



MEMORANDUM
Comfort Lake-Forest Lake Watershed District

Date: October 3, 2024
To: CLFLWD Board of Managers
From: Mike Kinney, District Administrator
Subject: 2025 Board Meeting Schedule



Background/Discussion

The purpose of this agenda item consider approving the 2025 Board of Managers regular meeting schedule.

2025 Meeting Schedule

The 2025 board meeting schedule is in line with schedules from recent years, with one meeting on the 2nd Thursday and one meeting on the 4th Thursday of each month, excluding November and December when one meeting will be held on the 3rd Thursday.

2025 Meeting Calendar

Also enclosed is an informational board meeting calendar containing more details about expected agenda items for each regular meeting. Much of the District’s work is cyclical and occurs during the same time of year annually. While this calendar is not all-inclusive, and these agenda items aren’t set in stone, the calendar gives managers and staff an idea of what to expect over the course of the year. We hope that this calendar is helpful as managers and staff consider their own calendars and meeting attendance availability.

The Citizen Advisory Committee schedule is also enclosed for managers’ information. The CAC will consider approving this schedule at their October 15th meeting.

Recommended Action

Proposed Motion: Manager _____ moves to approve the 2025 Board Meeting Schedule. Seconded by Manager _____.

Attached

- Proposed 2025 CLFLWD Board Meeting Schedule
- 2025 Meeting Calendar
- 2025 Citizen Advisory Committee Meeting Schedule



2025 CLFLWD Board Meeting Schedule

Regular Board Meetings

In 2025 regular board meetings will be held at 6:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Thursday of the month except for November and December, when one meeting will be held on the third Thursday of the month. Meetings on the second Thursday of the month are subject to cancellation based on the needs of the Board. The schedule below includes additional board meetings as well.

In response to the ongoing risk of Covid-19 transmission, the Comfort Lake-Forest Lake Watershed District Board President declared that meetings of the Board and its committees will be convened by telephone or other electronic means as the presiding officer deems appropriate.

Please advise the District Administrator in writing or by email (michael.kinney@clflwd.org) if you would like to receive notice of meetings and meeting cancellations.

Date	Time
January 10, 2025	6:30 pm
January 23, 2025	6:30 pm
February 13, 2025	6:30 pm
February 27, 2025	6:30 pm
March 13, 2025	6:30 pm
March 27, 2025	6:30 pm
April 10, 2025	6:30 pm
April 24, 2025	6:30 pm
May 8, 2025	6:30 pm
May 22, 2025	6:30 pm
June 12, 2025	6:30 pm
June 26, 2025	6:30 pm
July 10, 2025	6:30 pm
July 26, 2025	6:30 pm
August 14, 2025	6:30 pm
August 21, 2025	6:30 pm
September 11, 2025	6:30 pm
September 25, 2025	6:30 pm
October 9, 2025	6:30 pm
October 23, 2025	6:30 pm
November 20, 2025	6:30 pm
December 18, 2025	6:30 pm

2025 Meeting Calendar

For the Comfort Lake-Forest Lake Watershed District Board of Managers

Regular meetings held the 2nd Thursday and 4th Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm, except November and December when the regular meeting will be held the 3rd Thursday. Special meetings and emergency meetings may be called as needed and are not included on the calendar.

Calendar items subject to change as needed.

2025 Regular Board Meetings

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>January</u></p> <p>January 10, 2025:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Annual business meeting – elect officers/liaisons and designate newspapers/banks Citizen Advisory Committee appointments Review bank signers, bank viewers, and credit card holders; update if necessary Annual Administrator performance review <p>January 23, 2025:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approve 2024 Aquatic Invasive Species, Watercraft Inspection, Blue Water Science yearend reports Authorize execution of 2025 Blue Water Science service agreement Present 2024 yearend Education & Outreach summary and 2025 implementation plan 	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>February</u></p> <p>February 13, 2025:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Authorize administrator to execute Clean Water Fund grant agreement (if necessary) Finalize Administrator performance review if not completed in January. <p>February 27, 2025:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Authorize execution of 2025 Chisago County Watercraft Inspection Joint Powers Agreement Authorize execution of 2025 Forest Lake Cooperative Aquatic Invasive Species Agreement (and/or other community agreements as necessary) 	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>March</u></p> <p>March 13, 2025:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approve 2025 Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention & Management Plan Approve 2025 Water Monitoring Plan Approve 2025 Cost-Share Program Frameworks <p>March 27, 2025:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Include 1st drafts of 2024 Year-In-Review, Annual Report, Progress Report, Monitoring Reports in board packet so managers can begin reviewing
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>April</u></p> <p>April 10, 2025:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Give presentations on 1st drafts of 2024 Year-In-Review, Annual Report, Progress Report, Monitoring Reports <p>April 24, 2025:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approve/accept 2024 Year-In-Review, Annual Report, Progress Report, Monitoring Reports Approve 2026 budget schedule Presentation and acceptance of 2024 Audit Report Authorize execution of 2025 Forest Lake curly-leaf pondweed treatment contract (if necessary) 	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>May</u></p> <p>May 8, 2025:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Annual review of governance manual (can do anytime) Authorize application to Lessard-Sams OHF (if necessary) <p>May 22, 2025:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MN Watersheds Summer Tour delegates Insurance Liability Coverage Waiver 	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>June</u></p> <p>June 12, 2025</p> <p>June 26, 2025</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>July</u></p> <p>July 10, 2025</p> <p>July 24, 2025:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Start considering resolution ideas for MN Watersheds Annual Conference 	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>August</u></p> <p>August 14, 2025:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Authorize application to FY26 Clean Water Fund grants (if necessary) Discuss proposed nominations for MN Watersheds Annual Awards, Presentations, and Resolutions <p>August 21, 2025:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hold budget public hearing and adopt 2026 budget 	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>September</u></p> <p>September 11, 2025</p> <p>September 25, 2025</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>October</u></p> <p>October 9, 2025:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approve 2026 Regular Board Meeting Schedule and review 2026 Meeting Calendar <p>October 23, 2025</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>November</u></p> <p>November 20, 2025:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Authorize execution of EMWREP, WCD and/or Chisago SWCD service agreements (as needed) Present 2026 Staff Work Plan Decide MN Watersheds Annual Meeting delegate appointments Vote on MN Watersheds Resolutions 	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>December</u></p> <p>December 18, 2025:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public comment opportunity for 2026 budget Present 2025 Aquatic Invasive Species, Watercraft Inspection, Blue Water Science yearend reports Present 2025 Education & Outreach Yearend Report Approve 2026 Staff Work Plan Yearend reminder for managers to submit per diem requests in accordance w/ paragraph III.b (iv) of the CLFLWD General Governance Policies.

Process for Special Meetings and Emergency Meetings

The above calendar only includes regular board meetings. The District may convene additional meetings, as needed, in the form of special meetings and emergency meetings, which will be held in accordance with the Open Meeting Law and the District's bylaws.

CLFLWD Bylaws, Article III, paragraphs 3 and 4:

Special Meetings. A special meeting may be held at any time. Special meetings may be called by any manager or the administrator. A manager's call for a special meeting must be made in writing or electronic mail (email) to the secretary of the board and the CLFLWD administrator at least five calendar days prior to the date of the meeting. This request must include a statement of the purpose(s) for which the meeting will be called. Immediately upon receipt of a properly drafted request, the administrator will cause all members of the board to be notified and, on determining the availability of a quorum, make public notice of the meeting.

Emergency Meetings. An emergency meeting may be called by any manager or the administrator on 24 hours' notice because of circumstances that, in the judgment of the manager calling the meeting or administrator, require immediate consideration. Whenever practical, a request for such a meeting should be made in writing to the secretary and CLFLWD administrator, who will notify all board members by the most expeditious and effective means available.

Process for Convening in Closed Session

With some exceptions, all CLFLWD board meetings are open to the public. If the CLFLWD closes a meeting, it will follow all requirements under the Open Meeting Law (MN Statutes, Chapter 13D). All closed meetings, except those closed by attorney-client privilege, must be recorded.

When a public body closes a meeting, it must explain what legal authority it has to close the meeting, and describe what it will discuss at the closed meeting (Minnesota Statutes, section 13D.01, subdivision 3). In other words, a public body must do three things:

1. Make a statement on the record.
2. Give the specific statutory section that requires or permits the meeting to be closed, or identify in some way the statutory authority requiring or permitting a closed meeting.
3. Specifically describe what will be discussed at the closed meeting, which requires more than just identifying possible discussion issues.

Example 1: Manager X moves to convene in closed session as permitted by section 13D.05, subdivision 3 (c), to consider offers relating to the District's possible purchase of the parcel of land with parcel ID number XYZ.

Example 2: Manager X moves to convene in closed session as permitted by section 13D.05, subdivision 3 (a), to complete the Administrator's performance review.

Reasons to close a meeting (common uses by CLFLWD shown in **bold**):

What meetings MUST be closed?	What meetings MAY be closed?
<p>Meetings that discuss:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alleged victims or mandated reporters of criminal sexual conduct, domestic violence, or maltreatment • Active criminal investigations • Law Enforcement officer misconduct • Not public education data • Not public health data • Not public medical data • Not public welfare/mental health data • An individual's medical records • Preliminary consideration of allegations or charges, but the meeting must be open at employee's request 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meetings closed as expressly authorized by statute • Meetings closed as permitted by the attorney-client privilege <p>Meetings that discuss:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Labor negotiations • Employee performance evaluations, but the meeting must be open at employee's request • Certain property transactions (asking price for property, review of confidential appraisals, develop offers or counteroffers) • Certain security matters
Minn. Stat. § 13D.05, subd. 2	Minn. Stat. § 13D.03; 13D.05, subd. 3

Resources:

- Open Meeting Law: <https://mn.gov/admin/data-practices/meetings/>
- Closed Session: <https://mn.gov/admin/data-practices/meetings/rules/closing/>



2025 CLFLWD Citizen Advisory Committee Meeting Schedule

In 2025 meetings will be held on Tuesday of the week following the first scheduled meeting of the Board of Managers; except for November and December when meetings will be held the Tuesday prior to the first Board Meeting. All meetings will be held in-person at the offices of the Comfort Lake – Forest Lake Watershed District unless otherwise noted. Options for remote or virtual participation will be made available. Please contact Aidan Read in writing or by email (aidan.read@clflwd.org) if you would like to receive notice of meetings and meeting cancellations.

The dates for the 2024 CAC meetings are as follows:

Date	Time
January 14 th , 2025	5:00pm
February 18 th , 2025	5:00pm
March 18 th , 2025	5:00pm
April 15 th , 2025	5:00pm
May 13 th , 2025	5:00pm
June 17 th , 2025	5:00pm
July 15 th , 2025	5:00pm
August 19 th , 2025	5:00pm
September 16 th , 2025	5:00pm
October 14 th , 2025	5:00pm
November 18 th , 2025	5:00pm
December 16 th , 2025	5:00pm