



TO: (CLFLWD) Board of Managers

DATE: June 18, 2026

RE: Administrator's Report for the June 25, 2026, Regular Board Meeting

Administration (1000 series)

- 1001 – Board Administration
 - The Board held its second and third budget meetings June 2nd and June 15th, respectively.
- 1003 – General Administration
 - CWP Loan E is in the process of the agreement being executed. A 10-year repayment period has already been approved.

Programs (3000 series)

- 3002 – Permitting
 - Between May 20, 2026, and June 15, 2026, the following activity took place:
 - 128 site inspections performed with a 95.08% compliance rate.
 - Two permit applications were received
 - Three permits were approved
 - Two permits were closed out.
 - See Appendix A for list of current active permits
- 3003 – Monitoring & Data Assessment
 - Continued CAMP monitoring on District Lakes
 - The Forest Lake level logger has been replaced/repared and is now again fully functional. Please go to <https://clflwd.org/lake-levels/> to see this live data stream.
- 3004 – Non-Point Source Pollution Abatement (Cost-Share)
 - Seven grants were closed out this month, including Three projects approved in 2025, and four from 2026.
 - Three grants were approved this month, including a shoreline restoration on Forest Lake that will be jointly funded by CLFLWD and Washington Conservation District.

- 3005 – Education & Outreach
 - EO Coordinator Hjelm attended the June 4th Comfort Lakes Association monthly meeting and provided an update on CLFLWD activities. There was a lot of interest in current AIS activities and specifically EWM growth and herbicide treatments on Comfort Lake.
 - EO Coordinator Hjelm, in coordination with Hardwood Creek Library, presented native plant information and led a “walk and talk” around the restored wetlands near the library on June 8th. 22 people were in attendance.
 - CLFLWD staff Read, Hjelm, and Bussjaeger coordinated and led the North Shore Trail Nature Area Walk and Talk on June 9th. 20 people were in attendance.
 - June 16 marks the start of the Forest Lake Arts in the Park series. CLFLWD will host an interactive informational booth each week throughout the event season. Board members are welcome and encouraged to assist at the booth on Tuesday evenings from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m., beginning June 16 and continuing through August 25.

- 3006 – Interagency Communication
 - Lower St. Croix Watershed Partnership:
 - Next Policy Committee meeting: Monday, July 29, 4-6 pm.
 - Steering Committee met on June 10th and discussed the FY27 Watershed Based Implementation Funding (WBIF) grant work plan. Emily Heinz is drafting the grant work plan per discussion at the Steering Committee meeting; this time is funded by the FY25 WBIF grant. The draft work plan will be brought to the Policy Committee for review and ultimately brought forward to local boards for approval before yearend. The draft work plan aligns with the decisions and recommendations made at the Convene Meeting earlier this year (i.e., funding is allocated for planning and assessments like carp surveys and internal assessments, as well as shoreline restorations). Note that projects will still have to go through the request process to receive funding next spring.
 - Aidan Read, Land Management Specialist, presented the District’s work on wake boats at the Washington County Water Consortium on June 3rd. The presentation is available to view at the Washington County website.
 - President Anderson and Administrator Kinney attended the Clean Water Council public input meeting as it relates to priorities for the 2027-2028 budget. An update will be provided at the board meeting.

- 3007 – Research
 - UMN researcher Catherine Polik accompanies staff during the CAMP monitoring of Forest Lake on 6-18 to collect water quality data for the doctorate research on lake ecological response to Alum treatments. She will sample Forest Lake several times this summer as part of this research.

- 3008 – Measurement of Progress
 - Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) staff is still working on the Performance Review & Assistance Program (PRAP) evaluation report for the District. This item will be brought to the CLFLWD Board when the report is ready.

- 3009 – Grant Research & Preparation
 - A detailed summary of active grants, pending grant applications, and in progress grant applications is provided as an attachment to the Administrator's Report.
 - Clean Water Fund: The Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) selected grant awardees for the FY27 Clean Water Fund competitive grants. The District's two proposals were not selected for funding: Broadway Iron Enhanced Sand Filter (\$599,000) and Bone Lake Northeast Ag Practices (\$30,000). Applications totaled almost 3x the available funding amount, and only 9 out of 25 applicants were selected for funding. These competitive grant programs continue to receive less funding each round and are only offered every other year now.
 - Lessard-Sams: At its meeting on June 17th the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council approved final accomplishment plans (i.e., grant work plans) for this year's round of grantees. The District is on track toward grant execution and project work beginning in July.

- 3010 – Operations & Maintenance
 - The City of Forest Lake was commissioned to assist with monthly maintenance of the CR50 IESF. This is a fine example of interagency cooperation and resource sharing.
 - The MN Conservation Corps Crew assisted staff with maintenance efforts at Shields Lake Park on 6-16/17 by clearing invasive vegetation. They will be assisting staff an additional 5 days this summer. Another fine example of interagency cooperation and resource sharing.

- Staff conducted maintenance at North Shore Circle Park, Moody Lake Raingarden, and Moody Lake Prairie project sites.
- 3011 – Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention & Management
 - Purple loosestrife beetle rearing efforts continue to go as planned. Beetles have completed their first round of egg laying and larvae have been observed in all 9 of the contained plants. Continued monitoring of plant health will be vital at this point and currently a release event is planned at the Forest Lake public launch #3 on July 1st at 10am.
 - Several new watercraft inspectors (WCI) have completed all required training courses, and overall staffing levels are at the point that it is projected the District will meet our seasonal WCI hourly inspection goals.
 - Blue Water Science (BWS) has provided an assessment survey for the Forest Lake 123.74-acre Curly-leaf pondweed treatment. Steve McComas noted that there was good control in the treatment areas. However, there was some observed CLP growth outside of these treatment zones, potentially from late sprouting CLP. Additionally, BWS have begun performing initial Eurasian watermilfoil (EWM) delineation surveys that will then be provided to the appropriate lake associations once they are received.
 - District staff will have completed the Moody Lake Curly-leaf pondweed (CLP) assessment survey on June 24th. This is a follow-up survey with the purpose of determining if the initial April 29th delineation survey performed by staff missed any potential heavy growth CLP.
 - On June 3rd District staff followed up on a potential Curly-leaf pondweed (CLP) heavy growth complaint on the northern shoreline of Comfort Lake. A rapid assessment survey was performed and only 4 of the 32 locations had any observable CLP present with very light growth. However, it is worth noting that at the time of the survey many of the points surveyed did have light to moderate growth of Eurasian watermilfoil (EWM), potentially this has been misidentified as CLP.
 - District staff met with Bone Lake Association (BLA) and Washington Conservation District (WCD) to discuss potential future AIS early detection and rapid response.
- 3012 – Land Acquisition

- Staff are gearing up to begin land acquisition efforts in July after the Greenway Corridor grant has been executed. The first actions will be to evaluate the Audubon property and begin that acquisition process.
- Staff are working on bringing in someone from one of the active land trust organizations to provide information on conservation easements, acquisitions, etc.
- 3013 – Watershed Planning & Resiliency
 - The Floodplain Resilience Action Plan Framework was finalized on May 28th and is now available on the District’s website at www.clflwd.org.
 - Following approval of the scope of work at the June 11th meeting, EOR is working on floodplain resiliency project development (i.e., project modeling and concept design). The District will coordinate closely with local municipalities on this effort.
 - The minor amendment to the Watershed Management Plan has been posted on the District’s website and distributed to plan review agencies.

Projects (5000 series)

- Bone Lake
 - BLSNA:
 - The perimeter fence replacement phase 1 was completed on May 28th. All fencelines, with exception of the southern fenceline, were replaced. The remaining southern fence line will be replaced later this year as funds become available.
 - Staff are continuing to develop the Management plan for the property. Staff have also reached out to EOR for scopes of work to 1) assist with review and development of the management plan, 2) assist with property access (driveway and parking area design), 3) feasibility and design of the wetland restoration efforts on the property. These Scopes will be presented to the Board in the coming weeks. All associated work would not begin until the Outdoor Heritage Fund grant for these efforts has been realized.
- Little Comfort Lake
 - Heath Ave IESF
 - A contractor (D&D Contracting LLC) was selected for the Heath Ave IESF project at the June 11th Board Meeting. Staff are currently working with

D&D and Legal Council on the contracting paperwork, bond, and required insurance. The project is on track for implementation later this summer.

- Comfort Lake
 - East Comfort Pond
 - EOR is working on the feasibility and preliminary designs for the project.

Appendix A – Active Permits

Active Permits			
Permit No.	Permit Name	Address	Rules
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
22-039	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
22-043-P3	Block 1, Lot 1 Rolling Acres 61	10350 198th St. N	3.0
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-PI	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
24-021	9879 206th St N	9879 206th St N	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
24-037	Criego SFH	13566 230th St N	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
25-013	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
25-026	Roche Garage	25516 E Comfort Drive	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
26-001	Forest Lake 2026 Street Improvement Project	207th St. Cir, Greystone Ave., Granada Ave. N	3.0
26-002	Dill SFH	23643 Granada Ave. N	3.0, 9.0
26-003	Beltz Park Volleyball	720 11th Ave SE	3.0
26-004	Annunziata SFH	21431 Iverson Ave N.	3.0, 9.0
26-005	Ramirez Garage	25505 E Comfort Dr	3.0, 9.0
26-006	Ambli SFH	7536 North Shore Cir N.	3.0, 9.0
26-007	Hubert SFH	7346 255th St.	3.0, 9.0
26-008	2026 Wyoming Street Project	257th St., Forest Blvd Trl, Forest Blvd Ln, Forest Blvd Cir, Freeport Ave, 258th St., Friesland Ct, Goldfinch Ave	3.0
26-012	B Olson SFH	22975 Mallard Ave N.	3.0
26-014	Granberg Septic	14250 Scandia Tr. N	3.0, 9.0

Active Grants Table

Account	Lake Management District	Title and Description	Total Grant Award or Grant Request	2025	2026	2027	Grant Period Start Date	Grant Expiration Date	Cumulative Grant Amount Spent to Date (as of 5/31/26)	Comment
		ACTIVE GRANTS	Total Grant Award or Grant Request	2025 Earned Grant Revenue Yearend	2026 Earned Grant Revenue Est. Yearend	2027 Earned Grant Revenue Estimated				
3-001	District-Wide	BWSR PRAP - Permitting Program Review	\$8,400	\$0	\$8,400	\$0	2/3/2026	12/31/2026	\$159	2026 initiative- staff and engineering time to review permitting program effectiveness and improve efficiency
3-004	District-Wide	MN Conservation Corps Individual Placement (900 hrs) and Crew Labor (400 hrs)	Technician and Crew for 2026 season	N/A	Technician and Crew	N/A	1/28/2026	9/30/2026	N/A	2026 initiative. Grant awarded in time/labor, not in dollars.
3-004, 3-005	District-Wide	Midwest Glacial Lakes Partnership Grant - Shoreline Restorations and Outreach	\$60,000	\$46,023	\$13,977	\$0	10/1/2024	9/30/2026	\$46,364	Shoreline projects and shoreline-related public outreach. Will be completed in 2025/2026.
3-004, 3-005	District-Wide	MPCA Local Climate Action: Shoreline Resiliency Planning - Moore Engineering	\$35,000	\$29,327	\$5,673	\$0	6/17/2025	6/30/2026	\$35,000	Complete Shoreline Resiliency Action Plan in 2026
3-005	District-Wide	No Child Left Inside Grant: Outdoor Experience Kits for Local Schools	\$5,000	N/A	\$5,000	\$0	7/1/2026	6/30/2027	\$0	2026 initiative - direct purchase cost of education kit materials.
3-006	District-Wide	LSC Mid-Point Evaluation Grant - Mid-Point Eval	\$2,310	\$0	\$2,310	TBD	12/29/2025	12/31/2026	\$2,031	Assist with Lower St. Croix 10-year plan mid-point evaluation. Potential for Phase 2 in 2027, TBD.
3-006	District-Wide	LSC WBIF Grant - Reporting and Work Planning	\$1,800	\$0	\$1,800	TBD	12/29/2025	12/31/2027	\$74	Assist with Lower St. Croix annual reporting and biennial work plan/budget. Potential to continue in 2027+
3-011	Forest LMD, Bone LMD	Washington County AIS Prevention Aid - three grants	\$18,000	\$19,884	\$18,000	\$16,000	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.
5-100	Comfort LMD	BWSR Water Quality & Storage Grant - Floodplain Project Modeling & Concept Design	\$99,000	\$0	\$49,500	\$49,500	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.
5-224-A	Little Comfort LMD	FY24 CWF School Lake Ag BMPs	\$90,000	\$0	\$10,000	\$0	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-C	Little Comfort LMD	FY25 CWF Heath Ave Iron Enhanced Sand Filter	\$1,499,000	\$21,825	\$1,349,100	\$128,075	2/18/2025	12/31/2027	\$52,071	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	Comfort LMD	FY25 CWF Accelerated Implementation Grant - Sunrise River Headwaters Project Development	\$118,000	\$10,640	\$59,000	\$48,360	2/18/2025	12/31/2027	\$19,171	Project to be completed in 2025-2027. Grant expires 12/31/27.
5-229-B	Comfort LMD	FY25 BWSR Green Infrastructure Projects: East Comfort Pond	\$225,800	\$715	\$50,000	\$150,000	6/9/2025	12/31/2027	\$8,790	Grant amended to accommodate project location change per landowner agreements. Complete project by December 31, 2027.
6-000-F	Bone LMD	Conservation Partners Legacy Bone Lake South Wetland Acquisition (and fencing)	\$500,000	\$424,119	\$75,881	\$0	7/14/2025	6/30/2026	\$500,000	Grant period ends 6/30/26. Majority used on property acquisition in 2025. Utilize remaining grant balance for fencing on acquired property in 2026.
Multiple	Multiple	Grants Closed out in 2025		\$2,279,667						
		ACTIVE GRANTS	\$2,662,310	\$2,832,200	\$1,648,641	\$391,935			\$666,940	

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Various	District-Wide	Section 319 Small Watersheds Focus	\$279,583	N/A	Likely in FY27	\$85,000	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, as well as new projects and program work.
Various	District-Wide	St. Croix Valley Foundation: General Operating Support for Education & Outreach	\$25,000	N/A	TBD	TBD	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.
3-004	TBD	BWSR Buffer Law Grant - Shoreline Restoration partnership with Washington Conservation District	~\$6,600 thru WCD	N/A	N/A - WCD funds work	N/A - WCD funds work	TBD	TBD	\$0	Partnership with Washington Conservation District to implement shoreline restoration on Forest Lake. CLFLWD contribute \$8,000 in budgeted levy funds. WCD contribute up to \$6,600 of BWSR buffer law grant funds.
3-004, 3-005	District-Wide	Fishers & Farmers Partnership: Farmer-Led Council Support and Best Management Practices	\$80,000	N/A	TBD	TBD	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)
3-005	Comfort LMD, Forest LMD, Bone LMD	National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) Five Star Grant: Outreach and shoreline restoration projects	\$100,000	N/A	Likely in FY27	TBD	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.
3-006	Comfort LMD, Forest LMD	MPCA Clean Sweep Program: Free street sweeping materials testing - apply for Forest Lake and Wyoming	Free testing	N/A	N/A	N/A	estimated fall 2026	N/A	\$0	New grant program for the CLFLWD. MPCA offers new grant program to provide free testing of street sweeping materials to identify harmful pollutants like phosphorus, metals, and hydrocarbons. Results can be used to document pollutant removal and compare to calculator/model estimates.
5-420-C	Bone LMD	Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Fund: Bone Lake South Phase 2 (Restoration)	\$1,432,000	N/A	\$135,000	\$130,000	7/1/2026	6/30/2031	\$0	Grant execution in progress. Anticipated to be active in July 2026.
6-000-I	Comfort LMD	Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Fund: Greenbelt Phase 1 (Easements & Acquisitions)	\$1,467,000	N/A	\$25,000	\$150,000	7/1/2026	6/30/2030	\$0	Grant execution in progress. Anticipated to be active in July 2026.
6-000	Comfort LMD	Great River Greening - support GRG proposal to Lessard-Sams OHF	\$200K thru GRG	N/A	N/A	GRG contracts work	7/1/2027	6/30/2032	\$0	Partner with GRG to fund land management and restoration/enhancement work on CLFLWD properties. Funds handled by GRG.
GRANT APPLICATIONS IN PROGRESS OR PENDING			\$3,383,583		\$160,000	\$365,000			\$0	
GRANT APPLICATIONS IN PROGRESS				2025 Earned Grant Revenue Yearend	2026 Earned Grant Revenue Est. Yearend	2027 Earned Grant Revenue Estimated				
Various	District-Wide	MN Conservation Corps Crew Labor	Crew for 2027 season	N/A	N/A	N/A	spring 2027	fall 2027	N/A	Application deadline anticipated in June 2026
3-003	Forest LMD, Bone LMD	Bush Foundation: Sequential Diagnostic Assessment Process Testing, Deployment, Spreading	TBD, \$500,000-\$1 million	N/A	FY27	TBD	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. Application development in progress with partners and EOR.
3-004	TBD	MDA AGRI grants (ag demonstration and partners grants) - TBD work with Farmer Led Council	TBD	N/A	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	\$0	New grant program for the CLFLWD. Multiple AGRI programs available. Staff is reviewing possibilities with partners and farmer-led council.
3-006	District-Wide	Esri Conservation Grant: Significantly discounted rates for three ArcGIS licenses (total \$11,400 discounted to \$300)	Discounted GIS = \$11K in savings	N/A	N/A	TBD	annually recurring	N/A	\$0	CLFLWD has been using this program for several years to obtain ArcGIS licenses for District staff use. The discounted rate is significant, and the District would have difficulty affording GIS licenses without it.
6-000	TBD	BWSR Managing Invasives for a Resilient Landscape Program - TBD work on District properties	TBD up to \$30,000	N/A	TBD	TBD	November 2026	December 2029	\$0	New grant program for the CLFLWD.
GRANT APPLICATIONS IN PROGRESS			TBD \$1 million+						\$0	
RECENT GRANTS NOT AWARDED										
Various	District-Wide	MN GreenCorps Individual Placement	1 FTE Sep '26-Aug '27				8/1/2026	9/30/2027		One full-time temporary technician paid for by this grant program to assist with CLFLWD programs
5-222-D	Bone LMD	Bone Lake Northeast Agricultural Practices	\$30,000				7/1/2026	12/31/2029		Apply in March 2026, funds available in July 2026 if awarded
5-229-H	Comfort LMD	Broadway Iron Enhanced Sand Filter Replacement Project	\$599,000				7/1/2026	12/31/2029		Apply in March 2026, funds available in July 2026 if awarded
RECENT GRANTS NOT AWARDED			\$0						N/A	