



## Capitol Region Watershed District

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**February 18, 2026**  
**Board Meeting**  
V. Action Item  
Approved

**Regular Board Meeting** of the Capitol Region Watershed District (CRWD) Board of Managers, for **Wednesday, February 4, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.**

### MEETING MINUTES

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

A) Attendance

**Managers**

Mary Texer  
Hawona Sullivan Janzen  
Shawn Mazanec  
Joe Collins  
Rick Sanders

**Staff Present**

Anna Eleria  
Lydia Treichel  
Elizabeth Hosch  
Acadia Stephan

**Public Attendees**

**Other Attendees**

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

**Motion 26-012:** *Approve the Agenda of February 4, 2026, Meeting.*

Mazanec/Sanders  
Unanimously Approved

II. Public Comment – None.

III. Permit Applications and Program Updates

A) 25-044, 110 Mississippi River Boulevard North (Lot 1) (Stephan)

The applicant proposes to construct a single-family home that is part of the 21-002, 104 MRB subdivision project. Rate control requirements are met for the full subdivision under this earlier permit, while water quality and volume control requirements are met on the individual lots.

**Motion 26-013:** *Approve with 7 conditions:*

1. *Receipt of \$1,300 surety.*
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. *Revise Civil Plans to address the following:*
  - a. *Provide a Detail for the skimmer specified for MH4 and MH 5 in Grading Note 13 on Sheet C101.*



**Motion 26-014:** *Approve request for variance from the requirement of Stormwater Rule C to achieve 90% total suspended solids removal from the runoff generated on an annual basis.*

Mazanec/Sanders  
Unanimously Approved

**Motion 26-015:** *Approve with 5 conditions:*

1. *Receipt of \$4,500 surety.*
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. *Revise the SWPPP to specify a contact person when available.*
5. *Provide a site-specific maintenance plan in plain language that includes the following:*
  - a. *List all stormwater management practices.*
  - b. *Person responsible for maintenance of stormwater devices.*
  - c. *Frequency of inspections.*
  - d. *Description of inspection activities.*
  - e. *Map that includes stormwater management names, locations, and access routes.*
  - f. *List of necessary equipment and personal protective equipment (PPE) to perform inspections/maintenance.*

Mazanec/Sanders  
Unanimously Approved

C) 25-051, University Avenue (Hosch)

The City of Saint Paul proposes reconstruction of University Avenue from west of L'Orient Street North to Lafayette Road including roadway surface, utility, and stormwater management improvements. Infiltration is proposed, and about 65% of the requirement is achieved onsite.

**Motion 26-017:** *Approve with 4 conditions:*

1. *Provide approved plans signed by a professional engineer per the Minnesota Board of AELSLAGID.*
2. *Provide a copy of the NPDES permit.*
3. *Revise cost cap estimate information or civil plans to correspond:*
  - a. *Clarify quantities for 48" manholes. Civil plan tabulations include three Type III, one Type IV, and one Type VI 48" manholes for a total of five 48" manholes. The cost estimate also includes five 48" manholes; however, there is one additional (four) Type III manhole and does not include a Type VI manhole.*
  - b. *Include four SKUNK garbage traps. A SKUNK is required for each SAFL baffle sump manhole. Only three SKUNK garbage traps are currently included in the estimate.*
4. *Revise Sheet 115 in the Civil Plans or ADS Storage to correspond for the top and bottom of rock elevations. Depth of rock in the plans is 6.58' but is 6.52' in the ADS Storage sheet. Volumes reported in Table 1 are based on the ADS Storage Curve elevations.*

Mazanec/Sanders  
Unanimously Approved

D) Other Permit Updates (Hosch)

There were no other permit updates at this time.

E) 2025 Permit Year in Review (Hosch)

CRWD's Regulatory Division Manager Elizabeth Hosch reviewed the permitting program activities in 2025 with the Board. CRWD's Rules have been established for 20 years. The Rules are expected to be updated in the coming year, while continuing to align with Ramsey Washington Metro Watershed District Rules, with whom CRWD shares a boundary. Program emphasis will continue to be on plan review, frequent erosion and sediment control checks during construction, and confirmation of stormwater treatment at closure.

The Regulatory Division of four people will grow to five permanent full-time members soon, with a seasonal inspector to join for the summer months. Both new hires will assist with existing division activities as well as increasing the Regulatory Division's capacity for post-construction maintenance inspections in our permitted sites maintenance program.

There was a record of 54 permit applications in 2025, exceeding the previous record of 42, and 71 active construction sites. There was a total of 619 inspections in 2025, with most common violations being perimeter control, inlet protection, and soil stabilization.

In 2026, the Regulatory Division is looking ahead to ongoing partnerships, opportunities to increase the volume of stormwater management onsite, continuing to utilize technology, and increasing the capacity of the division with the new hires. President Collins asked a question regarding CRWD's involvement in the Les Bolstad golf course redevelopment and encouraged CRWD to continue building a relationship with the Port Authority. Hosch responded that CRWD is in contact with the Port Authority through work on the Kmart site. In addition, CRWD is jointly involved in the golf course redevelopment with Rice Creek Watershed District in order to provide studies and modeling to the University of Minnesota and interested parties who may purchase the land. CRWD staff will keep the Board updated on further developments in those projects. Board Manager Texer strongly recommended that the Regulatory Division look at sites that are under one acre when updating the Rules, which could prevent certain universities and colleges from building large apartment complexes on a small plot of land and being exempt from the Rules.

IV. Special Reports – None

V. Action Items

A) Approve Minutes of January 21, 2026, Regular Board Meeting (Treichel)

**Motion 26-023:** *Approve the January 21, 2026, Regular Board Meeting Minutes.*

Moving forward, the site plans for permits will not be included in the physical packets that are sent out to Board Managers. The site plans will be viewed electronically only.

Mazanec/Sanders  
Unanimously Approved

B) Approve Partial Accounts Payable and Receivable for January 2026 (Dalit)

**Motion 26-024:** *Approve a partial January 2026 accounts payable and direct Board Treasurer and President to endorse and disperse checks for these payments.*

Mazanec/Sanders  
Unanimously Approved

**Motion 26-025:** *Authorize the Administrator to issue electronic payments for January US Bank and Menards credit card payments.*

Mazanec/Sanders  
Unanimously Approved

VI. Unfinished Business

A) Cistern Art (Eleria)

Administrator Eleria presented to the Board that we are continuing to find opportunities to incorporate art into the lobby of CRWD. With help from CRWD's Artist in Residence, local Hmong artist, Christina Vang, has been hired to create artwork that will wrap around the cistern. Eleria showed Board Managers Vang's website that displays examples of her talent as a large-scale visual artist, graphic designer, and muralist. Themes that Vang has been given to consider for the cistern artwork include bringing water back, community cultural connections to water, and ways that she could make the invisible work CRWD does, visible. A final draft is expected by the end of February.

In addition, former Board Manager Seitu Jones has offered to give one of his paintings to CRWD. Eleria said the decision has yet to be made, as there are two pieces to choose from. Manager Texer recommended CRWD could purchase the second piece, so CRWD could display both pieces.

CRWD is also working with Public Art Saint Paul on a sidewalk art poetry proposal centered around water. This project would involve stamping water themed poetry on sidewalks throughout the District including Rice Street. The Communications and Engagement Division is working with Public Art Saint Paul, and the project would be funded through the Partner Grant Program.

Manager Sullivan Janzen mentioned wooden boat artwork that has incorporated lights, which she observed during her recent travel. Sullivan Janzen suggested CRWD could partner with the

Urban Boat Builders in Saint Paul. Eleria voiced appreciation for the feedback and ideas and noted that CRWD purchased a canoe from Urban Boat Builders for field work.

## VII. General Information

### A) Board of Managers' Updates

Manager Mazanec attended the Minnesota Watersheds Directors meeting and reminded Board and staff that the legislative event is coming up on March 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. Mazanec will be at the event on the evening of March 3<sup>rd</sup> but is traveling the following day and will not attend the March 4, 2026 Board meeting.

Manager Sanders acknowledged Black History Month. Board members discussed Gladys West, a black woman who was in the Navy and who developed the algorithm to determine the curve of Earth, which made the invention of GPS possible.

Manager Sullivan Janzen brought up Frontline and their updated episode about PFAS, in addition to Frogtown Radio's spin off that now has a podcast studio that is open to the public. On Frontline, there was an interview with someone who retired from the military and devotes every week of their podcast talk show to talking about the health of the river. Sullivan Janzen made recommendations on who CRWD could connect with regarding stormwater management and the media. Administrator Eleria responded that CRWD just hired Rapp Strategies as a media consultant to help build relationships with the media and assist with communication plans for our watershed learning center and key projects.

### B) Administrator's Update

Administrator Eleria thanked the Board for encouraging CRWD to reschedule the Annual Awards ceremony. The new date for the Watershed Stewardship Awards is Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, and Eleria shared that Mayor Her's office RSVP'd that the mayor will attend.

On Friday evening, CRWD alongside partners will be receiving the Grand Award, the highest award possible, for the work on Highland Bridge from the American Council of Engineering Companies – Minnesota Chapter. There is a place online where individuals can vote for the project for People's Choice Award, and Administrator Eleria mentioned that anyone is able to vote for this.

The opening day of the We Are Water exhibit is Thursday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>. There will be a reception in the evening that Administrator Eleria asked the Board to save the date for.

At the next Board meeting on Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, there will be a closed-door portion of the meeting to conduct the annual review for Administrator Eleria.

### C) Next Meetings

- a. Wednesday, February 11, 2026 – 5:30 p.m. – CAC Meeting (virtual)
  - i. Manager Sullivan Janzen is attending.

b. Wednesday, February 18, 2026 – 6:00 p.m. – Board Meeting

D) Adjournment

**Motion 26-031:** *Adjournment of the February 4, 2026, Regular Board Meeting at 6:59 PM.*

Mazanec/Sanders

Unanimously Approved

Respectfully submitted,  
Lydia Treichel