



**TO:** (CLFLWD) Board of Managers

**DATE:** January 15, 2026

**RE:** Administrator's Report for the January 22, 2026, Regular Board Meeting

### Administration (1000 series)

- 1003 – General Administration
  - Staff have started work on the 2025 financial audit with Abdo. The field office visit is scheduled for early March.

### Programs (3000 series)

- 3002 – Permitting
  - Received one new permit application at the end of 2025.
  - Completed 37 permit inspections of sites with active winter work
- 3003 – Monitoring & Data Assessment
  - Staff began winter lake monitoring the week of January 6<sup>th</sup>. This monitoring effort focuses on dissolved oxygen and chloride levels.
- 3004 – Non-Point Source Pollution Abatement (Cost-Share)
  - Four grant applications were received in January. One SHIP and one mini grant have been approved for installation in the spring.
  - No applications have been received for the Community Water Cost-share which has a January 31<sup>st</sup> deadline. In the event that no applications are received, the deadline will be extended to March 31<sup>st</sup>.
- 3005 – Education & Outreach
  - Events
    - January 26<sup>th</sup> *Watershed Connections – Loons and Local Lakes*. Please RSVP to Adam if you plan on attending by January 23<sup>rd</sup>. A local artist has donated a loon painting to be given away at the event to generate more interest.
    - February 9<sup>th</sup> *Watershed Connections – PFAS Impacts to Water Quality*. RSVPs are due by February 6<sup>th</sup>.
- 3006 – Interagency Communication

- Lower St. Croix Watershed Partnership: Next Policy Committee meeting on Monday, January 26. Watershed Based Implementation Funding Metro Convene meeting upcoming, specific date to be determined; this topic was discussed at the January 8<sup>th</sup> regular board meeting.
- 3007 – Research
  - Coordination with the UMN on their results from the User Survey data on Forest Lake during the summer of 2025. The UMN researchers are interested in sharing and discussing findings with staff from their research.
- 3008 – Measurement of Progress
  - 2025 Progress Report and Annual Report are in progress.
- 3009 – Grant Research & Preparation
  - Lessard-Sams: At its meeting on January 7<sup>th</sup>, the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council approved the [proposed bill](#) to be sent to the legislature, which includes two grant appropriations for the CLFLWD. If approved by the legislature, the project periods for these grants would start July 1<sup>st</sup>. After the grants are approved, the CLFLWD may amend its 2026 budget to reflect the associated expenditures and revenues.
    - Greenbelt Phase 1, Easements & Acquisitions: \$1,448,000 (44% of requested amount)
    - Bone Lake South Phase 2, Restoration & Enhancement: \$1,413,000 (87% of requested amount)
  - No Child Left Inside: Applied for \$5,000 for fishing kits and outreach to local schools. Grant decision pending.
- 3010 – Operations & Maintenance
  - Winter maintenance of field equipment is ongoing.
  - Staff are preparing a summary of the 2025 O&M program.
- 3011 – Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention & Management
  - Both the AIS & WCI year-end reports have been finalized and will be presented at the January 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting for Board approval.
  - 2026 AIS survey quotes have been requested and received from both BWS & EOR. Staff would recommend continuing to contract with BWS as they have historically provided the District with excellent service at a reasonable price.

- BWS - \$24,650
  - EOR - \$44,914
- Initial review of CLFLWD AIS Early Detection & Rapid Response Plan has been completed. Staff will continue to provide additional updates as planning for the 2026 field season continues to be developed.
  - Note: District staff are also participating in the Washington Conservation District's monthly meetings to update their AIS Early Detection & Rapid Response Plan.
- District staff are in communication with neighboring entities regarding carp management and potential partnerships or financial assistance. Entities contacted include the MN DNR, Chisago County, & Anoka Conservation District. One concern regarding how soon the District would need to perform the phase II portion of the movement study after the population study conducted by The CLA was addressed. When Carp are captured for radio tagging the contractor will conduct a new population assessment during this stage of the study.
- 3012 – Land Acquisition
  - Staff are working to implement the short-term management plan for the Bone Lake South Nature Area as approved at the 1-8-26 Board Meeting. Staff have given notification (of the limited access) to the Bone Lake Association and will be presenting to the Scandia Parks and Recreation Committee – as per the 1-8-26 Board directive.
- 3013 – Watershed Planning & Resiliency
  - Communications with City of Forest Lake are still in progress. The City is working on comments on the potential project concepts from the CLFLWD's draft Floodplain Resilience Action Plan. Staff provided an update on this effort to the Community Advisory Committee on January 13<sup>th</sup>.

### **Projects (5000 series)**

- Little Comfort Lake
  - Heath Ave IESF: 90% designs submitted to the City of Wyoming of review and comment. Wetland permitting underway.
- Comfort Lake
  - Green Infrastructure Grant: Staff working with BWSR on a grant amendment to move the project to a direct drainage to Comfort Lake.

