



**TO:** (CLFLWD) Board of Managers  
**DATE:** April 16, 2026  
**RE:** Administrator's Report for the April 23, 2026, Regular Board Meeting

**Administration (1000 series)**

- 1003 – General Administration
  - Minnesota Conservation Corps Member, Kennedy Kolb, started with the District April 2. The serving term is April through October. Kennedy will support the District's water quality monitoring, nonpoint source pollution abatement, and education & outreach programs and has already demonstrated that she will be a valuable member of the District's team.
  - The District submitted an application to the MN Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) for Loan E on February 19<sup>th</sup>. Staff have checked in with MPCA a couple of times since then, and MPCA indicated its loan review committee is still reviewing the District's application. The District cannot begin to incur eligible expenditures for loan reimbursement until the loan agreement is executed, which will occur within a few weeks of the notice of award, if the loan is awarded.

**Programs (3000 series)**

- 3002 – Permitting
  - Between March 17, 2026 and April 10, 2026, the following activity took place:
  - 101 site inspections performed with a 95.25% compliance rate.
  - Seven permit applications were received
  - Three permit applications were approved and no permits closed out.

Active Permits			
Permit Number	Permit Name	Address	Rules
19-036-P6-T	Hunter Hill B2 L5	26433 Hunter Ave	3.0
20-011	Cavalry Cemetery	4647 232nd St	3.0, 9.0
20-025	Forest Hills Farm Development	10161 North Shore Tr N	2.0, 3.0, 4.0, 9.0, 10.0
21-005	Heims Lake Villas II	25409 H Lake Cie	2.0, 3.0, 4.0, 9.0
22-008	Haaq-Emerson SFH	24677 Morgan Ave	3.0, 9.0
22-039	Miller SFH	North of 13351 Oakhill Road N	3.0, 9.0

22-040	CSAH 33 Improvements	CSAH 33 between Broadway Ave & 11th Ave SW	2.0, 3.0, 6.0
22-041-T	Katies Glen Transfer	East Side of Goodview Ave. at its's intersection with Glen Oak	2.0, 3.0, 4.0, 9.0, 10.0
22-043	Rolling Acres 61	SE of intersection of 199th and Keystone	2.0, 3.0, 4.0, 9.0, 10.0
22-043-P1	Block 3, Lot 1- Rolling Acres 61	SE of intersection of 199th and Keystone	3.0, 9.0
23-003	McGrath SFH	N of 7460 N Shore Circle	3.0, 9.0
23-009	Downtown FL Stormwater BMPs	N. Shore Trail N from Hayward Ave N to 233rd Street N	3.0
23-010	Ingersoll Subdivision	East across the road from 20810 Ingersoll	2.0, 3.0, 4.0, 9.0, 10.0
23-010-P1	Ingersoll Lot 4	20805 Ingersoll Ave N	3.0, 9.0
23-020	Erickson Shop	13263 240th St N	3.0, 9.0
23-030	Tempo Homes	7880 Scandia Trail	3.0, 9.0
24-006	Larson Addition	1099 17th St SE	3.0, 9.0
24-007	Chase Bank	1232 W Broadway Ave	2.0, 3.0, 9.0
24-008	Jeans Garage	8535 215th St. N	3.0, 9.0
24-010	Vicki & Chris SFH	21577 Novak Ave N	3.0, 9.0
24-013	Gaiovnik Subdivision	East of 7902 N. Shore Tr	3.0, 4.0, 9.0
24-014	Parenteau SFH	20460 Jewel Ave	3.0, 9.0
24-016	Ingersoll Lot 3	20859 Ingersoll Ave N	2.0, 3.0, 9.0
24-020	Regenscheid SFH	7482 N Shore Circle	3.0, 9.0
24-021	9879 206th St N	9879 206th St N	3.0, 9.0
24-022	Autumn Hills Apartments Parking Lot	706 & 708 12th St SW	3.0, 9.0
24-023	Dalbec SFH	21320 Manning Trail N	3.0, 9.0
24-024	Ziegler SFH	228th St.	3.0, 9.0
24-028	McPhee Garage	7710 235th Street N.	3.0, 9.0
24-029	Freemore Residence	Lot 1 Aadland Shores (PID 21.10765.00)	3.0, 9.0
24-031	Koch Addition	21935 Iden Ave Circle N	3.0, 9.0
24-033	Wetterlund SFH	8239 Pioneer Rd.	3.0, 9.0
24-034	Knippenberg SFH	Next to 880 18th St. SE	3.0, 9.0
24-035	2024 Wyoming Street Project	Goodwin, Gramford, 255th, 258th, Grafton, Granada	3.0
24-037	Criego SFH	13566 230th St N	3.0, 9.0
25-002	Glaam SFH	7546 255th St.	3.0, 9.0

25-004	North Shore Trail Maintenance	North Shore Trail	3.0
25-007	Klehr Residence	2563 255th St.	3.0, 9.0
25-008	Stephens SFH	21015 Juno Ave N	3.0, 9.0
25-009	Forest Lake Sportsmen's Club Berm 2	4480 240th St. N	3.0, 9.0
25-010	Obst Garage	10604 230th St. N.	3.0, 9.0
25-011	Lakeside Veteran's Memorial	95 Broadway Ave	3.0
25-012	LCH Mulberry SFH	257th St.	3.0, 9.0
25-013	Kuschke SFH	8393 200th St. N	3.0, 9.0
25-014	Xcel 2025	Near 24875 Olinda Trail	3.0, 9.0
25-016	Popa SFH	9940 North Shore Trail	3.0, 9.0
25-017	Worcester Home	7451 255th St.	3.0, 9.0
25-018	Gaynor SFH	891 19th St. SE	3.0, 9.0
25-021	Burch SFH	7323 North Shore Trail N.	3.0, 9.0
25-022	Schilling SFH	25930 Comfort Lake Dr.	3.0, 9.0
25-025	Brown SFH	26488 Hunter Ave	3.0, 9.0
25-029	Lesnau SFH	24775 Itasca Ave	3.0, 9.0
25-030	Montoya Garage	55 4th Ave NW	3.0, 9.0
26-002	Dill SFH	23643 Granada Ave. N	3.0, 9.0

- 3003 – Monitoring & Data Assessment
  - CAMP lake monitoring began the week of April 20<sup>th</sup>.
  - Lake staff gages and lake level loggers installed the week of April 13. Real time lake elevations are available online @ <https://clflwd.org/lake-levels/>
  - The 2025 Comprehensive Monitoring report was approved by the CLFLWD Board of managers at the April 9<sup>th</sup> board meeting. It is available to the public through the District's online document library <https://clflwd.org/documents/> by using the key word search "2025 comprehensive monitoring report."
- 3004 – Non-Point Source Pollution Abatement (Cost-Share)
  - Staff continue to conduct site visits and process cost-share applications. Six projects have been approved so far in the 2026 season
  - Residential soil testing has begun, staff have been collecting samples for testing at the University of Minnesota's soil testing laboratory. Results will be passed on to residents to help inform lawn management decisions.

- The Farmer-led Council will have a farmer coffee hour on Thursday 4/16 featuring a guest speaker, Jeff Mallery of Mallery Jerseys.
- 3005 – Education & Outreach
  - EO Coordinator Hjelm, in coordination with Forest Lake Community Education, put on a family education class on native bees and host native plants. 10 people were in attendance.
  - EO Coordinator Hjelm, in coordination with the Hardwood Creek Library, put on a community education class focused on spring native plants and garden design. 15 people were in attendance.
  - The Bone Lake South Nature Area Informational Meeting was held at the Scandia Community Center. 62 people were in attendance. CLFLWD staff Blayne Eineichner, Aidan Read, and Mike Kinney were presenters. Manager Dave Bakke welcomed the crowd before the main presentation took place.
  - The third session in the Watershed Connections lecture series, Climate-resilient Trees for a Changing Landscape, was held on March 16 at the Forest Lake Senior Center. 20 people were in attendance. The next event in the series, How Zebra Mussel Populations Affect Mercury Accumulations in Fish, is scheduled for April 27<sup>th</sup> from 6 to 7:30 p.m. RSVPs are due April 24<sup>th</sup>. <https://clflwd.org/event/watershed-connections-how-zebra-mussel-populations-affect-mercury-accumulation-in-fish/>
  - The Natural Shoreline Outreach Campaign continues to make steady progress and meet performance metrics. The reels/videos can be viewed on the CLFLWD Facebook page or on the Natural Shoreline webpage at: <https://clflwd.org/natural-shorelines/>
- 3006 – Interagency Communication
  - Lower St. Croix Watershed Partnership (LSCWP): The LSC Policy Committee’s next meeting is Monday, April 27<sup>th</sup>. The LSC Planning Team will next meet on April 29<sup>th</sup>. The LSC Steering Committee last met on April 8<sup>th</sup> and discussed project funding requests, the mid-point evaluation, and preparations for the FY27 Watershed Based Implementation Funding grant work plan. Meeting materials are available at <https://www.lsc1wlp.org/meetings-committees>.
- 3007 – Research
  - The UMN Lake User Survey of Forest Lake will begin again this spring. Signs were placed at all the Forest Lake boat launches in 2025. Staff will work to advertise this

survey to lake users to support this research effort. Notice of the survey will be shared with the Lake Association and Watercraft inspectors will promote the survey while staffing the boat launches this summer.

- 3008 – Measurement of Progress
  - The 2025 Year-In-Review, Annual Report, and Progress Report are on the April 23rd agenda.
  - The Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) is reviewing materials and working on the CLFLWD's Performance Review & Assistance Program (PRAP) assessment report. Part of the PRAP assessment is a partner survey which occurred from February 17<sup>th</sup> to March 3<sup>rd</sup>. BWSR staff has indicated that the survey had an 87% response rate, which is very good. The PRAP assessment report and a presentation by BWSR will be brought to a future board meeting once BWSR has completed its assessment.
- 3009 – Grant Research & Preparation
  - Section 319 Small Watersheds Focus: The District has been allocated \$279,583 as part of its second scheduled installment through this grant program. Four years ago the District was approved to participate in this program and receive stable grant funding every 4 years for a 16-year period. The District will work closely with MN Pollution Control Agency staff to prepare the work plan and obtain approval from the Environmental Protection Agency. We anticipate grant funds will be available at the end of this year or early 2027. Funds can be used on a variety of water quality work such as water quality improvement projects, education & outreach, and effectiveness/progress measurement monitoring (but not diagnostic monitoring). Since this is a federal grant, it may be utilized as match funding for state grants, such as Clean Water Fund grants, provided that expenditures are eligible and occur within the grant agreement period.
  - The District was awarded a \$5,000 grant through the DNR's No Child Left Inside grant program. This is a new grant program for the CLFLWD. This grant will fund the purchase of education kits to be utilized for youth outreach in partnership with local schools.
- 3010 – Operations & Maintenance
  - The CR50 Iron enhance sand filter was activated on April 10<sup>th</sup>.
  - Staff installed weir boards at the Bone lake inlet and at Bixby Park on April 17<sup>th</sup>.
- 3011 – Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention & Management

- Watercraft Inspectors have begun the required DNR training that will ensure a successful 2026 season. The District will have a team of 8 seasonal staff members along with a Conservation Core member. The planned WCI season will begin May 8<sup>th</sup> and continue until the October 18<sup>th</sup>.
- Blue Water Science has started spring Curly-leaf pondweed (CLP) delineations. Bone, Comfort, & Shields were surveyed the week of April 13<sup>th</sup>, & Forest Lake was surveyed the week of April 20<sup>th</sup>. District staff contacted DNR and they are putting May 15<sup>th</sup> for expiration dates on current MPARS CLP management permits. The DNR will be monitoring CLP growth and water temperature, which may shift the expiration dates earlier. Note: District staff will be performing the initial CLP delineation for Moody Lake following standard meander delineation survey protocols.
- Staff have performed the initial review of the District's AIS Rapid Response plan. The purpose of this is assessing the District's response to potential new AIS infestations, with a focus on Starry stonewort. Staff visually inspected the floating silt curtain barriers that are stored at the Forest Lake Public Works maintenance facility. Along with reaching out to any contacts that staff do not communicate with on a regular basis, updates have been made accordingly.
- Staff have attended the offseason WCI workshop hosted by the DNR. Various topics were discussed that related to AIS management, prevention within and across borders, successes and cuts to prevention aid funding, & partnerships.
- The required Prohibited Invasive Species Permit has been obtained for the Purple loosestrife biocontrol efforts that District staff will be implementing in 2026. This allows an individual to collect, possess, and transport Purple loosestrife for biological control purposes. District staff joined Wild River Conservancy staff during a rootstock collection event that they hosted, following DNR guidance and regulations. [Invasive aquatic plant best management practices: purple loosestrife](#)
- Researchers from the University of Minnesota are looking to obtain samples of adult zebra mussels from Comfort Lake & Bone Lake for a genomic study related to zebra mussel pathways and distribution patterns for Minnesota lakes (Forest Lake specimens were previously obtained). This builds upon previous analysis study and researchers plan to extend this analysis to more than one hundred lakes in Minnesota. [New genomic study reveals hidden pathways driving Minnesota's zebra mussel spread | University of Minnesota](#)
- 3012 – Land Acquisition

- The Bone Lake South Nature Area Management plan development is currently underway. Staff will develop a draft for review by EOR and submission to the Board for review later this summer.
- 3013 – Watershed Planning & Resiliency
  - Two planning items are on the April 23<sup>rd</sup> regular meeting agenda: Floodplain Resilience Action Plan and Watershed Management Plan Minor Amendment.

### Projects (5000 series)

- Moody Lake
  - Capstone: staff will be installing the informational signs at the Moody Park in the next few weeks. The signs describe the restoration efforts implemented and their benefit to the ecology of the lake.
- Little Comfort Lake
  - Heath Ave IESF: Bids for the project were opened on April 14<sup>th</sup>. Eleven bids were received, with several aligning with the engineers' estimate and budget for the project. Staff and EOR are reviewing the bids, contractor references, and required contractor experience, and will bring a recommendation before the Board at the May 14<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.
- Forest Lake
  - North Shore Trail Nature Area: A prescribed burn was successfully carried out on Friday April 10<sup>th</sup>. District staff will monitor the results of the burn along with our partners at Great River Greening. Remaining tasks for this phase of restoration include seeding and plug installation. The grant funding the restoration ends in June 2026.
- Comfort Lake
  - East Comfort Pond: As part of the Feasibility phase for the project, on April 13<sup>th</sup> EOR surveyed the pond and surrounding project site and collected soil samples from the stormwater feature. Staff have begun the landowner outreach for the project.

CLFLWD Active Grant Summary

Account	Grant	Total Grant Award or Grant Request	2024 Earned Grant Revenue	2025 Estimated Earned Grant Revenue	2026 Estimated Earned Grant Revenue	Grant Period Start Date	Grant Expiration Date	Cumulative Grant Amount Spent to Date (as of 3/31/26)	Comment
			(Each grant is on a different pay schedule, and projects span multiple years)						
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>		<b>\$9,946,083</b>	<b>\$545,431</b>	<b>\$2,796,083</b>	<b>\$1,901,751</b>				
<b>ACTIVE GRANTS</b>									
5-100	BWSR Water Quality & Storage Grant - Floodplain Project Modeling & Concept Design	\$99,000	\$0	\$0	\$50,000	2/26/2026	12/31/2027	\$0	Awarded in Feb 2026. Grant period begin in March/April 2026, end December 2027. Critical pre-project/project development step before applying for project construction grants.
6-000-F	Conservation Partners Legacy Bone Lake South Wetland Acquisition (and fencing)	\$500,000	\$0	\$424,119	\$75,881	7/14/2025	6/30/2026	\$451,260	Grant period ends 6/30/26. Majority used on property acquisition in 2025. Utilize remaining grant balance for fencing on acquired property in 2026.
5-224-A	FY24 CWF School Lake Ag BMPs	\$90,000	\$3,280	\$0	\$86,720	4/5/2024	12/31/2026	\$3,280	Project entails multiple BMPs. Roof runoff management completed in 2024. Remaining feedlot and ag field BMPs must be completed by end of 2026, pending landowner cooperation.
5-225-A	FY25 CWF Heath Ave Iron Enhanced Sand Filter	\$1,499,000	N/A	\$11,491	\$1,349,100	2/18/2025	12/31/2027	\$36,714	Project to be completed in 2025-2027. Grant expires 12/31/27. Aiming to time construction so that CWF match can be covered by Section 319 grant.
5-229-A	FY25 CWF Accelerated Implementation Grant - Sunrise River Headwaters Project Development	\$118,000	N/A	\$10,640	\$59,000	2/18/2025	12/31/2027	\$14,500	Project to be completed in 2025-2027. Grant expires 12/31/27.
5-229-B	FY25 BWSR Green Infrastructure Projects: East Comfort Pond	\$225,800	N/A	\$715	\$50,000	6/9/2025	12/31/2027	\$2,695	Grant amended to accommodate project location change per landowner agreements. Complete project by December 31, 2027.
3-004, 3-005	Midwest Glacial Lakes Partnership Grant - Shoreline Restorations and Outreach	\$60,000	\$0	\$46,023	\$13,977	10/1/2024	9/30/2026	\$46,228	Shoreline projects and shoreline-related public outreach. Will be completed in 2025/2026.
3-004	MPCA Local Climate Action: Shoreline Resiliency Planning - Moore Engineering	\$35,000	N/A	\$29,327	\$5,673	6/17/2025	6/30/2026	\$32,114	Complete Shoreline Resiliency Action Plan in 2026
3-013-A	BWSR PRAP - Permitting Program Review	\$8,400	\$0	\$0	\$8,400	2/3/2026	12/31/2026	\$0	2026 initiative- staff and engineering time to review permitting program effectiveness and improve efficiency
3-011	Washington County AIS Prevention Aid - three grants	\$18,000	\$24,692	\$19,884	\$18,000	3/26/2026	12/31/2026	\$0	2026 grants include Bone/Forest Watercraft Inspections (\$10,000), Forest Lk Flowering Rush (\$4,000), Forest Lake Curly-leaf Pondweed (\$4,000). Grant awards declining over time.
3-004	Conservation Corps Individual Host (900 hrs) and Crew Labor (400 hrs)	Technician and Crew	N/A	N/A	Technician and Crew	1/28/2026	9/30/2026	None	2026 initiative. Grant awarded in time/labor, not in dollars.
3-005	No Child Left Inside Grant: Outdoor Experience Kits for Local Schools	\$5,000	N/A	N/A	\$5,000	TBD	6/30/2027	\$0	
<b>ACTIVE GRANTS</b>		<b>\$2,658,200</b>	<b>\$27,972</b>	<b>\$542,199</b>	<b>\$1,721,751</b>			<b>\$586,790</b>	
<b>GRANT APPLICATIONS IN PROGRESS OR PENDING</b>									
3-005	National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Five Star Grant: Outreach and wildlife restoration projects	\$150,000	N/A	N/A	Likely in FY27	estimated 1/1/2027	6/30/2028	\$0	New grant program for the CLFLWD. Brought to April 23, 2026 regular board meeting for application approval.
3-003	Bush Foundation: Sequential Diagnostic Assessment Process Testing, Deployment, Spreading	TBD, \$500,000-\$1 million	N/A	N/A	Likely in FY27	estimated 1/1/2027	12/31/2031	\$0	New grant program for the CLFLWD. Brought to March 26, 2026 regular board meeting for application approval.
Various	St. Croix Valley Foundation: General Operating Support for Education & Outreach	\$25,000	N/A	N/A	\$25,000	8/1/2026	8/1/2027	\$0	New grant program for the CLFLWD. Max \$25,000 grant request for general operating support. Grant applications due in mid-June.
Various	Section 319 Small Watersheds Focus	\$279,583	N/A	N/A	Likely in FY27	estimated 1/1/2027	6/30/2030	\$0	Slated to receive next 4-yr installment of federal grant funds in Dec 2026/Jan 2027. Can be used to cover the match portion for state grants, projects, and program work. Work plan pending.
3-004, 3-005	Fishers & Farmers Partnership: Farmer-Led Council Support and Best Management Practices	\$80,000	N/A	N/A	\$40,000	estimated 7/1/2026	6/30/2028	\$0	Apply in January 2025, preliminary decision in March 2025, final award in March 2026 (after goes through federal grant review process)
5400	Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Fund: Greenbelt Phase 1 (Easements & Acquisitions)	\$1,467,000	N/A	N/A	\$50,000	7/1/2026	6/30/2030	\$0	Apply in May 2025, funds available July 2026 if awarded. Pending allocation: \$1,467,000
5100	Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Fund: Bone Lake South Phase 2 (Restoration)	\$1,432,000	N/A	N/A	\$50,000	7/1/2026	6/30/2031	\$0	Apply in May 2025, funds available July 2026 if awarded. Pending allocation: \$1,432,000
TBD	Broadway Iron Enhanced Sand Filter Replacement Project	\$599,000	N/A	N/A	\$10,000	7/1/2026	12/31/2029	\$0	Apply in March 2026, funds available in July 2026 if awarded
5-222-D	Bone Lake Northeast Agricultural Practices	\$30,000	N/A	N/A	\$5,000	7/1/2026	12/31/2029	\$0	Apply in March 2026, funds available in July 2026 if awarded
Various	MN GreenCorps Individual Placement	1 FTE Sep '26-Aug '27	N/A	N/A	Individual placement	estimated 8/1/2026	9/30/2027	None	One full-time temporary technician paid for by this grant program to assist with CLFLWD programs
<b>GRANT APPLICATIONS IN PROGRESS OR PENDING</b>		<b>\$4,062,583</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$180,000</b>			<b>\$0</b>	

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<b>GRANTS CLOSED IN 2025</b>									
5-228-D	FY22 CWF WJD-6 Wetland Restoration	\$386,000	\$304,458	\$800	N/A	5/17/2022	12/31/2025	\$305,258	Project completed under budget
5-221-B	FY22 CWF Moody Capstone Projects	\$239,500	\$183,632	\$16,061	N/A	5/17/2022	12/31/2025	\$234,859	Project completed under budget
5-228-F	FY23 CWF Forest Lake Alum Treatment	\$533,600	\$0 (Phase 1 in 2023)	\$277,192	N/A	3/27/2023	12/31/2025	\$513,255	Project completed under budget
5-228-G	ECP North Shore Circle Shoreline Restoration	\$26,000	\$1,777	\$24,223	N/A	7/2/2024	6/30/2025	\$26,000	Project completed on budget
6-000-D	LCCMR ENRTF - Great River Greening Partnership	\$77,000	N/A	N/A	N/A	10/18/2023	12/31/2025	[\$77,000 through GRG]	No grant revenue received by CLFLWD; GRG contracted and paid for work. \$10K cash match
6-000-F	Lessard-Sams Bone Lake South Wetland	\$1,913,200	\$0	\$1,913,200	N/A	7/1/2023	12/31/2025	\$1,913,200	Bone Lake South Property acquired in Dec 2025 w/ this grant and portion of CPL grant above
1-004	BWSR PRAP Grant - Strategic Plan	\$10,000	\$0	\$10,000	N/A	7/29/2024	5/1/2025	\$10,000	Strategic Plan completed in spring 2025.
3-013-B	PCA Local Climate Action - Floodplain Vulnerability	\$40,000	\$27,592	\$12,408	N/A	10/3/2024	6/30/2025	\$40,000	Grant spent and draft Action Plan completed in 2025. Final Action Plan to be finished early 2026.
<b>GRANTS CLOSED IN 2025</b>		<b>\$3,225,300</b>	<b>\$517,459</b>	<b>\$2,253,884</b>	<b>\$0</b>			<b>\$3,042,572</b>	