



Capitol Region Watershed District

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October 15, 2025
Board Meeting
V. Action Item
Approved

Board Workshop of the Capitol Region Watershed District (CRWD) Board of Managers, for
Wednesday, October 1, 2025, at 5:00 p.m.

BOARD WORKSHOP MINUTES

I. A) Call to Order of Board Workshop (*President Joe Collins*)

Managers

Mary Texer
Hawona Sullivan Janzen
Shawn Mazanec
Joe Collins
Rick Sanders

Staff Present

Forrest Kelley
Lydia Treichel
Eoghan O'Neill
Britta Belden

Public Attendees

B) Review, Amendments, and Approval of the Agenda.

Motion 25-225: *Approve the Workshop Agenda of October 1, 2025.*

Mazanec/Sanders
Unanimously Approved

II. 2025 Lake Update (O'Neill)

Water Resource Technician Eoghan O'Neill presented a 2025 Lake Update to the Board. The monitoring team was busy this summer attending courses and showcases at the University of Minnesota in addition to their duties. O'Neill focused on Como Lake first, where he went in depth on aquatic plant management and the difference between emergent and submergent plants. The submergent plants are doing well and spread throughout the lake ensuring abundance and biodiversity, although curly leaf pondweed and watermilfoil still have a small presence. O'Neill also spoke on the City of St. Paul's outfall reconstruction project, as well as the upcoming plans to re-vegetate informal access paths that are causing shoreline erosion and how CRWD is working with Barr to install formalized access paths in spring of 2026.

In Crosby and Loeb Lakes, species have been identified that are competitive and detrimental to native habitat, so the monitoring team has been on top of removing them and working with partners to restore water health. A carp population assessment was done on Lake McCarron's whose data was indicative of a low population being held at bay by native fish predation.

The Board had questions on how invasive species enter the lakes, where they originated, and their habitat. It is estimated that many invasive species enter the lakes by recreational activities (fishing tackle, kayaking, etc.), and they originate in various places around the world. There was also discussion surrounding the scientific process of algae blooms, which is a normal occurrence but is made worse by climate change. However, the transplanting of native plants from healthy

lakes has shown to make a positive difference, especially as Como Lake met water quality standards in 2023 for the first time on record. Board Manager Mazanec asked if we have a compiled list of all species in each of our lakes to which O'Neill responded that CRWD has documentation and surveys, and the DNR website has a complete database of all species. It was also discussed that once the McMurray Project is completed, that will have a huge impact on water quality in Como Lake, as it is one of 22 pipes that flow into the lake. Board Treasurer Sanders asked about funding for shoreline maintenance, as he is aware of other areas in the district that could benefit from access paths. O'Neill concluded the presentation by emphasizing what strategies have been going well and that CRWD is well equipped to predict outcomes in our Districts' lakes due to our level of data and understanding.

III. Adjourn Board Workshop

Motion 25-226: *Adjournment of October 1, 2025, Board Workshop at 5:44 P.M.*

Mazanec/Sanders
Unanimously Approved

Regular Board Meeting of the Capitol Region Watershed District (CRWD) Board of Managers, for **Wednesday, October 1, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.**

MEETING MINUTES

I. A) Call to Order of Board Meeting (*President Joe Collins*)

Managers

Mary Texer
Hawona Sullivan Janzen
Shawn Mazanec
Joe Collins
Rick Sanders

Staff Present

Forrest Kelley
Lydia Treichel
Terrence Chastan-Davis

Public Attendees

Richard Weil (CAC Member)

Other Attendees

B) Review, Amendments, and Approval of the Agenda.

Motion 25-227: *Approve the Agenda of October 1, 2025 Meeting.*

Mazanec/Sanders
Unanimously Approved

II. Public Comment – None.

III. Permit Applications and Program Updates

A) 16-008, Keg & Case Market - Closure (Martinkosky)

This permit was issued for redevelopment of the existing Schmidt Brewery Keg House to new uses at Webster Street and West 7th Street in Saint Paul. Stormwater treatment is provided by permeable pavers and an underground filtration system. Work is complete, the site is stable, and the stormwater treatment practice has been confirmed functional. \$6,600 of surety was collected for this project. There were no surety deductions due to inspection charges, \$6,600 of the surety is available for return. The Board had questions about the length of this project, which was due in part by the original developer filing for bankruptcy. The surety will be returned to the bank, but the original developer did make sure to follow through on this project, although it took longer to due financial restraints.

Motion 25-228: *Approve \$6,600 surety return and Certificate of Completion for permit #16-008, Keg and Case Market.*

Mazanec/Sanders
Unanimously Approved

B) 25-030, Waste Management Food Scrap Sortation Facility (Chastan-Davis)

The applicant proposes construction of a building expansion, semi weigh scale, entry/exit drive

reconfiguration, parking improvements for the Waste Management Saint Paul Transfer Facility. The project parcel is located north of Como Avenue and south of the BNSF railway. Permanent stormwater management consists of a two-cell surface biofiltration basin and Contech StormFilter. President Collins made sure that CRWD staff was comfortable and confident knowing the conditions would be completed before permit issuance.

Motion 25-229: *Approve with 7 conditions:*

1. *Receipt of \$18,700 site surety and \$18,000 Manufactured Treatment Device (MTD) Maintenance surety. The MTD surety is \$10,000 + \$3,000/acre of new/reconstructed impervious area.*
2. *Receipt of documentation of maintenance agreement recorded with Ramsey County, which must include attachments A (scaled site plan) and B (site specific maintenance plan).*
3. *Provide a copy of the NPDES permit.*
4. *Submit an executed maintenance contract for the Contech StormFilter with a qualified vendor prior to permit closure and before the project can begin the five years of satisfactory maintenance and StormFilter performance period. Since the treated volume is above the low outlet of the filtration system, it is imperative that the cartridge system is well maintained and functions properly to minimize bypass.*
5. *Revise Civil Plans to address the following:*
 - a. *Revise the Contech StormFilter Detail to include the following:*
 - i. *Number of cartridges. CRWD understands that the intended number of cartridges is 34.*
 - ii. *Water quality flow rate. CRWD understands that the intended water quality flow rate is 0.633 cfs.*
 - iii. *Media type. CRWD understands that the applicant intends to use Phosphosorb media.*
 - iv. *Include a note that states, "Submit final shop drawings to Capitol Region Watershed District for review and approval prior to ordering materials for permanent stormwater treatment systems".*
 - b. *Revise pretreatment design for CBMH 301. The drainage area to the inflow pipe shall be at least three times greater than the drainage area to the grate above per the University of Minnesota. The proposed sump currently receives all flow from the grate which has an increased risk of sediment resuspension. Given the proposed drainage area ratios for CBMH 301, an additional structure will most likely be required downstream to achieve the desired ratio.*
6. *Revise Contech StormFilter sediment storage calculations in the Operation and Maintenance Plan to address the following:*
 - a. *Revise sediment removal calculation to use 18 lbs/cartridge instead of 46 lbs/cartridge per the manufacturer's mass load capacity for 12" cartridges with a specific flow rate of 1.67 gpm/sf.*
 - b. *Provide annual TSS load to the StormFilter system based on drainage area and land use. This value shall be less than the sediment removal capacity of the cartridges to justify maintenance interval.*
7. *Revise HydroCAD Pond P3&4P (Biofiltration Basin) outlet Device #1 to be the 86 LF 18' RCP between OCS 101 and FES 100.*

Mazanec/Sanders
Unanimously Approved

IV. Special Reports – None.

V. Action Items

A) Approve Minutes of September 17, 2025, Regular Board Meeting (Treichel)

Motion 25-230: *Approve the September 17, 2025 Regular Board Meeting Minutes*

Mazanec/Sanders

Unanimously Approved

B) Approve Partial Accounts Payable and Receivable for September 2025 (Dalit)

Motion 25-231: *Approve a partial September 2025 accounts payable and direct Board Treasurer and President to endorse and disperse checks for these payments.*

Mazanec/Sanders

Unanimously Approved

Motion 25-232: *Authorize the Administrator to issue electronic payments for September US Bank and Menards credit card payments.*

Mazanec/Sanders

Unanimously Approved

VI. Unfinished Business

VII. General Information

A) Board of Managers' Updates

Board Manager Sullivan Janzen shared details of the reopening of the first phase of the Rice Street Reconstruction. There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony as well as food, speeches, and activities for attendees to participate in. The celebration will be held on Saturday October 18th, from 11AM-3PM and is hosted by Ramsey County and the Rice Larpenteur Alliance. CRWD staff will send out more information about this event to the Board members.

B) Administrator's Update

CRWD Administrator Eleria and Deputy Administrator Fossum accepted the National Project Excellence Award at the WEFTEC Annual Conference in Chicago on Monday, alongside the City of Saint Paul and Barr Engineering. This award was for the Highland Bridge project which was recognized as a national model for sustainable urban redevelopment.

VIII. Next Meetings

A) Wednesday, October 8, 2025 - 5:30 p.m. – CAC Meeting – Manager Sullivan Janzen will attend

B) Wednesday, October 15, 2025 – 6:00 p.m. – Board Meeting

IX. Adjournment

Motion 25-233: *Adjournment of October 1, 2025, Regular Board Meeting at 6:18 PM.*

Mazanec/Sanders

Unanimously Approved

Respectfully submitted,
Lydia Treichel