



1. Call to Order

Chair Jennifer Workman-Jesness called meeting to order at 5:30pm.

Present: Chair Jennifer Workman-Jesness (Eagan), Vice Chair Kathleen Reitz (Eagan), Monica Foss (Eagan), Steven Errante (Inver Grove Heights)

Others: Nicole Portugal (Inver Grove Heights), Victoria Ranua (E-IGHWMO), Gregg Thompson (Eagan), and Lisa Tilman (Stantec)

2. Approval of Agenda

A motion by Errante to approve the agenda. Second by Reitz. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Consent Agenda

A motion by Errante to approve the consent agenda. Second by Reitz. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Watershed Plan Update

Administrator Ranua presented a draft watershed plan document synthesizing Board guidance from the recent workshop, input from Board member Foss, and the administrative rule requirements for watershed plans. The Board expressed support for the document's overall structure and language and directed Stantec to incorporate the content into the Watershed Plan Update.

A motion by Foss to hold a Special Meeting on Tuesday, November 18th @ 5:30pm in Eagan with a remote option. Second by Reitz. Motion carried unanimously.

5. New Business

5.1 Finances, 2026 Budget Discussion

Administrator Ranua reviewed anticipated adjustments to the 2026 Budget and Work Plan in coordination with the SWCD. The Landscaping for Clean Water (LCW) program payment to landowners will increase from \$250 to \$400 per project. This change will not increase the overall program budget, as the total number of projects will be reduced to reflect recent participation levels. The WMO has not met its targeted number of projects in recent years.

The Administrator as mentioned the potential for the WMO to fund technical assistance for the Lawns Re-Imagined program, noting that most lawn conversion projects over the past two years have occurred within Eagan. (The Vermillion River Watershed currently covers technical assistance costs for similar projects within its jurisdiction.)

6. Community Updates

Eagan Reports:

- Iron-enhanced sand filters have been installed at several public and private sites as part of stormwater projects aimed at reducing phosphorus loading.
- The fishing pier at Moonshine Park (LeMay Lake) will be completed soon.
- The City is exploring the feasibility of hydrological dredging at McCarthy Lake to remove contaminated sediments.
- A Request for Qualifications (RFQ) has been issued for a Hydrological Modeling Study to model the City's hydrology at a very fine scale.

Inver Grove Heights Reports:

- A new Environmental Specialist, Liz Kramer, has been hired and will help restart efforts to share environmental information with the public through the city's e-newsletter Insights.

7. Adjournment

A motion by Errante to adjourn meet. Second by Reitz. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:27 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Victoria Ranua
Administrator

Approved by Board
11/19/2025