



TO: (CLFLWD) Board of Managers

DATE: July 17, 2025

RE: Administrator's Report for the July 24, 2025, Regular Board Meeting

Administration (1000 series)

- 1001 – Board Administration
 - The Board held a special board meeting on July 14th to discuss the 2026 budget. Another budget workshop is scheduled for July 28th, where Redpath will present a draft financing budget.
- 1003 – General Administration
 - Aidan Read attended a plant identification training at Ordway Prairie hosted by BWSR. This training will improve the ability of staff to offer high level technical assistance to residents and improve the design and management of projects that involve upland plantings.

Programs (3000 series)

- 3002 – Permitting
 - Between June 15, 2025 and July 14, 2025, the following activity took place:
 - - 155 site inspections performed with a 95.94% mean compliance rate
 - - 6 permit applications received
 - - 1 permit was approved, and 2 were closed out
- 3003 – Monitoring & Data Assessment
 - Continued Lake, Stream, Tributary (CAT/DIY), and project effectiveness Monitoring. Staff will prepare a mid-season Monitoring update at the first August Board Meeting with limited available data.
- 3004 – Non-Point Source Pollution Abatement (Cost-Share)
 - Staff continue to conduct site visits and soil test for residents throughout the District. To date, 13 soil test have been conducted (22 in all of 2024).
 - The summer application deadline for the Community Water Cost-share program is July 31st. So far four applications have been received. This year two previous Community Water Cost-share projects were closed out, with a total of 230 linear feet of shoreline restored.
 - The 2025 shoreline inventory of Lake Keewahtin was completed.

- 3005 – Education & Outreach
 - Summer community education classes and events are underway. The best attended classes have been in partnership with Hardwood Creek Library. A list of classes and events are available under “events” on the CLFLWD website.
 - SOTW planning is progressing, and an updated memo is available in this board packet.
 - Watershed Champion Award nominations are being shared and promoted. Applications are being accepted until August 25th.
 - Upcoming events to note: Bone Lake Pontoon Tour, 5 to 7:30 p.m. on August 19; Moody Lake Project Tour, 6 to 7:30 p.m. on September 17.
- 3006 – Interagency Communication
 - Aidan Read met with staff from Chisago SWCD for a biannual coordination meeting.
- 3007 – Research
 - UMN Researchers have installed survey signs at FL 2&3 boat Launches as part of their public perception of water quality in the Metro Area. They are working with City Staff to place another sign at FL 1 launch. To date, survey submissions are low for Forest Lake. Other metro lakes have up to 50 submitted surveys. Forest Lake is the only CLFLWD lake the UMN chose to include in this research.
 - UMN doctoral candidate, Catherine Polk, will be collecting nitrate and ammonium samples on Forest Lake basins 2 and 3 to further her research regarding lake ecological response to Alum application. This is a continuation of the research she conducted in 2023, in and around the Alum application on Forest Lake in October of that year.
- 3010 – Operations & Maintenance
 - Regular CR50 IESF maintenance by staff and contractors to keep the sand filter clear of vegetation / biofilm to ensure proper infiltration rates.
 - Bone Lake outlet weir repair is underway. The weir sustained slight damage from ice heave this past winter and staff will repair the weir to ensure it can be safely access by the local fishers that use this structure.

- 3011 – Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention & Management
 - BWS provided shapefiles/maps for FLLA to use in the management of 47.37 acres of EWM, these have been forwarded to Jerry Grundtner. EWM has increased in basin 1 compared to 2024 and scattered light growth was observed in basin 3 for the first time, with hybrid characteristics. Additionally, maps were provided to Dave Adams so that the weed harvester can avoid these areas.
 - BWS observed that the CLP assessment survey indicated good control and there is basically no heavy growth of CLP in the lake after the 167.44 acre Flumioxazin herbicide treatment conducted June 8th.
 - Staff discussed zebra mussel sampler protocols with Megan Weber from MAISRC and if any correlations can be drawn from the data collected. Currently the data set collected by MAISRC is not large enough to draw any conclusions from their modeling, and the District's methods differ slightly from theirs. Staff will realign the data collection protocols to become more in line with that of MAISRC ongoing research with the purpose of possibly exchanging data in the future to expand research in this field. Staff have requested that Forest and Bone Lake be included in future research if the opportunities ever arise (Comfort is already a part of the study).
- 3012 – Land Acquisition
 - Continued outreach with the Wild River Audubon Society regarding the acquisition of their Shallow Pond parcels. A staff level meeting will be held in late July or early August.
 - Bone Lake South: Property survey work underway to inform the lot line adjustments of the parcels needed for the purchase.

Projects (5000 series)

- Moody Lake
 - Capstone: interpretive project signs for Moody Park in development. Project tour September 17.

- Planning is underway for the planting of conservation cover on two acres of former ag land north of the lake.
- Little Comfort Lake
 - Heath Ave IESF – final project design work underway by EOR.
- Forest Lake
 - Alum Treatment – 2nd Alum dose on track for Fall implementation. DNR special use permit secured for FL 3rd boat launch (staging site).
 - WDJ6 Wetland – project sign design underway. Landowners must approve design before implementation can occur (project on private property).

Active Permits July 2025

