachment 6.3

Agenda Item: MWMO Website Rebrand

Presenter: A. Johnson

Meeting Date: 10 March 2026 **Flexibility:** Yes No

Estimated Time: Consent Agenda 10 Min. 15 Min. 30 Min. 45 Min. 1 Hour

Action Request: Information/Review Motion to approve Budget Change Other

Board Action: Approved Denied Tabled Accepted Report Other

Date of Action: 10 March 2026

Background

The MWMO website is the organization’s primary public-facing communications platform and the central hub for information about MWMO projects, programs, data, and staff. More than an information repository, the website is one of MWMO’s most important tools for fulfilling its mission: to empower all to revitalize our community’s most essential water body. It is where we explain our work, share knowledge, and invite collective action to improve the health of the Mississippi River.

Website usage has grown significantly in recent years. Annual users increased from approximately 42,000 in 2024 to nearly 73,000 in 2025, and overall traffic continues to trend upward. This growth underscores the website’s role as a trusted source of information about water quality, stormwater infrastructure, and watershed stewardship, and as a primary way for the public, partners, and decision-makers to engage with MWMO’s work.

At the same time, MWMO has completed a comprehensive rebrand to better articulate who we are, why we do this work, and why it matters to the communities we serve. The new brand clarifies MWMO’s identity as a passionate, collaborative, knowledgeable, and engaging organization that

believes collective action is the means to lasting impact. It introduces a refined visual identity, updated messaging, and a clearer, more welcoming voice that reflects both our technical expertise and our commitment to working alongside partners and the community.

While the current website is effective at explaining what MWMO does, it does not consistently communicate why the work matters, how it connects to people's daily lives, or how individuals and partners can be part of that impact. This creates a gap between MWMO's evolving brand and how the organization is experienced online.

In addition, MWMO has recently undertaken an accessibility audit and remediation process to ensure the website meets WCAG standards. This work has already required adjustments that extend beyond the limitations of the current visual identity, particularly around color and contrast. Implementing the new brand provides an opportunity to fully align the website's design, accessibility, and messaging into a cohesive, future-ready platform that is welcoming, inclusive, and usable for all audiences.

Together, these factors point to the need for a strategic website refresh focused on implementing the new brand, strengthening storytelling about MWMO's impact, improving clarity and approachability, and ensuring the site continues to serve MWMO's growing and diverse audiences effectively.

Website Improvements

MWMO staff have been working with Windmill, the organization's long-time website developer, to define a scope of work that implements the new brand while modernizing key elements of the site's design and structure. This project is not a full rebuild of the website, but a substantial refresh that layers the new brand system onto the existing platform and introduces more flexible, modular design patterns that support clearer communication and engagement.

The proposed improvements include:

- **Brand implementation across the site**, including updated colors, fonts, logo, and visual identity elements that align with the new MWMO brand and meet accessibility standards.
- **A redesigned homepage** that better tells MWMO's story, highlights impact, and communicates both what we do and why it matters.
- **Updated navigation and footer** to improve clarity, usability, and consistency with the new visual system.
- **New modular page elements and design patterns**, including refined card layouts, buttons, hero sections, and visual components that allow staff to highlight key information, statistics, and stories more effectively.

- **Improved visual storytelling on project and program pages**, using simplified, more engaging layouts that make complex information easier to understand at a glance.
- **Continued accessibility alignment**, building on the recent audit and remediation work to ensure the site remains compliant and welcoming to all users.
- **Comprehensive visual quality assurance and refinement** to ensure consistency, usability, and polish across the site.

These updates will allow the website to better reflect MWMO's role as a trusted expert, a collaborative partner, and an engaging public-facing organization that not only shares information but also sparks understanding and action in the community.

Estimated Cost: \$28,600

Mississippi Watershed Management Organization

RESOLUTION 2026-010

A RESOLUTION APPROVING WEBSITE DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

WHEREAS, The MWMO seeks to develop an engaged, empowered and informed public as stated in its Watershed Management Plan;

WHEREAS, The MWMO's website serves as its main hub of public information;

WHEREAS, Good web design and information architecture are critical to providing a positive and engaging experience for website users;

WHEREAS, Windmill Strategy has proposed a website design and development plan to improve the MWMO's homepage, project pages, and other key website functionality.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the MWMO Board of Commissioners approves professional services agreements with Windmill Strategy for up to \$28,600 and authorizes MWMO staff to take all necessary administrative actions to implement the resolution.

Adopted this on the 10th day of March, 2026.

Review for the Board: _____

Connie Buesgens, Chair

Review for Administration: _____

Kevin Reich, Executive Director



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Attachment 6.4

Agenda Item: Office Maintenance/Window Treatment Upgrade

Presenter: A. Johnson

Meeting Date: 10 March 2026

Flexibility: Yes No

Estimated Time: Consent Agenda 10 Min. 15 Min. 30 Min. 45 Min. 1 Hour

Action Request: Information/Review Motion to approve Budget Change Other

Board Action: Approved Denied Tabled Accepted Report Other

Date of Action: 10 March 2026

Background

Approval is requested for payment not-to-exceed \$52,129.01.

Cost breakdown is as follows:

- Amy's Windows of \$32,794.01 with 10% contingency to cover any unforeseen changes/additions, not-to-exceed \$36,073.41; and
- Daley Electric LLC of \$14,596.00 with 10% contingency to cover any unforeseen changes/additions, not-to-exceed \$16,055.60.

For the procurement and installation of automatic high-performance roller blinds for windows on the first and second floors. The blinds will be connected directly to the building's electrical system, eliminating the need for battery charging or replacement. Detailed in ATT 6.4.1 is Amy's Windows quote for the first and second floors of MWWMO. Detailed in ATT 6.4.2 and ATT 6.4.3 are Daley Electric's quotes for the electrical work for the first and second floors.

The MWMO building's existing window blinds on the first and second floors are original to the space, and several blinds now have signs of wear and tear over a decade of daily use.

Wear and tear shows up as inconsistent operation, reducing staff's ability to effectively manage natural light, glare, and privacy in workspaces and meeting rooms.

This is an effort to also modernize the building features. Modernizing the blinds will improve reliability, functionality, and durability. Updated window treatments will better support daily operations, create a more comfortable environment for staff and visitors, and align the facility with current workplace standards and best practices. The electrical upgrades will ensure safe, code-compliant installation and support reliable long-term operation of the new systems.

Mississippi Watershed Management Organization

RESOLUTION 2026-011

A RESOLUTION APPROVING OFFICE MAINTENANCE/WINDOW TREATMENT UPGRADE

WHEREAS, The MWMO owns and maintains an office building for public and administrative purposes; and

WHEREAS, The MWMO's building maintenance and upgrades have been budgeted for ongoing needs; and

WHEREAS, The current staffing and administrative functions required identified modifications; and

WHEREAS, Amy's Windows will provide Hunter Douglas automatic motorized roller blinds for the first and second floors of the MWMO building, and Daley Electric LLC will connect the motorized blinds directly to the building's electrical system on the first and second floors; and

WHEREAS, The proposed attached total amount for Amys Windows and Daley Electric LLC of \$52,129.01 will cover the work identified with a 10% contingency to cover any unforeseen changes and additions; and

WHEREAS, Staff recommend the Board of Commissioners approve payment for the work to proceed.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the MWMO Board of Commissioners approve a not-to-exceed amount of \$52,129.01 to pay for the improvements to the MWMO office building window treatments and authorizes MWMO staff to take all necessary administrative actions to implement the resolution.

Adopted this on the 10th day of March, 2026.

Review for the Board: _____

Connie Buesgens, Chair

Review for Administration: _____

Kevin Reich, Executive Director



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ESTIMATE DETAILS

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide an estimate on your project!

DESCRIPTION

QTY

TOTAL

Estimate With Two Options

\$32,794.01

Please select 1 - 2 options

This quote is for the supply and installation of the motorized window treatments. This does not include the necessary electrical work.

First Floor

\$10,794.02

13 Hunter Douglas RB500+ RTS Motorized Roller Shades

Second Floor

\$21,999.99

22 Hunter Douglas RB500+ RTS Motorized Roller Shades

TOTAL

\$32,794.01

Terms and Conditions:

- This quote is for installation into wood blocking (provided by other). For installation into metal, brick, or concrete, a surcharge will apply that is NOT included in this quote unless otherwise noted. Blocking is critical to the secure and safe installation of window treatments.
- Orders of more than 5 shades/blinds or oversized products are required to be sent to the project location.
- It is assumed that an on-site dumpster is available for our installers to use to dispose of window treatment packaging.
- It is assumed that the location is available to receive and stage product.
- Electrical work and blocking are not included.
- We estimate tax at the current rate for the city of delivery. This amount is subject to change based on the current rate at the time of delivery.
- Window treatments are customized, and the lead time, including installation, is a minimum of 8 weeks.
- Owners to carry fire, tornado and other necessary insurance.
- For supply only quotes, 100% payment required prior to ordering. Measurement services available at an additional cost based on project location.



Industrial, Commercial and Residential

Date: February 11, 2026
To: Shameka Gherau
From: Tom Daley
Re: Motorized Blinds Electrical

Hi Shameka, our quote includes the following:

1. Provide 120-volt power to each of the 10 blinds on the main floor
2. The raceway from the blind to the ceiling will be white 500 wiremold
3. Labor
4. Materials
5. Permit
6. Does not include anything for controls (they are all wireless)

\$4,848.00

Thank you and please let us know if you have any questions.

Tom Daley



Industrial, Commercial and Residential

Date: March 2, 2026,
To: Shameka Gherau
From: Tom Daley
Re: Second Floor Motorized Blinds Electrical

Hi Shameka, our quote includes the following:

1. Provide 120-volt power to each of the 22 blinds on the second floor
2. The raceway from the blind to the ceiling will be white 500 wiremold
3. Labor
4. Materials
5. Permit
6. Does not include anything for controls (they are all wireless)

\$9,748.00

Thank you and please let us know if you have any questions.

Tom Daley