

APPROVED

Meeting Minutes

January 21, 2026

MEMBERS PRESENT

Curt Enestvedt, Chair
Mike Hughes, Vice Chair
Rollie Greeno
Paul Below (arrived 5:07)
Ben Maas, Alternate (arrived 5:19)

MEMBERS ABSENT

Scott Thureen, Secretary/Treasurer
Greg Helms, Alternate

OTHERS PRESENT

Greg Williams – Barr Engineering
Brian Hartman – City of Apple Valley
Anne Messerschmidt – City of Lakeville (joined by phone)
Joe Barten – Dakota County Soil & Water Conservation District
Daryl Jacobson – BDWMO Administrator
Tammi Carte – BDWMO Secretary

Curt Enestvedt, Chair, called the January 21, 2026, meeting to order at 5:00pm.

I. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Hughes, second by Greeno, to approve the January 21, 2026, Agenda as presented.

Ayes – Enestvedt, Hughes, Greeno
Nays – None

Motion Carried Unanimously

II. Approval of Minutes from the November 19, 2025, Meeting

Motion by Greeno, second by Hughes, to approve the November 19, 2025, Minutes as presented.

Ayes – Enestvedt, Hughes, Greeno
Nays – None

Motion Carried Unanimously

III. Approval of Accounts Payable

Motion by Hughes, second by Greeno, to approve accounts payable to Barr Engineering in the amount of \$1,886.30 for services from November 1, 2025, through December 26, 2025.

Ayes – Enestvedt, Hughes, Greeno

Nays – None

Motion Carried Unanimously

IV. Review Budget Performance Reports

Daryl Jacobson, BDWMO Administrator, shared that we are starting our new budget year. We are working on receiving and paying the few remaining 2025 invoices. This should be completed and presented to the Commission for approval at the February 2026 meeting.

No Formal Action Required

V. Election of Officers for 2026

The Black Dog WMO Joint Powers Agreement requires that officers be elected each year. Currently the officers are:

Chair – Curt Enestvedt
Vice Chair – Mike Hughes
Secretary/Treasurer – Scott Thureen

Officer nominations are Curt Enestvedt for Chair, Mike Hughes for Vice-Chair, and Scott Thureen for Secretary/Treasurer. Commissioners present were Curt Enestvedt, Mike Hughes, Rollie Greeno, Paul Below.

Motion by Greeno, second by Below, to elect Curt Enestvedt as Commission Chair, Mike Hughes as Commission Vice-Chair, and Scott Thureen as Commission Secretary/Treasurer for the 2026 term.

Ayes – Enestvedt, Hughes, Greeno, Below
Nays – None

Motion Carried Unanimously

VI. Approval of Engineering Fees for 2026

Barr Engineering's proposed 2026 fee schedule was provided to the Commission for review prior to this meeting.

Motion by Hughes, second by Greeno, to approve the Barr Engineering Fee Schedule for 2026.

Ayes – Enestvedt, Hughes, Greeno, Below
Nays – None

Motion Carried Unanimously

VII. Approval of Official Depositories for Commission Funds

Auditors recommend the Commission designate official depositories for its funds on an annual basis. Current depositories are the US Bank in St. Paul and the League of MN Cities 4M Fund. These depositories have served the commission well and staff recommends continuing with them.

Motion by Greeno, second by Hughes, to approve the US Bank in St. Paul and the League of MN Cities 4M Fund as the official depositories for the Black Dog WMO funds for 2026.

Ayes – Enestvedt, Hughes, Greeno, Below
Nays – None

Motion Carried Unanimously

VIII. Approval of Official Newspaper for the Black Dog WMO

The JPA requires the Commission designate an official newspaper. In 2025, the Black Dog WMO used the Sun Thisweek as its official newspaper. Historically the Commission has adopted the same official newspaper as the City of Burnsville because that community represents the majority of land within the WMO. Staff recommends the Commission continue with the Sun Thisweek as the official newspaper for 2026. Items typically published in the official newspaper are public notices.

Motion by Hughes, second by Below, to approve the Burnsville Sun Thisweek as the official Black Dog WMO newspaper for 2026.

Ayes – Enestvedt, Hughes, Greeno, Below
Nays – None

Motion Carried Unanimously

IX. Approval of Soliciting Quotes for Engineering and Legal Services

Every two years the BDWMO is required to solicit engineering and legal services. Staff discussed how the commission would solicit for these services that will cover years 2026 and 2027. A notice to be posted in the Commission's official newspaper.

Motion by Hughes, second by Greeno, to approve soliciting engineering and legal services quotes for years 2026 and 2027.

Ayes – Enestvedt, Hughes, Greeno, Below
Nays – None

Motion Carried Unanimously

X. Approval of 2026 Work Plan and Budget for the Dakota County SWCD

A preliminary work plan and budget was approved in May 2025. The proposed 2026 Work Plan and Budget were reviewed with the Commission.

Joe Barten, Dakota County Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD), advised the contribution amount for projects is less than projected by approximately \$5,000. Additionally, there are changes to the program including an increase of the clean water grant amount to \$400. The previous grant amount was \$250. The grant amount increase is more in line with the cost of clean water projects. The costs for website hosting and management will increase. SWCD has also added program offerings. Joe went on to share that in 2027 there will be new compliance requirements for watershed websites. This will include consistency of website formatting and documentation posts for all WMOs. There could be increased costs to WMOs for redesigning websites in compliance with new requirements.

Motion by Greeno, second by Below, to approve the 2026 Work Plan and Budget for Dakota County SWCD.

Ayes – Enestvedt, Hughes, Greeno, Below
Nays – None

Motion Carried Unanimously

XI. Discuss Potential Stories for the Annual Watershed Report

Greg Williams, Barr Engineering, lead the discussion on potential topics to include in the 2025 Watershed Report. Barr recommends the ongoing inclusion of Watershed Based Implementation Funding (WBIF) projects.

The report will include the historical information presented in past annual reports. Some suggestions for inclusion in the report are a look back on aquatic plant health, articles about invasive species management and native plant shoreline restoration, an update on salt use reduction and the affect it has on watersheds, an update on the Whitney Pond project, and inclusion of upcoming projects with member cities of the BDWMO.

No Formal Action Required

XII. Miscellaneous

1. The next BDWMO meeting is scheduled for February 18, 2026. The agenda will include items for approval that are required by the WMO. It will be important to have a quorum at the meeting.
2. Watershed based implementation program – Barr will organize meetings necessary for this program. Commissioners do not need to be present at the meetings. An overview of the meeting content will be presented to BDWMO Commissioners.
3. It appears that small watersheds are being targeted with email phishing campaigns. Please be careful to check the validity of an email before clicking on any links or opening attachments.
4. Commission members should complete the conflict of interest forms received by mail or email asap.

XIII. Adjournment

Motion by Hughes, second by Greeno, to adjourn at 5:28pm.

Ayes – Enestvedt, Hughes, Greeno, Below
Nays – None

Motion Carried Unanimously