

To keep our partners better informed of our activities in the district, we've committed to providing regular snapshots. This installment includes announcements and highlights of recently completed projects and programs.

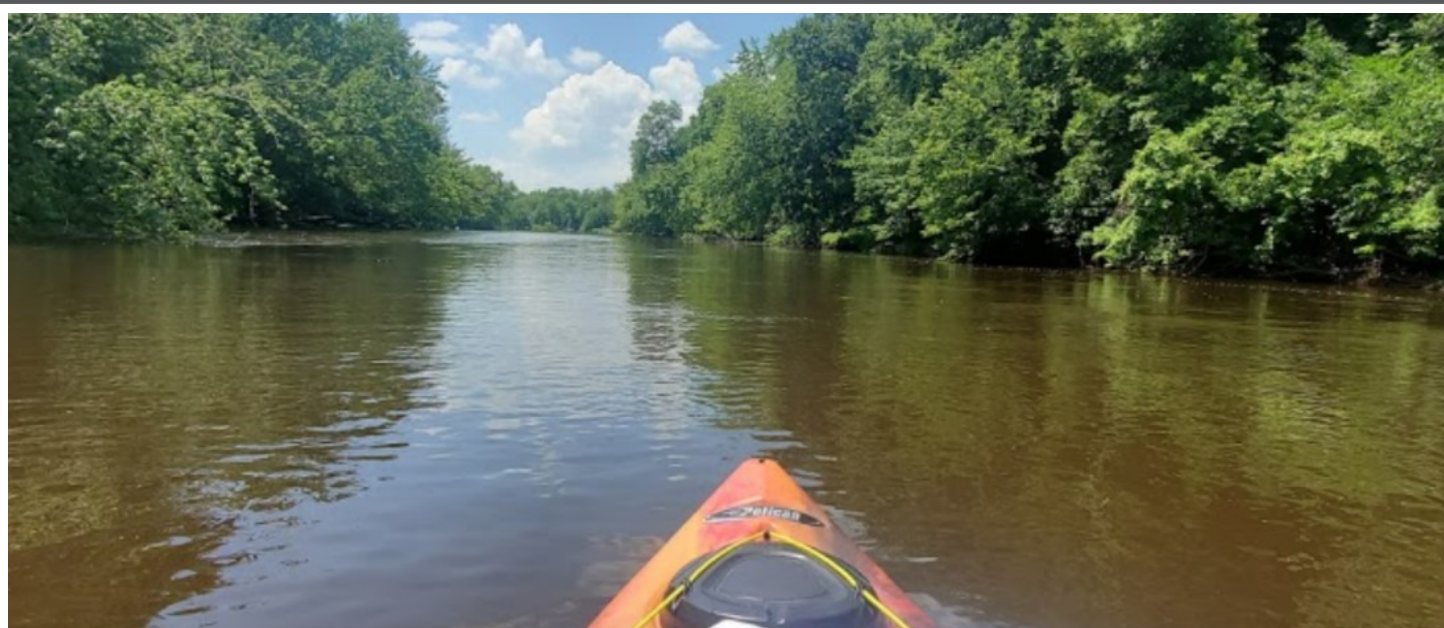
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Chloride Trends in the Rum River Watershed

The Metropolitan Council (MCES) put out a report on the trends of chloride in the Rum River Watershed. This report was based on data collected from 2001 to 2019 by both the MCES and Anoka Conservation District. Chloride concentrations have been rapidly rising in many waterbodies, including shallow aquifers, throughout Minnesota. This is a worrying trend because chloride is a permanent water pollutant that is toxic to fish, aquatic bugs, and amphibians. The main sources of chloride pollution in Minnesota comes from livestock excreta, household water softening, synthetic fertilizer, and de-icing salt. Chloride concentrations can be greatly affected by other factors like season, precipitation, and streamflow. During the winter months, concentrations rise with the use of approximately 400,000 tons of de-icing salt on Twin Cities' roads. Precipitation and streamflow also affect the concentration by dilution during high flow and precipitation years and concentration during low flow and precipitation years.

Luckily, the MCES found that concentrations of chloride are generally low in the Rum River. Chloride was increasing from 2001 to 2012 but has remained stable since 2012. Although this is a good sign, climate change is creating a wetter, warmer climate in Minnesota. This will greatly affect the freeze-thaw cycle and will have an unpredictable affect on pollution dynamics. Understanding how pollutants like chloride can affect Minnesota's waterways is an important step in keeping our waterways clean.

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Restoring Hydrology and Wetland Habitat at Cedar Creek Conservation Area

The Anoka Conservation District, US Fish and Wildlife Service, and Anoka County Parks are collaborating to restore hydrology and enhance five acres of wetland and one acre of upland prairie at Anoka County Park's Cedar Creek Conservation Area. Two wetland basins were enhanced by installing sheet piling ditch plugs and adding fill material in a private ditch that was draining the wetlands. A berm to prevent water from entering the ditch was constructed to enhance a third wetland basin. Non-native reed canary grass biomass and root sod was scraped from these wetland basins and used to fill the ditch. Construction is complete and vegetation management will occur on these three basins and two additional basins in the area for the next five years using funds from the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council. The goal is to convert these once drained wetlands that were dominated by reed canary grass to wetlands with native vegetation and greater water holding capacity. This will provide benefits to water quality and improve wildlife habitat.



See additional photos on our blog here:

www.anokaswcd.org/blog/restoring-hydrology-and-wetland-habitat-at-cedar-creek-conservation-area

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Coon Lake Lakeshore Restoration – One Year Later

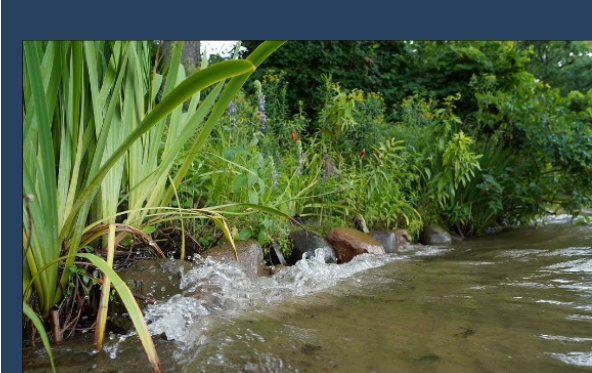
One year ago, ACD partnered with the Sunrise River WMO and a homeowner on Coon Lake to restore a damaged and degraded shoreline to improve water quality and lakeshore habitat, as well as promote native plant diversity and pollinator habitat. The shoreline was degraded by waves and ice, mowing of turf grass to the water's edge, and further damaged by tunneling muskrats. To correct these issues, the shoreline was regraded to a more gentle approach to the water, a muskrat deterrent was buried along the shoreline, and turf grass was replaced with native plants ranging from aquatic-emergent at the water's edge, to upland plants further up the bank.

The project was installed in July of 2020, and despite the recent drought, has flourished after one year of growth. Creating a diverse, native lakeshore can often be as simple as no longer mowing turf grass near the water's edge and planting native shoreline plants to create a more natural buffer area. The Anoka Conservation District can offer technical assistance to any landowner interested in creating a more beneficial shoreline, and oftentimes can bring financial assistance to a project as well.

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I Used to Mow There ... and Now it's Gone

"See that tree. I used to mow two passes between that tree and the shoreline. Now the tree is in the water." It's a common observation we hear from shoreline landowners. The erosion itself is slow enough that we can't see it immediately. But over time it becomes clear that erosion was happening all along. One measure of land lost is recalling how we used to use an area.



It's striking that the most common measure of erosion is "where we used to mow." Perhaps, it's part of the cause. As a general rule, many grasses have roots as deep as the plant is tall. That means mowed turf has 1-2" deep roots that afford little erosion protection.

As a simple way to slow shoreline erosion, consider an unmowed buffer at the water's edge. It's understood that this may not be feasible in dock, beach, or other active use areas. But in other areas, just let it grow or intentionally plant it with desirable native vegetation. ACD staff can help. Just give us a call.

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Linwood Lakers Trying Out Native Shoreline Plants

"Try it, and you'll like it. The first one's free." A free trial can be just what's needed to break through to new customers. At this year's Linwood Lake Improvement District distributed nearly 100 native shoreline plants to be planted all around the lake at around 20 different properties.

Native plants can mean "weeds" to some folks. Or just out of the comfort zone. But the right plant in the right place is beautiful and effective. On shorelines there are a variety of native plants that are the perfect choice – beautiful, strong, and well-adapted to the wet. Good habitat too. They're key to a stable shore and healthy lake.

Thanks to Prairie Restorations, Inc who provided the giveaway plants. ACD offers technical help and grants for those wanting to do a larger shore stabilization or buffer project.

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Riverbank Stabilization Project Construction to Begin in Mississippi River Community Park



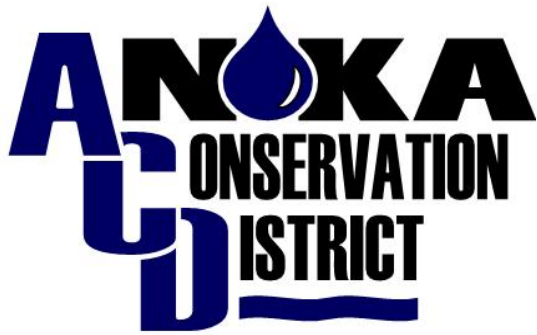
The riverbank stabilization project in Mississippi River Community Park will begin this month. The current schedule forecasts project completion in early October and includes the general process outlined below.

- Clearing and grubbing – Existing vegetation will be removed within areas that will be regraded to achieve a stable slope.
- Erosion control – Protections will be put in place to prevent exposed soil from leaving the site during construction.
- Excavation and riprap placement – This is the primary step in the stabilization process. The steep slopes will be regraded, and riprap will be placed at the bottom of the slope within the zone of frequent water level fluctuation.
- Planting – The regraded slope above the riprap will be stabilized with native vegetation. Seed mixes, plant plugs, shrubs, and trees will all be planted.

The project is funded by a Clean Water Fund grant, a Watershed Based Funding grant, and match from the City of Anoka. Watch for more updates from ACD and the City of Anoka as the project progresses.

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AGENDA

SUPERVISOR REGULAR BOARD MEETING
1318 MCKAY DR. NE SUITE 300 HAM LAKE
MONDAY, AUGUST 16, 2021 5PM

Remotely Join ACD Board Meeting:

We are attempting a new technology to provide the option for the public and partners to join our monthly meetings remotely, while the Board meets on-site. If you are interested in attending remotely, please contact Kathy.Berkness@AnokaSWCD.org

4:30 Supervisor Training: Mitch Haustein – Lower Rice Creek Subwatershed Retrofit Analysis

5:00 - Regular Meeting – START RECORDING THE MEETING

Public Comments

Approve the August Agenda - Call for additions, deletions, or transferring consent agenda items to the regular agenda

Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of Regular Board Meeting Minutes
- B. Review of Staff Activity Reports and Programs
- C. Approval of July Financial Reports

Committee Meeting

- D. Personnel Committee Meeting – District Technician Interviews

New Business Informational Items

- E. Partner Report
- F. Watersheds

New Business-Action Items

- G. Anoka County Weed Stick Payment
- H. Approve Entering into ASP 7 Grant Agreement
- I. Lawns to Legumes Cost Share Payments
- J. Riparian Pollinator Cost Share Payment
- K. Cedar Creek Conservation Area Payment Approval
- L. Martin Lakeshore Stabilization Deed Restriction
- M. Revetment Installation Agreements – City of Andover
- N. Well Sealing Contract
- O. Well Sealing Cost Share Payment

Additions

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Pay Bills

FYI /Meetings

- Pick Day for Employee and Supervisor Fall Tree Planting at Mississippi Community Park– Late October
- Pick MASWCD Outstanding Conservationist – September 20
- August 25, MCD Virtual Meeting – Time TBD
- September 6 – Labor Day Holiday
- ~~September 15 Canceled~~– Area IV Meeting and Tour details TBD
- September 20 – ACD Board Meeting Office in Ham Lake 5pm
- December 12-14 - MASWCD Convention – Double Tree in Bloomington



BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DATE: JULY 19, 2021

TIME: 5:00 PM

LOCATION: ACD OFFICE: 1318 MCKAY DR NE
HAM LAKE MN 55304

Members Present: Mary Jo Truchon, Chair
Jim Lindahl, Vice Chair
Sharon LeMay, Secretary
Glenda Meixell, Treasurer
Colleen Werdien, Supervisor

Others Present: Chris Lord, District Manager
Kathy Berkness, Office Administrator
Chris Hogge, NRCS District Conservationist (off-site)

Chair Truchon Called the meeting to order 5:08pm

Public Comments – None.

Approve the July Agenda - Call for additions, deletions, or transferring consent agenda items to the regular agenda. Noted as additions: item (P) Pay the Bills (Q) Martin Lake Stabilization Cost Share Grant Application (R) Rum 1W1P Review Process (S) Cedar Creek Conservation Area Habitat Enhancement (T) Rum River OHF WCD Engineering Invoice (U) 2021 RCWD Agreement Amendment (V) Mississippi Riverbank Stabilization 6746 137th Ave NE (X) Supervisor Increase in Per Diem (Y) Anoka County Budget Request.

- Meixell moved to approve the amended July Agenda. Lindahl seconded the motion.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the order of agenda and consent agenda approval. All ayes, motion carried.

Consent Agenda

A. Approval of June Minutes

B. Review of the Staff Activity Reports

C. Approval of the June Financial Reports

- Lindahl moved to approve the consent agenda. Werdien seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

New Business-Action Items

D. Sunrise Chain of Lakes Payment Voucher Revision

The Board reviewed a memo prepared by Watershed Projects Manager Jamie Schurbon regarding a revision of a previous Sunrise Chain of Lake voucher. At the April 2021 ACD Board meeting, payment to WSB and Associates for \$6,629.25 for Linwood Lake carp seining was approved. Lord stated that the revision was due to an Anoka County AIS prevention grant that would pay for some of the carp seining thus less would be needed in CWF grant funds.

- Meixell moved to authorize revision of the payment voucher for the \$6,629.25 payment of invoice "R-017420-000-2" dated 3/17/2021 to WSB for services provided to under the 2021 Sunrise River Chain of Lake Carp Management Services contract. As revised, the payment voucher will show use of \$3,750 Anoka County AIS grant funds and match from the Linwood Lake Association and the balance paid by BWSR CWF grant C20- 5613. Werdien seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

E. Lake George Reed-Boniface Shoreline Stabilization

The Board reviewed a memo regarding the Reed-Boniface stabilization project payment. Lord stated that ACD staff furnished the materials, installed the project, and invoiced the landowner.

Schurbon's memo shifts funds between WBIF and District Capacity and authorizes ACD to receive grant funds to cover time and materials.

- Meixell moved to unencumber \$1,116.85 from the 2021 Rum Metro WBIF grant for Lake George, Reed-Boniface Shoreline 2021 project. Encumber the \$937.65 from the 2019 District Capacity Shoreline Stewardship grant for the same project. LeMay seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.
- Lindahl moved to authorize ACD to receive \$937.65 of 2019 District Capacity Shoreline Stewardship grant funds for ACD-provided materials and ACD installation of the Lake George, Reed-Boniface Shoreline 2021 project. Owner to pay the remainder. Werdien seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

F. Aqua Weed Stick Reimbursement

The Board reviewed a memo prepared by Outreach and Engagement Coordinator Emily Johnson regarding reimbursement to Anoka County for work and material related to the Aqua Weed Stick Grant. Lord explained that Johnson was contacted by Anoka County Parks Aquatic Invasive Species Coordinator about this grant and suggested that ACD apply for it. If the County applied it would take too long as there are many hoops to jump through. Lord provided detail to the Board about the various locations of the Aqua Sticks.

- Lindahl moved to approve the reimbursement payment of \$3,959.40 to Anoka County Parks. Meixell seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

G. Lawns to Legumes Reimbursements and Authorization to Sign the Financial Report

The Board reviewed a memo prepared by Restoration Ecologist Carrie Taylor related to Lawns to Legumes reimbursements along with the BWSR financial report generated to request reimbursement.

- Werdien moved to reimburse the cost share participants as outlined below and to authorize Truchon to sign the enclosed BWSR eLink financial report. Meixell seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

L2L-2020-21-Anoka-Otto	\$178.00
L2L-2020-2-Coon Rapids-Geyer	\$148.90
L2L-2020-7-Fridley-Hanson	\$419.78
L2L-2020-3-Anoka-Ryden	\$750.00
L2L-2020-16-Fridley-Jordan	\$227.28
L2L-2020-18-Fridley-Carter	\$750.00

H. Riparian Pollinator Cost Share Contract

The Board reviewed a memo prepared by Taylor requesting approval for a District Capacity Riparian and Lakeshore Pollinator Habitat Cost Share. Lord explained that some of the projects will be paired with stabilization projects and be utilizing various pots of money.

- Meixell moved to approve the Riparian Pollinator Project as listed below. Lindahl seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

Cost Share Budget	Landowner Cash	Landowner In Kind	District Capacity	Total
2021-Riparian Pollinator-Mississippi Kinney	\$1,000.00	\$500.00	\$4,500.00	\$6,000.00

I. 2020 Year-end Finances Approval Subject to audit.

Lord provided detail to the Board about the structure of the 2020-year end finances stating that that the finances are almost complete but he still needs the pension numbers provided by Peterson. Lord highlighted within the report the PERA numbers he is waiting for, stating they do not affect the bottom line. Werdien asked about the structure of PERA in which Lord provided

detailed information. All material requested has been provided to Peterson to move forward with the audit. Lord provided a breakdown of the structure of the financial statements.

- Werdien moved to approve the 2020 Financials subject to audit. Meixell seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

J. Martin and Coon Lake Retrofits Contractor Payment

The Board reviewed a memo prepared by Schurbon requesting approval to pay Blackstone Contractors for their completed construction of a Rain Garden installed in East Bethel.

- Meixell moved to approve payment of \$6,688.28 to Blackstone Contractors, LLC for pay application 2 dated 6/18/2021 for the contract entitled “One curb-cut rain garden at 4417 Channel Lane East Bethel, MN and Stormwater pond renovations at 228th Place and 230th Ave in Linwood Township, MN.” Lindahl seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

K. Well Sealing Contract Approval

The Board reviewed a memo prepared by Water Resource Technician Kris Larson requesting approval of well sealing contracts. Lord explained that he expects to see at least two bids for each project. Larson was contacted via speaker phone. Larson that additional quotes were mistaken omitted from the table. The suggested grant awards are calculated at 60% of the lowest quote considering all quotes received.

- LeMay moved to approve the Well Sealing Cost Share Contracts listed below. Werdien seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

Activity Name	Bastian Well Service Inc.	Mahnke Well Service	Barott Drilling	Bergerson-Casewell Inc.	Grant Match 60% for resident cost share
CWFWS-2020-5-Spring Lake Park-Nelson (Renewal of Contract)	\$950.00			\$1,220.00	\$570.00
CWFWS-2021-20-Blaine-Hayes			\$1,175.00		\$438.60
CWFWS-2021-21-Coon Rapids-Remick	\$575.00				\$345.00

L. Well Sealing Cost Share Payment

The Board reviewed a memo prepared by Larson requesting approval for well sealing cost share reimbursements. Lord explained staff has done many direct mailings to landowners and it has been extremely hard to get the ball rolling. Many landowners do not know they have a well on the property. Some other marketing ideas discussed by project coordinators are door knocking and passing out flyers at churches.

- Meixell moved to approve reimbursement for Well Sealing Cost Share Contract listed below. LeMay seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

Activity Name	Budget		Remaining Budget
	Reimbursement Amount	Total Project Cost	
CWFWS-2021-15-Centerville-Laidig Sean Laidig	\$ 1,125.00	\$ 2,141.00	
CWFWS-2021-18-Circle Pines-Walker Doreen Walker	\$ 480.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 173,096.30
			\$ 172,616.30

M. Request for GIS Certificate Course Tuition Reimbursement

The Board reviewed a memo prepared by Larson requesting partial reimbursement for a series of advanced online GIS courses. The Board discussed what the current policy is and how it needs to be refined in the handbook. Lord explained the Larson inquired with him about the tuition reimbursement and Lord advised him to complete a request to bring to the board. Larson is going to cover a vast majority of the tuition. Lord explained ACD has not had an employee request tuition reimbursement but the policy outlines that a grade level of "C" is needed along with Board approval. The Board discussed various permutations of providing paid time for doing the courses, tuition reimbursement, and utilization of ACD facilities when completing the courses.

- Werdien moved to authorize a total of \$1,000 in Tuition reimbursement over two years. Meixell seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.
- LeMay moved to authorize Larson to use ACD equipment and District facilities when in online class, in addition to ACD paying for 1 hour per week towards coursework. Lindahl seconded the motion. Werdien opposed. LeMay, Lindahl, Truchon and Meixell ayes, motion carried.

The Board directed Lord to include an edit in the handbook of a tuition cap of \$500 per year per employee for future consideration and action.

New Business – Informational Items

N. Partner Report (Covered after item c)

Chris Hogge provided the Board with an overview of the NRCS report. Hogge mentioned he enjoyed meeting with Outreach and Engagement Coordinator Emily Johnson regarding the small farming operation.

Werdien inquired about the NRCS Local Work Group Meeting on July 29, asking if all members should attend. Lord explained ACD has always had the local work group meeting in conjunction with the Board meeting. Having it separate meeting is a little tricky because if all the members attend there will be a quorum. All members can participate as Johnson could create an online survey for the Board to get input needed. Both Werdien and LeMay stated they would attend the work group meeting on the 29th.

O. Watershed Meetings

The Board discussed watershed organization meeting attendance as follows:

- Jim Lindahl; CCWD Advisory Committee Meeting –No Meeting
- Sharon LeMay; Lower St. Croix 1W1P – No Meeting
- Glenda Meixell; Attended the MWMO Citizens Advisory Meeting & the MCD Meeting (virtual)
- Collen Werdien LRRWMO & Rum River 1W1P – Attended the Virtual Meetings for the LRRWMO and Rum River 1W1P

Additions

P. Pay Bills (covered after item Y)

- Meixell moved to approve electronic payments EP1480- EP1495 & DD2155-DD2192 & check numbers 15463-15508 noting the void of previously approved check of 15452. Werdien seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

Q. Martin Lake Stabilization Cost Share Grant Application

The Board reviewed a memo and cost share material for a Martin Lakeshore stabilization cost share grant. Residents Julia Beckstrom and Bob Arvold have applied for cost share funds for a Martin Lakeshore stabilization at their property. The project replaces a failing retaining wall with rip-rap and creates a large shoreline native plant buffer. It also includes a small aquatic planting.

The applicants received two bids for the contracting. Werdien questioned if ACD knows anything about the organizations providing the quotes. Lord explained that he had not heard of either company but is less concerned as ACD provides detailed design that enable us to hold any contractor accountable to install the desired final project. ACD will be overseeing construction. It has been hard to get bids as contractors are busy.

- Lindahl moved to award a \$13,238.81 cost share grant to the Martin Lake, Arvold/Beckstrom shoreline 2021 project. Encumber an equal amount of 2019 District Capacity funds for this project. Authorize the Chair to sign the project contract. Werdien seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

R. Rum River 1W1P

The Board reviewed a memo prepared by Schurbon outlining the Rum River 1W1P Review process. Lord explained the timeline.

- LeMay moved to authorize ACD's representative on the Rum River 1W1P Policy Committee (Supervisor Werdien) or alternate (Supervisor Lindahl) to vote on behalf of ACD regarding sending the draft plan out for official 60-day review. Werdien seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

S. Cedar Creek Conservation Area Habitat Enhancement

The Board reviewed a memo and cost share material prepared by Taylor. Lord outlined the bulleted restoration activities. Lindahl pointed out on the map where the property is located.

- Werdien moved to award the Cedar Creek Conservation Area Habitat Enhancement Contract to Minnesota Native Landscapes. Their quote is within the grant budget and they are qualified for this project and have appropriate equipment. Total compensation to MN Native Landscapes will not exceed \$14,000. Meixell seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

T. OHF Rum Riverbank Stabilization Grant – WCD Invoice #2

The Board reviewed a memo prepared by Water Resource Specialist Jared Wagner regarding payment to WCD for engineering services.

- Werdien moved to approve payment of \$683.01 for WCD invoice #5302 (project invoice #2) for engineering services provided under the WCD-ACD Technical Services Agreement for Rum Riverbank stabilization projects. Meixell seconded the motion. All aye, motion carried.

U. RCWD 2021 Technical Services Agreement Amendment

The Board reviewed a memo and amendment prepared by Stormwater and Shoreland Specialist. Lord explained the amendment provides ACD with an additional \$10,000 to design and construction oversight at six sites in Fridley in conjunction with a street reconstruction project.

- Werdien moved to authorize the Board Chair to execute the 2021 service agreement amendment with the Rice Creek Watershed District. Lindahl seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

V. McKay Enhancements and Maintenance Update

The Board reviewed an update to the budgeted work on McKay in 2021 as listed below. Lord provided a very detailed outline.

Task	Budget	Spent	Anticipated	Description	Update
Paint Common Area 1318	\$2,000	\$0	\$1,000	Touch up worn common areas	To be done by staff when moving into Suite 400.
Flooring Common Area 1318	\$5,000	\$0	\$2,500	Install carpet tiles in all but offices	Getting quotes
Suite 200 Enhancements	\$5,000	\$4,700	\$9,000	Include paint, flooring, cabinets, plumbing, electrical, drywall	Add closet in 200 and 250 and kitchenette in 250 also.
AC Units 1328	\$13,000		\$5,000	Replace AC condensers	Only 1 of 2 units being replaced this year. Push second to 2023
Deck 1328	\$10,000	\$7,461	\$8,500	Maint free deck with ramp and no stairs	Most materials on hand. Staff to build in fall.
Lower Level Walkway	\$0	\$0	\$7,000	Install walkway from upper level to stairs	Scheduled for 2022 but may be needed this winter for safety.
	\$35,000		\$33,000		

W. Mississippi Riverbank Stabilization 6746 137th Ave NW

The Board reviewed a memo and correspondence pertaining to a Mississippi Riverbank Stabilization Project. Werdien pointed out that the residents in the memo applying for cost share funds on the Mississippi are the same as the residents who applied for cost share funds on Martin Lake covered earlier on the agenda. Lord called Schurbon and put him on speaker phone to clarify who exactly are the project participants. Schurbon clarified the participant as Carrie Paaverud stating the motion in the memo outlines the correct person and forgot to update the project participants at the beginning of the memo. The Board reviewed and discussed details of the project with the consensus that there were to many unresolved variables to make a decision. No action taken.

X. Increase Board per diem

The Board discussed new legislation allowing for supervisor per diem up to \$125 per day. After much discussion it was decided that the new increase of \$125 would be used for all meetings instead of the two tiered system currently used. The following language was developed for incorporation into the handbook effective August 1, 2021.

Supervisors will receive per diem for attending meetings/activities related to district business as follows.

- *Total daily compensation for a supervisor is limited by state statute to \$125.*
 - *In order to be compensated, Board approval is required for activities other than attendance of board meetings, committee meetings, Board workshops, and other assigned duties.*
 - *Compensation for trainings, events and workload assistance require Board approval.*
 - *Stopping at the office to sign checks or for other non-meeting purposes does not warrant compensation, although mileage reimbursement is allowed"*
- Werdien moved to approve the updated alterations to the supervisor per diem policy updated as listed above. Lindahl seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

Y. Anoka County Budget Request

The Board reviewed the budget request to the County. Lord pointed out the first part that the first page is a summary table of revenues and expenses using the county provided template.

The cover letter is a little different than past cover letters and more direct. Lord stated that he will forward the budget request and justification to legislators as it directly relates to our discussions about limited levy authority. LeMay inquired if Lord had met with representative Bahr. Lord stated Bahr has not responded and work with Senator Abeler's staff has stalled. Lord pointed out the difference in per capita levy ACD receives from the County compared to the WMO's and Watershed Districts. To cover operational expenses, ACD has received 41 cents per capita for the last 21 years.

- Meixell moved to approve the budget request as presented. Werdien seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

The Board reviewed the FYI meetings.

FYI /Meetings

- August 11, Personnel Committee Meeting – Time TBD
- August 16, ACD Board Meeting Office in Ham Lake 5pm
- September 17 – Outstanding Conservationist Submission Deadline
- December 12-14 - MASWCD Convention – Double Tree in Bloomington

- Anoka County WROC Events - Go to Anoka SWCD website Click on “Outreach” then “Events” from Dropdown (direct link: <https://www.anokaswcd.org/index.php/educational/events.html>)
- Lindahl moved to adjourn at 8:12pm. Meixell seconded the motion. Five ayes, (Werdien, LeMay, Lindahl, Meixell, Truchon), no abstentions, no nays. Motion carried.

Prepared by Kathy Berkness, Office Administrator Date

Approved as to form and content by Mary Jo Truchon, Chair Date