Resource Renew
The brand of Western Lake Superior Sanitary District

Minutes
Regular Board Meeting
Monday, July 27, 2026
5:00 PM

Board Members Present: Carrie Schneider, Jim Aird, Jack Ezell, Laura Ness, Marcia Podratz, Rob Schilling, Loren Lilly, and Ben Mathews (remote)

Board Members Absent: Nathan Johnson

Staff Present: Carrie Clement, Cathy Remington, Brandon Kohlts, AJ Axtell, Chuck Kimball, Mike Mazzio, Tim Lundell, Kevin Anderson, and Lauri Amundson

Legal Counsel Present: David Oberstar, Fryberger Law Firm

Chair Lilly called the meeting to order at 5:02 PM.

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1. Agenda Review

2. Old Business

3. Approval of Consent Agenda Items

3.1 Regular Board Minutes dated June 22, 2026 — 4

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3.2 Board Member vouchers for June — 10

Board Voucher June 2026

3.3 Payment Vouchers dated June 17, through July 21, 2026. — 12

Cash Payment Register

The Board moves to recommend approval of the Consent Agenda Items
Moved by: Marcia Podratz; seconded by: Carrie Schneider

Motion Passes

4. New Business Items for Discussion and Approval

Finance

4.1 Approval of Resolution 26-12 : Allocating Treatment Works Costs — 23

Cost Allocation Resolution Exhibit 1, 2, and 3

The Finance Committee recommends that the Board approve Resolution 26-12: Allocating Treatment Works Costs

Moved by: Jim Aird; seconded by: Jack Ezell

Aye: Jack Ezell, Jim Aird, Laura Ness, Loren Lilly, Marcia Podratz, Rob Schilling, and Carrie Schneider

Absent: Nathan Johnson and Ben Mathews

Motion Passes 7-0

4.2 Approval of Cost Apportionment Policy 28

Cost Apportionment Policy

Cathy Remington reviewed the updated Cost Apportionment Policy and its revised language.

The Finance Committee recommends that the Board approve the Cost Apportionment Policy

Moved by: Laura Ness; seconded by: Carrie Schneider

Aye: Jack Ezell, Jim Aird, Laura Ness, Loren Lilly, Marcia Podratz, Rob Schilling, Carrie Schneider, and Ben Mathews

Absent: Nathan Johnson

Motion Passes 8-0

5. Other

5.1 Resolution 26-13: Acknowledging Marcia Podratz 37

Marcia Podratz Certification of Recognition 26-13

Carrie Clement expressed her appreciation for Marcia's service on the Board since 2012.

It is recommended that the Board approve Resolution 26-13, acknowledging Board member Marcia Podratz for her service.

Moved by: Laura Ness; seconded by: Rob Schilling

Aye: Jack Ezell, Jim Aird, Laura Ness, Loren Lilly, Rob Schilling, Carrie Schneider, and Ben Mathews

Abstain: Marcia Podratz

Absent: Nathan Johnson

Motion Passes 7-0

6. Committee Reports

6.1 Committee of the Whole

6.2 Finance 38

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6.3 Operations and Planning

6.4 Personnel

6.5 Legislative

6.6 Board Governance

6.7 Board Member Comments

7. Reporting

7.1 Communications

AJ Axtell reviewed the communications for June.

7.2 Monthly Financials 40

Financial Statements June 2026

Cathy Remington reviewed the financials for June. District staff provided an update on Gainshare progress, including safety, regulatory compliance, operational excellence, and fiscal responsibility.

7.3 NPDES 54

June 2026 NPDES Report

Tim Lundell reviewed the NPDES report for June and noted a non-hazardous release in Building 10. Tim discussed the cleanup efforts and the measures that will be implemented to prevent future occurrences.

7.4 Executive Director

Carrie Clement provided an update on the MPCA's draft list of impaired waters. She also recognized the District Lab for receiving an award. The Minnesota Department of Health presented a framed certificate of appreciation recognizing the District's sustained sampling efforts that support Minnesota's Wastewater Monitoring program, which serves as an early warning system for infectious disease trends.

Lauri Amundson
Recording Secretary

~~Board Chair, Loren Lilly~~
Vice Chair, Rob Schilling

Board Secretary, Ben Mathews

The meeting adjourned at 5:41 p.m.