



MEMORANDUM

Comfort Lake-Forest Lake Watershed District

Date: January 2, 2024
To: CLFLWD Board of Managers
From: Mike Kinney, District Administrator
Subject: Lower St. Croix Partnership Metro Convene Meeting



District Wide

Background/Discussion

The purpose of this agenda item is to discuss the upcoming Lower St. Croix (LSC) Watershed Partnership metro convene meeting and consider selecting an authorized representative for the CLFLWD. Each metro organization must select one individual to be the authorized representative and speak/vote for their organization. Manager Anderson served in this role during the last round.

Watershed Based Implementation Funding (WBIF) grant funds are allocated to the Lower St. Croix River basin's metro portion and the non-metro portion. The purpose of the convene meeting is for the metro organizations to vote and decide whether to pool the metro funds with the non-metro, or to choose another way to allocate the metro grant dollars. The LSC Partnership has undergone two convene meetings associated with two biennial installments of WBIF, so far. The group decided to pool the funds for the last two grants. The Board may discuss this decision and give direction to the CLFLWD authorized representative.

The meeting date and location have not yet been decided. It is likely that the meeting will be held in-person at Washington County's North Public Works Shop in Stillwater. A remote call-in option will likely be offered so additional attendees can listen to the discussion, but voting members are being asked to attend in-person. Specifics are still being worked out, and a meeting notice will be distributed once the details are finalized.

Staff will present an overview of the LSC Partnership and One Watershed One Plan initiative at the January 11th board meeting.

Recommended Motion

Proposed Motion: Manager _____ moves to authorize _____ as the designated representative for the Comfort Lake-Forest Lake Watershed District at the 2024 metro convene meeting.

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