

Regular Meeting of the Middle St. Croix Watershed Management Organization
Washington Conservation District, 455 Hayward Ave N
Thursday, April 9th, 2026

6:00PM

Present: Brian Zeller, Lakeland Shores; Dave Millard, Lakeland; Ryan Collins, Stillwater; Tom Grahek, St. Mary's Point; Avis Peters, Baytown; Orin Kipp, Bayport; Acting Administrator Jay Riggs; Amanda Herbrand, WCD

Audience: Sean Graham, Tom McCarthy (remote), Annie Perkins (remote), "Michael" (remote)

Call to Order

Manager Zeller called the meeting to order at 6:00PM.

Approval of Agenda

Manager Peters motioned to approve the agenda. Manager Collins seconded the motion. The motion carried with all in favor.

Approval of Minutes

Manager Collins motioned to approve the draft March 12th, 2026 board meeting minutes, Manager Peters seconded the motion. The motion carried with all in favor.

Treasurer's Report

Manager Zeller presented the treasurer's report. The remaining checking account balance on April 9th was \$113,348.62. First Bank CD's were valued at \$213,549.15. The ending value on the RBC savings account from February was \$101,677.62. Manager Collins motioned to approve the report of the savings account and assets for April 9th, 2026. Manager Grahek seconded the motion. The motion carried with all in favor.

Bills to approve this month are five bills to the Washington Conservation District for admin, technical services, task order, water monitoring, and EMWREP for \$18,922.82, and one bill to League of MN Cities Insurance for \$2,468.00. The total for April bills is \$21,390.82. Manager Collins motioned to approve payment of bills for April totaling \$18,922.82. Manager Peters seconded the motion. The motion carried with all in favor.

Public Comment

None

Old Business

2025 Water Quality Monitoring Report

The 2025 Water Quality Monitoring Report was included in the previous board packet and a presentation was given by Erik Anderson of the Washington Conservation District about the contents of the report.

Manager Zeller motioned to approve the 2025 Water Quality Monitoring Report. Manager Peters seconded the motion. The motion carried with all in favor.

New Business

None

Grant and Cost Share Applications

None

Plan Reviews/Submittals

CenterPoint Natural Gas – ACTION

Submittal items were received on February 12th, 2026 the proposed CenterPoint natural gas utility project at St. Mary's Dr & Redwing Ave S in St. Mary's Point. The proposed project does not trigger stormwater management requirements and only requires review for erosion and sediment control. MSCWMO staff recommends board approval.

Manager Zeller motioned to approve the CenterPoint Natural Gas project. Manager Collins seconded the motion. The motion carried with all in favor.

Grand Central House – INFORM

Submittal items were received on March 18th for the new home construction at 218 3rd St in Stillwater but were deemed incomplete. The project triggers MSCWMO review because of a variance request to impervious surface coverage. MSCWMO staff have requested that applicant revise and resubmit but have not received additional or updated submittal materials.

Daycare Development – ACTION

Submittal items were received on March 19th, 2026 for a proposed daycare development at 1365 Curve Crest Blvd in Stillwater. The proposed project triggers a review because it creates more than 6,000 square feet of impervious surface and involves earthwork of more than 100 cubic yards. Revised submittal materials were received on March 27th. MSCWMO staff recommends board approval with four conditions:

1. A revised civil plan sheet for the ADS system layout is provided that is consistent with the updated modeling in the Stormwater Report dated March 27th, 2026.
2. Drainage easements covering land adjacent to ponding areas, stormwater facilities and wetlands up to their 100-year flood levels and covering all ditches and storm sewers. Access easements to these drainage easements and to stormwater management facilities shall also be shown.
3. A proposed maintenance agreement, which may be in the format of the MSCWMO Watershed Management Plan Appendix Q, or other form approved by the MSCWMO.
4. Prior to the release of any remaining fee or security, the permit holder must provide documentation that constructed stormwater facilities perform as designed. All projects shall provide as-builts of permanent stormwater facilities and infiltration tests demonstrating an acceptable infiltration rate or maximum 48-hour drawdown of the full volume if applicable.

Manager Zeller motioned to approve the project with the four conditions. Manager Collins seconded the motion. The motion carried with all in favor.

Erosion and Sediment Control Inspection Reports

There are two erosion and sediment control reports included in the board packet. Both inspections received a “B” grade, meaning the site is in compliance but normal maintenance is required.

Staff Report

The 10-year management plan has been adopted as of January of 2026. Water monitoring activities are ongoing with lake sampling beginning early April and equipment being installed into Perro Creek.

Jay Riggs noted there are some recent bluffline violations. One project had submitted an application for construction of a pool, but did not meet the deadline for the meeting. Vegetation removal had been conducted along the bluff prior to approval, MSCWMO staff and City staff are working on following up. There is an additional violation also being assessed. One violation is in Lakeland, the other is in Lakeland Shores.

Manager Zeller stated that education should be discussed at the next board meeting and that these violations are frequently performed by new land owners who have maybe not lived on blufflines or had bluffline rules before. He stated that there are excellent education materials already available from Wild Rivers and EMWREP, but the MSCWMO board may want to be proactive and send a mailing to bluffline land owners informing them of the rules, and emphasized that the rules are in place because construction on and near the bluff frequently creates significant erosion problems that MSCWMO staff then have to work with landowners to remedy.

Jay Riggs stated that staff can follow up with EMWREP staff to get information for a mailing, and also reminded the board that the next Workshop on the Water is scheduled for July 31st.

Manager Zeller mentioned fine limits being low and asked Manager Millard to keep the board informed if Lakeland Shores updates their penalty for violations.

1W1P Updates

Jay Riggs stated that there is funding available for MSCWMO to apply for grants for projects. Manager Millard continues to be the representative to 1W1P for MSCWMO.

Other

Manager Zeller asked Manager Millard if the Lakeland beach project for accessibility was completed. Manager Millard stated they’re reconsidering what materials and design to use, so the project is still ongoing.

Adjourn

Manager Zeller motioned to adjourn the meeting, Manager Grahek seconded the motion. The motion carried with all in favor. The meeting adjourned at 6:38PM.