Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission

MEMO

Date: October 15, 2026
From: Laura Jester, Administrator
To: BCWMC Commissioners
RE: Administrator's Report

Aside from this month's agenda items, the Commission Engineers, city staff, committee members, and I continue to work on the following Commission projects and issues.

CIP Projects (more resources at http://www.bassettcreekwmo.org/projects.)

2020 Bryn Mawr Meadows Water Quality Improvement Project (BC-5), Minneapolis: (No update since July) A feasibility study by the Commission Engineer was developed in 2018 and approved in January 2019. The study included wetland delineations, soil borings, public open houses held in conjunction with MPRB's Bryn Mawr Meadows Park improvement project, and input from MPRB's staff and design consultants. Project construction year was revised from 2020 and 2022 to better coincide with the MPRB's planning and implementation of significant improvements and redevelopment Bryn Mawr Meadows Park where the project will be located. A public hearing for this project was held September 19, 2019. The project was officially ordered at that meeting. In January 2020 this project was awarded a $400,000 Clean Water Fund grant from BWSR; a grant work plan was completed and the grant with BWSR was fully executed in early May 2020. The project and the grant award was the subject of an article in the Southwest Journal in February: https://www.southwestjournal.com/voices/green-digest/2020/02/state-awards-grant-to-bryn-mawr-runoff-project/. In September 2020, Minneapolis and MPRB staff met to review the implementation agreement and maintenance roles. BCWMC developed options for contracting and implementation which were presented at the November meeting. At that meeting staff was directed to develop a memorandum of understanding or agreement among BCWMC, MPRB, and city of Minneapolis to recognize and assign roles and responsibilities for implementation more formally. The draft agreement was developed over several months and multiple conversations among the parties. At the May 2021 meeting the Commission approved to waiver potential conflict of the Commission legalcounsel and reviewed a proposal for project design by the Commission Engineer. The updated design proposal and the design agreement among all three parties were approved at the June 2021 meeting. Four public open houses were held in the park in 2021 to gather input on park concepts. Project partners met regularly throughout design to discuss schedules, planning and design components, and next steps. Concept designs were approved by the MRPB Board in late 2021. Staff met with MnDOT regarding clean out of Penn Pond and continue discussions. 50% design plans were approved by the Commission at the January 2022 meeting; 90% design plans were approved at the March 2022 meeting along with an agreement with MPRB and Minneapolis for construction. The agreement was approved by all three bodies. Commission Engineers finalized designs and assisted with bidding documents. Bids were returned in early August. At the meeting in August, the Commission approved moving forward with project construction (through MPRB), and approved a construction budget (higher than previously budgeted) and an amended engineering services budget. MPRB awarded the construction contract. In late November the contractor began the initial earthwork and started on portions of the stormwater pond excavations. By late December the 1st phase of construction was complete with the ponds formed and constructed. The contractor began driving piles in late January and began installing underground piping in early February. At the March meeting, the Commission approved an increase to the engineering services budget and learned the construction budget is currently tracking well under budget. The change order resulting from the City of Minneapolis' request to replace a city sewer pipe resulted in extra design/engineering costs that were approved by the Administrator so work could continue without delays. The MPRB will reimburse the Commission for those extra costs and will, in-turn, be paid by the city. In early May construction was focused in the Morgan / Laurel intersection. The right-of-way storm sewer work is complete including the rerouting of some of the existing storm infrastructure and installation of the stormwater diversion structures. Construction of the ponds is complete and stormwater from the neighborhood to the west is now being routed through new storm sewers to the ponds. Vegetation is currently being established around the ponds. At the October 2023 meeting the Commission approved an amendment to the agreement

with MPRB and Minneapolis in order to facilitate grant closeout. At the December 2023 meeting the Commission approved a partial reimbursement to MPRB for $400,000. Corrections to a weir that was installed at the wrong elevation were made in spring 2024. A final grant report was submitted to the MN Board of Water and Soil Resources in late January 2024 and the final grant payment was recently received. Project as-built drawings were completed and an operations and maintenance plan is being finalized. August 2025 update: St. Anthony Falls Lab is using the new ponds as part of a study to understand how stormwater pond plant communities affect functioning of stormwater ponds, and how pond design, maintenance and management can be adapted to promote conditions that maximize water quality benefits in urban and road-impacted areas. Project partners recently met to agree on a timeline for completing all documents and agreements between MPRB and Minneapolis. A final project report and reimbursement request are expected at the September or October Commission meeting. Project website: http://www.bassettcreekwmo.org/projects/all- projects/bryn-mawr-meadows-water-quality-improvement-project

Original Project Budget: $1,835,000.00; Remaining Funds: $1,079,310.44 (Funds will be used to reimburse MPRB and City of Minneapolis upon receipt of final report and reimbursement request with appropriate documentation.)

2020 Jevne Park Stormwater Improvement Project (ML-21) Medicine Lake (No change since July 2023): At their meeting in July 2018, the Commission approved a proposal from the Commission Engineer to prepare a feasibility study for this project. The study got underway last fall and the city's project team met on multiple occasions with the Administrator and Commission Engineer. The Administrator and Engineer also presented the draft feasibility study to the Medicine Lake City Council on February 4, 2019 and a public open house was held on February 28th. The feasibility study was approved at the April Commission meeting with intent to move forward with option 1. The city's project team is continuing to assess the project and understand its implications on city finances, infrastructure, and future management. The city received proposals from 3 engineering firms for project design and construction. At their meeting on August 5th, the Medicine Lake City Council voted to continue moving forward with the project and negotiating the terms of the agreement with BCWMC. Staff was directed to continue negotiations on the agreement and plan to order the project pending a public hearing at this meeting. Staff continues to correspond with the city's project team and city consultants regarding language in the agreement. The BCWMC held a public hearing on this project on September 19, 2019 and received comments from residents both in favor and opposed to the project. The project was officially ordered on September 19, 2019. On October 4, 2019, the Medicine Lake City Council took action not to move forward with the project. At their meeting in October 2019, the Commission moved to table discussion on the project. The project remains on the 2020 CIP list. In a letter dated January 3, 2022, the city of Medicine Lake requested that the Commission direct its engineer to analyze alternatives to the Jevne Park Project that could result in the same or similar pollutant removals and/or stormwater storage capacity. At the March meeting, the Commission directed the Commission Engineer to prepare a scope and budget for the alternatives analysis which were presented and discussed at the April 2022 meeting. No action was taken at that meeting to move forward with alternatives analysis. In May and June 2023, Commission staff discussed the possibility of incorporating stormwater management features into a redevelopment of Jevne Park currently being considered by the City of Medicine Lake. After review of the preliminary park design plans, the Commission Engineer and I recommended implementation of the original CIP Project to the City. Project webpage: http://www.bassettcreekwmo.org/index.php?cID=467.

Original Project Budget $500,000; Remaining Funds: $ 443,609.25 (Funds are held until a viable project is identified or Commission officially closes the project and returns funds to the Closed Project Account.)

2014 Schaper Pond Diversion Project and Carp Management, Golden Valley (SL-3) (No change since June): Repairs to the baffle structure were made in 2017 after anchor weights pulled away from the bottom of the pond and some vandalism occurred in 2016. The city continues to monitor the baffle and check the anchors, as needed. Vegetation around the pond was planted in 2016 and a final inspection of the vegetation was completed last fall. Once final vegetation has been completed, erosion control will be pulled and the contract will be closed. The Commission Engineer began the Schaper Pond Effectiveness Monitoring Project last summer and presented results and recommendations at the May 2018 meeting. Additional effectiveness monitoring is being performed this summer. At the July meeting the Commission Engineer reported that over 200 carp were discovered in the pond during a recent carp survey. At the September meeting the Commission approved the Engineer's recommendation to perform a more in-depth survey of carp including transmitters to learn where and when carp are moving through the system. At the October 2020 meeting, the Commission received a report on the carp surveys and recommendations for carp removal and management. Carp removals were performed through the Sweeney Lake Water Quality Improvement

Project. Results were presented at the February 2021 meeting along with a list of options for long term carp control. Commission took action approving evaluation of the long-term options to be paid from this Schaper Pond Project. Commission and Golden Valley staff met in March 2021 to further discuss pros and cons of various options. At the September 2021 meeting, the Commission approved utilizing an adaptive management approach to carp management in the pond ($8,000) and directed staff to discuss use of stocking panfish to predate carp eggs. Commission Engineers will survey the carp in 2022. At the April meeting, the Commission approved panfish stocking in Schaper Pond along with a scope and budget for carp removals to be implemented later in 2022 if needed. Commission staff informed lake association and city about summer activities and plans for a fall alum treatment. Approximately 1,000 bluegills were released into Schaper Pond in late May. Carp population assessments by electroshocking in Sweeney Lake and Schaper Pond were completed last summer. A report on the carp assessment was presented in January. Monitoring in Schaper Pond in 2023 and a reassessment of carp populations in 2024 were approved in early 2023. Carp box netting in 2024 is also approved, as needed. A carp survey of Schaper Pond and Sweeney Lake were recently completed which found higher than expected carp numbers in Sweeney Lake. Carp Solutions completed box netting in Sweeney Lake in late September 2024. At the October meeting the Commission Engineer reported that 191 carp were removed bringing the carp density to about 31.3 kg/hectare, less than the 100 kg/hectare threshold for water quality problems. A more detailed report on carp population status and recommendations for further monitoring in Schaper Pond was presented and approved at the January 2025 meeting. Monitoring on the pond got underway last summer. Challenges during the 2025 monitoring season included heavy rains and impacts to a city manhole that house monitoring equipment which had to be removed. An amendment to the effectiveness monitoring budget was approved at the October 2025 meeting. At the February meeting, Commission Engineers presented results of the 2025 monitoring and the Commission approved a cost benefit analysis of long-term carp management with the remaining project funds. Carp surveys in Schaper Pond and Sweeney Lake took place in May. Results will be reported at a future meeting. Project webpage: http://www.bassettcreekwmo.org/index.php?cID=277.

Original Project Budget: $612,000; Remaining Funds: $ 5,215

2014 Twin Lake In-lake Alum Treatment, Golden Valley (TW-2) (No changes since August 2024): At their March 2015 meeting, the Commission approved the project specifications and directed the city to finalize specifications and solicit bids for the project. The contract was awarded to HAB Aquatic Solutions. The alum treatment spanned two days: May 18- 19, 2015 with 15,070 gallons being applied. Water temperatures and water pH stayed within the desired ranges for the treatment. Early transparency data from before and after the treatment indicates a change in Secchi depth from 1.2 meters before the treatment to 4.8 meters.

Water monitoring continues to determine if/when a second alum treatment is necessary. Monitoring results from 2023 were presented at the July 2024 meeting. Results show continued excellent water quality. The CIP funding remains in place for this project as a 2nd treatment may be needed in the future. Project webpage: http://www.bassettcreekwmo.org/index.php?cID=278.

Original Project Budget: $163,000; Remaining Funds: $71,962.18

2013 Four Seasons Area Water Quality Project (NL-2) (No change since April): At their meeting in December 2016, the Commission took action to contribute up to $830,000 of Four Seasons CIP funds for stormwater management at the Agora development on the old Four Seasons Mall location. At their February 2017 meeting the Commission approved an agreement with Rock Hill Management (RHM) and an agreement with the City of Plymouth allowing the developer access to a city-owned parcel to construct a wetland restoration project and to ensure ongoing maintenance of the CIP project components. At the August 2017 meeting, the Commission approved the 90% design plans for the CIP portion of the project. At the April 2018 meeting, Commissioner Prom notified the Commission that RHM recently disbanded its efforts to purchase the property for redevelopment. In 2019, a new potential buyer/developer (Dominium) began preparing plans for redevelopment at the site. City staff, the Commission Engineer and I have met on numerous occasions with the developer and their consulting engineers to discuss stormwater management and opportunities with "above and beyond" pollutant reductions. Concurrently, the Commission attorney has been working to draft an agreement to transfer BCWMC CIP funds for the above and

beyond treatment. At their meeting in December, Dominium shared preliminary project plans and the Commission discussed the redevelopment and potential "above and beyond" stormwater management techniques. At the April 2020 meeting, the Commission conditionally approved the 90% project plans. The agreements with Dominium and the city of Plymouth to construct the project were approved May 2020 and project designers coordinated with Commission Engineers to finalize plans per conditions. In June 2021, the City of Plymouth purchased the property from Walmart. The TAC discussed a potential plan for timing of construction of the stormwater management BMPs by the city in advance of full redevelopment. At the August 2021 meeting, the Commission approved development of an agreement per TAC recommendations. The city recently demolished the mall building and removed much of the parking lot. At the December meeting the Commission approved the 90% design plans and a concept for the city to build the CIP project ahead of development and allow the future developer to take credit for the total phosphorus removal over and above 100 pounds. At the July meeting, the Commission approved an agreement with the city to design, construct, and maintain the CIP project components and allow a future developer to use pollutant removal capacity above 100 pounds of total phosphorus. A fully executed agreement is now filed. The updated 90% project plans were approved at the September 2023 meeting. Changes to those plans were needed to address permitting requirements resulted. Those changes were presented at the November 2024 meeting and were administratively approved by the Commission Engineers. Construction of the wetland restoration is complete (see photo). The Commission approved a reimbursement request at the March 2026 meeting. Project webpage: http://www.bassettcreekwmo.org/index.php?cID=282.

Original Project Budget: $990,000; Remaining Funds: $ 235,544.67 (Funds will be used to reimburse City of Plymouth upon receipt of final report and reimbursement request with appropriate documentation.)

2021 Parkers Lake Chloride Reduction Project (PL-7) (No change since July): The feasibility study for this project was approved in May 2020 with Alternative 3 being approved for the drainage improvement work. After a public hearing was held with no public in attendance, the Commission ordered the project on September 17, 2020 and entered an agreement with the city of Plymouth to implement the project in coordination with commission staff. The city collected additional chloride data in winter 2020 in order to better pinpoint the source of high chlorides loads within the subwatershed. Partners involved in the Hennepin County Chloride Initiative (HCCI) are interested in collaborating on this project. A proposal from Plymouth and BCWMC for the "Parkers Lake Chloride Project Facilitation Plan" was approved for $20,750 in funding by the HCCI at their meeting in March. The project will 1) Compile available land use data and chloride concentrations, 2) Develop consensus on the chloride sources to Parkers Lake and potential projects to address these sources, and 3) Develop a recommendation for a future pilot project to reduce chloride concentrations in Parkers Lake, which may be able to be replicated in other areas of Hennepin County, and 4) help target education and training needs by landuse. A series of technical stakeholder meetings were held to develop recommendations on BMPs. A technical findings report was presented at the July 2022 meeting. At the September 2022 meeting, the Commission approved a scope and budget for a study of the feasibility of in-lake chloride reduction activities which was presented at the November 2022 meeting. The Commission directed staff to develop a scope for a holistic plan for addressing chloride runoff from the most highly contributing subwatershed. Commission and Plymouth staff continue to work on outreach and engagement with properties in the subwatershed, primarily through activities by WMWA's coordinator position. At the March 2025 meeting the Commission approved a contract with Bolton and Menk for assessment of salt storage and other practices at 4 properties. In November 2025, the Commission approved a reimbursement agreement with Hennepin County in order to utilize grant funding for this project. A final report from Bolton & Menk was reviewed, discussed among partners, and included with Commission meeting materials in May 2026. Also in May, the Commission approved an agreement with Bolton & Menk for a second phase of this project. In July the Commission approved an agreement with MPCA for future Smart Salting trainings. Project website: www.bassettcreekwmo.org/projects/all-projects/parkers-lake-drainage-improvement-project

Original Project Budget: $485,000; Remaining Funds: $ 231,249

2022 Medley Park Stormwater Treatment Facility (ML-12) (No change since June 2025): The feasibility study for this project was approved in June 2021 with public engagement and a project kick-off meeting in the following months. The project was officially ordered by the Commission in September 2021. The city hired Barr Engineering to develop the project designs. The BCWMC received a $300,000 Clean Water Fund grant from BWSR in December 2021 and the grant agreement approved in March 2022. 50% design plans were approved in February 2022 and 90% plans were approved at the May 2022 meeting. Construction began in November 2022 and winter construction was finished in late January

2023. Activities in spring 2023 included completing grading (topsoil adjustments); paving (concrete, bituminous); light pole and fixture install; benches install; site clean up and prep for restoration contractor. In late May 2023, Peterson Companies completed their construction tasks and the project transitioned to Traverse de Sioux for site restoration and planting. A small area of unexpected disturbance from construction was added to the overall area to be restored with native plants through a minor change order. Site restoration, planting, and seeding was completed in late June 2023. A final grant report was submitted to the MN Board of Water and Soil Resources in late January 2025 and all grant funds were received. The Commission approved reimbursement requests from Golden Valley at their October 2024 and March 2025 meetings. The project was featured in the "Snap Shots" newsletter from the MN Board of Water and Soil Resources. A final reimbursement request and report will be submitted after final vegetation establishment. www.bassettcreekwmo.org/projects/all- projects/medley-park-stormwater-treatment-facility

Original Project Budget: $1,500,000; Remaining Funds: $141,862.80 (Funds will be used to reimburse City of Golden Valley upon receipt of final report and reimbursement request with appropriate documentation.)

2022 SEA School-Wildwood Park Flood Reduction Project (BC-2, 3, 8, 10) (No change since December 2023): The feasibility study for this project was approved in June 2021. Study development included meetings with and input from city staff, Robbinsdale Area School representatives, technical stakeholders, and the public. In September 2021, a resolution was approved to officially order the project, submit levy amounts to the county, and enter an agreement with the city to design and construct the project. The city hired Barr Engineering to develop the project designs. 50% Design Plans were approved at the January 2022 meeting. A public open house was held September 2022 and 90% were approved at the October 2022 Commission meeting. Six construction bids were received in late February 2023 with several of them under engineer's estimates. The city contracted with Rachel Contracting and construction got underway in early spring 2023. By late June excavation was completed and the playground area was prepped and ready for concrete work to begin on July 5. The city hired Landbridge Ecological for restoration work in summer 2023. At the end of July 2023, utility crews lowered the watermain and installed the storm sewer diversions into the park from along Duluth Street. The hydrodynamic separator was also set (with a crane). Crews also worked on the iron-enhanced sand filter and the outlet installation, stone work on the steepened slopes, trail prep, bituminous paving, and concrete work (curb and gutter, pads, and ADA ramps). The preconstruction meeting for the restoration work was held with work to begin late August or early September 2023. The city awarded the contract for the DeCola Pond D outlet work to Bituminous Roadways Inc. in August 2023. The SEA School site construction is complete and restoration work is complete. The DeCola Pond D outlet replacement and site restoration is also now complete. Project webpage: www.bassettcreekwmo.org/projects/all-projects/sea-school-wildwood-park-flood-reduction-project.

Original Project Budget: $1,300,000; Remaining Funds: $1,215,950 (Funds will be used to reimburse City of Golden Valley upon receipt of final report and reimbursement request with appropriate documentation.)

Bassett Creek Restoration Project: Regent Ave. to Golden Valley Rd. (2024 CR-M), Golden Valley (See Item 5D):

A feasibility study for this project got underway in fall 2022. A public open house was held March 1st with 30 residents attending. The draft feasibility report was presented at the April meeting. A final feasibility report was presented at the June meeting where the Commission approved the implementation of Alternative 3: to restore all high, medium, and low priority sites. A Clean Water Fund grant application for $350,000 was recently developed and submitted to BWSR. The Commission held a public hearing on this project at its September meeting and officially ordered the project and set the final levy. An agreement with the city of Golden Valley for design and construction was approved at the November 2024 Commission meeting. The Commission (Commission Engineers) will design the project and provide engineering services. A scope of work for engineering services was approved at the March meeting. A drone survey of the entire stretch was completed in early April. A project kick-off meeting was held with city and commission staff on April 9th. Field and desktop surveys are continuing. Meetings regarding utility easements and communications planning were recently held. A public open house on the project was held on June 5th. At the June meeting the Commission approved a scope and budget for a wetland delineation and architectural survey which are unexpected requirements for a permit from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. That work is getting underway. Additionally, Administrator Jester approved a scope and budget for an archeological survey that was included in the original engineering services scope as a contingency task with approval delegated to the Administrator. Commission Engineers presented the 50% designs at the July meeting. At the August meeting, commissioners reviewed a reprioritization of eroded sites and discussed cost saving and implementation options. Commissioners approved a new project budget to accommodate repair of new and expanded erosion and vegetation restoration on public and private properties along the project corridor. A public open house was held October 30th. Letters

to residents along the project were sent by Golden Valley requesting temporary easements for the project. 90% plans were approved at the November meeting. An amendment to the engineering services budget and overall project budget were approved in January. The city awarded a contract for construction and vegetation restoration to MNL (Minnesota Native Landscapes). Permits are in place and construction is underway in the first reach. At last month's meeting, commissioners discussed a potential change to the planned vegetated buffers due to some residents' desire not to have these plantings. The Commission did authorize any change to the plans. At this meeting, staff will present a recommendation to adjust some budget lines in the engineering scope. Project website: https://www.bassettcreekwmo.org/projects/all-projects/bassett-creek-restoration-project-regent-ave-golden-valley-r

Original Project Budget: $1,941,000; Amended Project Budget: $3,534,580; Remaining Funds: $ 2,832,432

Sochacki Park Water Quality Improvement Project (BC-14): This project was added to the CIP through a minor plan amendment as approved at the March 2023 Commission meeting with CIP funding set at $600,000. The project involves a suite of projects totaling an estimated $2.3M aimed improving the water quality in three ponds and Bassett Creek based on a subwatershed analysis by Three Rivers Park District (TRPD). A memorandum of understanding about the implementation process, schedules, and procedural requirements for the project was executed in April 2023 among BCWMC, TRPD, and the cities of Golden Valley and Robbinsdale. A feasibility study funded by TRPD was approved in September 2023. The Commission held a public hearing on this project at the same meeting and officially ordered the project and set the final levy. A cooperative agreement with TRPD and Robbinsdale was approved at the April 2024 meeting. Three Rivers Park District contracted with Barr Engineering to develop project designs. A Phase II Environmental Assessment was completed last year. Soil contamination (including PCBs) was found in some areas to be above MPCA action levels.

The following are recent (2025) updates for the project: MPCA approved the response action plan; TRPD cleared the federal environmental review requirements for the project and were issued a release of funds for the HUD grant; additional test pits were completed for soil pre-characterization, and the extent of contaminants is less than anticipated, especially with regards to PCBs; Hennepin County ERF grant for $447,000 was awarded for remediation efforts. A technical stakeholder meeting was held in March week with permitting agencies. A public open house and required public hearing on the proposed water level drawdown was held August 10th. 50% project designs were approved in July and 90% plans were approved in September. The pond drawdowns have started and construction of the BMPs is expected this winter. Project webpage: https://www.bassettcreekwmo.org/projects/all-projects/sochacki-park-water-quality-improvement-project.

Original Project Budget: $600,000; Remaining Funds: 586,500.00

Plymouth Creek Restoration Project Dunkirk Lane to 38th Ave. North (2026 CR-P): A scope and budget for a feasibility study was approved at the October meeting. A project kick off meeting was held November 3rd and a technical stakeholder meeting was held December 5th. Field investigations and desktop analyses are complete. Site prioritization ranking criteria are being developed and concept designs are being developed. A public open house was held on March 11th. Residents who attended are in favor of the project and had questions about impacts to trees, potential construction activities in specific reaches, and buckthorn removal. The feasibility study was approved at the May meeting with Option 3a being approved for implementation. At the June meeting the Commission approved a maximum levy for 2025 that includes funding for this project which was approved by the Hennepin County Board August 6th At its September meeting, the Commission held a public hearing on this project and approved a resolution officially ordering the project, setting the 2025 levy, and entering an agreement with the City of Plymouth for design and construction. The city will hold a public open house on this project in spring 2025 after the city contracts with an engineering firm. A Clean Water Fund grant for $400,000 was awarded by BWSR. The grant agreement and sub-grant agreement were approved at the April meeting. The City of Plymouth hired Moore Engineering for project designs. Commission Engineers sent requested data, surveys, and models to Moore Engineers at the request of the City of Plymouth. A public meeting will be scheduled for later this year. A pre-permitting meeting was held with permitting agencies on September 2nd. Commission Engineer's review and comments on 60% designs for Phase I were approved at the October meeting. A public open house was held on November 3rd. 90% designs were approved at the December meeting. The City of Plymouth awarded a construction contract to JC Hallett Construction; construction of Phase I is largely complete. Design has started for Phase II. A pre-application meeting with permitting agencies to discuss Phase II was held September 10th. 60% designs are expected to be presented at the November meeting. Project webpage: https://www.bassettcreekwmo.org/projects/all-projects/plymouth-creek-restoration-dunkirk-lane-38th-ave-n.

Original Project Budget: $2,600,000; Remaining Funds: $2,444,443.92

Double Box Culvert Repair Project (FCP-1): This project was officially ordered in September 2025 after completion of the feasibility study in June 2025. A stakeholder kick-off meeting was held on February 19th. At the meeting in March 2026, the Commission approved the 60% design plans. 90% plans were approved at the June meeting. Commission Engineers presented project plans to the Minneapolis Capital Project Task Force Committee to ensure proper coordination with other city projects. Final plans and bidding and contracting documents were recently completed. A webpage was developed for the project this summer. A bid opening was held last week. Commission Engineers have been working with the Commission Attorney on contracting documents and access agreements. At the September meeting, the Commission awarded a construction contract to Minger and approved access agreements. Construction is likely to begin in the coming weeks. Project webpage: https://www.bassettcreekwmo.org/projects/all-projects/flood-control-project-double-box-culvert-maintenance-and-repair-project

Original Project Budget: $1,504,000 Remaining Funds: $ 1,324,103

Crane Lake Chloride Reduction Demonstration Project, Minnetonka (CL-4): At the meeting in July, the Commission approved a scope and budget for the feasibility study for this project. The Commission Engineer is gathering background information. A project kick off meeting was held in September 2024. In summer 2025, water quality sampling and continuous chloride monitoring at the five pond monitoring sites was completed. Last summer, Commission Engineers compiled and analyzed the field and laboratory monitoring results and developed watershed chloride load assessment modeling, which was calibrated based on the water quality monitoring data. At the meeting last month, Commission Engineers presented the draft feasibility study. The TAC discussed possible options for source control at their meeting on June 3rd, and Commission Engineers and I met with Minnetonka staff on June 9th to gather additional feedback on possible implementation activities. The feasibility study was approved at the June 2026 meeting with direction to implement the recommended three phases. A public hearing was held in September and the project was officially ordered in the same meeting. Project webpage: https://www.bassettcreekwmo.org/projects/all-projects/crane-lake-chloride-reduction-demonstration-project.

Original Project Budget: $464,200 Remaining Funds: $348,404

Main Stem Bassett Creek Lagoon Dredging Project (BC-7) (See Item 5A):
The goals of the original Main Stem Lagoon Dredging project (Phase I) were to improve water quality in the creek by removing accumulated sediment from Lagoons D, E, and F to re-establish an aesthetic and function similar to the original open water design from the 1930's. The original project resulted in deepening the lagoons to 4 feet instead of the intended 6 feet. A feasibility scope and budget for a second phase of the project was approved in August 2025 and revisions were approved in March 2026 to evaluate an additional option of wetland restoration on Lagoon G. The Phase II feasibility study was approved at the June meeting with direction to implement Alternate 3 which combines some dredging in Lagoon G with wetland restoration in Lagoon G. A public hearing on Phase II was held in September and the project was officially ordered in the same meeting. At this meeting, the Commission will consider a scope and budget for the design and engineering services for this project.
Project webpage: https://www.bassettcreekwmo.org/index.php?cID=506

Original Project Budget Phase I & Phase II: $4,289,000 Remaining Funds: $2,586,398

Administrator Activities September 9 – October 14, 2026

Subject	Work Progress
CIP and Technical Projects	• General: Discussed timing/sequencing of projects, feasibility studies, and TAC agenda items with Commission Engineer Johnson • Plymouth Creek Restoration Project: Attended pre-application meeting with permitting agencies on Phase II. Corresponded with city staff and Commission Engineers re: project timing and design reviews. • Main Stem Bassett Creek Restoration Project: Discussed project engineering services budget with Commission Engineers and city staff • Lagoon Dredging Project: Reviewed/commented on scope and budget for Phase II design and engineering services • Medicine Lake Task Force: Corresponded re: survey for residents and lake users and reviewed preliminary results; corresponded with city of Plymouth on task force membership and initial messaging for invitation to participate; sent initial invitation to selected agency staff and other individuals; corresponded with TRPD staff on first meeting timing and agenda • Double Box Culvert Repair Project: Gathered signatures on agreements and resolution; reviewed/commented on project signage • Wirth/Eloise Butler Wetland Hydrology Study: Reviewed scope and budget for study, provided comments; met with Commission Engineer to discuss contingency recommendation • Northwood and Lost Lake TMDL Project: Met with MPCA staff and Commission Engineers re: modeling results for Northwood; discussed project budget with Commission Engineers and reviewed request for budget amendment
Education and Outreach	• Prepared agenda and materials for Education Committee meeting • Gathered and reviewed resumes for WMWA Educator position; corresponded with Hennepin County staff; schedules initial Zoom interviews with 5 applicants • Prepared WMWA agenda and meeting minutes and facilitated October WMWA meeting • Discussed WMWA roles and future governance with partners • Reviewed/commented on WMWA Coordinator position job opening announcment • Coordinated volunteers and delivered/picked up educational materials • Attended/tabled at Haha Wapadan Water Blessing Event • Participated in Watershed Partners Chloride Subgroup meeting • Reviewed and discussed with K Egan on future education activities • Discussed BCWMC email options with K Egan • Met with Utepils staff and Adopt-a-Drain contractor on signage and coordination of education activities • Crafted and sent email to commissioners with upcoming events and meetings • Met with Hennepin County staff and Robbinsdale staff re: raingarden project in Robbinsdale using WBIF funding • Discussed request from artist to use photos from BCWMC website for art installation in Hopkins in March • Scheduled Education Committee meeting; refined education workplan for committee review; prepared previous meeting notes and agenda for Education Committee meeting • Scheduled presentation at Covenant Living in Golden Valley
Administration	• Developed agenda; reviewed invoices and submitted expenses spreadsheet to Plymouth; reviewed financial report; finalized meeting minutes; reviewed memos, reports, and documents for Commission meeting; printed and disseminated meeting information to commissioners, staff, and TAC; updated online calendar; drafted meeting follow up email; ordered catering for October Commission meeting • Participated in September pre-meeting call with Commission Engineer and Chair Cesnik • Developed agenda for TAC meeting; attended meeting • Developed agenda for Administrative Services Committee meeting; attended meeting • Sent final levy request and resolution to Hennepin County • Informed accountants of approved CIP project budgets

	• Responded to data request on historic development and conditions surrounding tunnel entrances • Responded to data request for previous watershed management plans • Corresponded with MW lobbyist and Hennepin Co Commissioner Fernando re: request to revise statute language on multi-jurisdictional partnerships • Discussed potential conflict of interest instances with Commission Engineer • Attended Met Council's Integrated Water Planning Workshop • Participated in Chloride Workgroup meeting • Drafted outline for public-private partnership program; created draft title, goals, overview of program for Administrative Services Committee discussion • Developed agenda, wrote previous meeting notes, and attended Administrative Services Committee meeting • Reviewed Commission Engineer correspondence on MPCA's proposed rule changes regarding lakes standards and classifications • Corresponded with Commission Attorney and Met Council staff re: reimbursement agreement for Blue Line LRT reviews
Organizational Assessment Project	• Participated in bi-weekly check-in meetings with SCC • Reviewed refined interview questions • Coordinated with SCC on their presentation to the Administrative Services Committee • Participated in interview by SCC
MN Watersheds	• Assisted with July meeting notes and October agenda for Metro Watersheds meeting • Attended MAWA Executive Committee meeting • Reserved lodging for MW Annual Conference • Assisted with reimbursement request for S Kennedy for Summer Tour