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LQP County Annex Building
April 1, 2026
Meeting #674

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Andrew Weber called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. A quorum was present.

Board members present: Andrew Weber, Mike Knutson, Daniel Buseth, Jon Olson, and Brent Larson.

Board members absent: None

Staff Present: Trudy Hastad, Ethan Kack, Jared Roiland, Abby VanKempen, Jennifer Schuelke, Makenna Halvorson & Eric Stahl.

Staff Absent: None

Others Present: None

General Business

Agenda

Manager Jon Olson moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Manager Brent Larson. Motion passed 5-0.

Re-organization of Watershed Board

Hastad explained that in April of each year is the time for re-organization of the Board of Managers. Discussion followed.

Manager Mike Knutson nominated Andrew Weber as Chairman, Mike Knutson Vice-Chairman, Jon Olson Treasurer, Brent Larson Secretary, & Dan Buseth Publicity, Chairman Weber asked three times for other nominations with their being none, he stated nominations cease.

Manager Mike Knutson motioned to approve the nominations of Andrew Weber, Chairman; Mike Knutson, Vice-Chairman; Jon Olson, Treasurer; Brent Larson, Secretary; & Dan Buseth, Publicity, seconded by Manager Daniel Buseth. Motion passed 5-0

Secretary's Report

Manager Daniel Buseth moved to approve minutes #673 as emailed, seconded by Manager Brent Larson. Motion passed 5-0.

Treasurer's Report

Manager Jon Olson reviewed the Treasurer's report. Manager Mike Knutson moved to approve the Treasurer's report, seconded by Manager Daniel Buseth. Motion passed 5-0.

Bills

General Klein Account

6691	Area II	Florida Creek engineering	\$1,782.50
6692	Sitter Excavating, LLC	1 st payment Florida Creek	<u>\$6,175.00</u>
TOTAL			\$7,957.50

Details 03/06/2026 – 04/01/2026

Park Expense Account

2064	Running's Supply, Inc	engine oil, bar oil	\$71.19
2065	LQP County Environmental Office	park cell phone	\$38.41
2066	Midcontinent Communications	park internet	\$60.00
2067	Postmaster	yearly PO box rent	\$88.00
2068	Ag Plus Cooperative	fuel	\$61.91
2069	Doug's Service & Marine	chain saw chain	\$19.67
2070	Lincoln Pipestone Rural Water	March water meter	\$64.44
2071	Farmward Cooperative	gas	\$128.28
2072	Lyon-Lincoln Electric Cooperative	March utilities	\$906.12
2073	Barco Products, LLC	25 picnic tables	<u>\$20,542.02</u>
		TOTAL	\$21,980.04

UPB General Account

5220	MADI	MADI registration for Jared	\$50.00
5221	LQP-YB Liability Acct	PERA	\$2,095.58
5222	LQP-YB Liability Acct	Federal withholding	\$3,089.24
5223	LQP-YB Liability Acct	MSRS	\$200.00
26041-26046	semi-monthly payroll	March 1-15 payroll	\$10,328.52
26047	Andrew Weber	per diem, mileage	\$199.73
26048	Michael Knutson	per diem, mileage	\$271.47
26049	Brent Larson	per diem, mileage	\$144.07
26050	Daniel Buseth	per diem, mileage	\$180.32
5224	LQP County Auditor/Treasurer	2021 pickup tabs	\$405.25
5225	Dawson Sentinel	CD #57 hearing ad	\$285.00
5226	Rinke Noonan Attorneys	monthly retainer, CD #44, CD #57	\$1,465.00
5227	LQP County Auditor/Treasurer	2026 property taxes on shed	\$556.00
5228	Quill Corporation	paper, folders, pens, post-its, staples	\$220.73
5229	Yellow Medicine County Auditor/Treas	2026 property taxes	\$5,768.00
5230	BWSR	MWPCP training for Eric Stahl	\$90.00
5231	Houston Engineering, Inc.	CD #44 engineering	\$5,394.75
5240	LQP County Auditor/Treasurer	March postage	\$111.32
5241	Gary Redepenning	164 nuisance beaver	\$4,100.00
5242	LQP County Auditor/Treasurer	Health insurance	\$12,769.32
5243	LQP County Auditor/Treasurer	dental, eyemed, life, LTD, daycare flex	\$1,528.34
5244	LQP-YB Liability Acct	Federal withholding	\$3,522.38
5245	LQP-YB Liability Acct	State withholding	\$1,072.00
5246	LQP-YB Liability Acct	PERA	\$2,605.18
5247	LQP-YB Liability Acct	March sales & use tax	\$3,998.00
5248	LQP-YB Liability Acct	MSRS	\$1,033.00
26051-26056	semi-monthly payroll	March 16-31 payroll	\$10,328.48
26057	monthly payroll	March payroll	\$958.17
5249	City of Madison	shop utilities	\$146.77
5250	Lac qui Parle Coop Oil	fuel expense	\$103.56
5251	LQP-YB Liability Acct	PFML quarterly expense	<u>\$564.87</u>
		TOTAL	\$73,585.05

Debit Card

DC	Intuit	payroll expense	\$36.87
DC	Instant Ink	park ink	\$17.09
DC	Holiday Inn St. Cloud	Abby feedlot conference lodging	<u>\$339.00</u>
		TOTAL	\$392.96

DITCH ACT

None		TOTAL	\$0.00
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Manager Mike Knutson motioned to approve the bills, seconded by manager Brent Larson. Motion passed 4-0.

1W1P (One Watershed One Plan)

C23-006 Implementation Grant 2023-2025

Contract approvals:

None

Contract payments: None

C25-0264 Implementation Grant 2025-2026

Contract approvals:

None

Contract payments: None

CRP Incentive Grant Contracts:

Bruce Dushack – section 19, Marble Township, Lincoln County – 44.15 acres for \$22,075.00

Loren Epple – section 6, Royal Township, Lincoln County – 14.6 acres for \$10,950.00

Paul Engesmoe – section 20, Hansonville Twp - 79.38 acres for \$39,690.00

Discussion followed. Manager Jon Olson made a motion to approve the three CRP contracts for Bruce Dushack, Loren Epple, & Paul Engesmoe, seconded by Manager Brent Larson. Motion passed 5-0.

Payment: None

2. STAFF REPORTS

Ethan Kack – Park Manager

- The Easter egg hunt was a huge success. We had to hold it indoors at the old Shots building by Jim's Market in Canby, but it was very well attended.
- The new picnic tables arrived and we are working on putting them together.
- Got my new cell phone and have it set-up.
- I have been cleaning up branches. The crew will start back on April 20th.
- DNR is going to stock brown trout on April 9th.
- The new DNR dock is not yet installed and it may be June before they can install it. We are just playing it by ear as we go.
- Discussed the request of Denver Noyes to hold his wedding ceremony on the Del Clark property he rents for grass/hayland. Discussion followed.

Manager Jon Olson motioned to deny the request of Denver Noyes to hold his wedding ceremony on the rented hay ground area due to liability reasons, seconded by Manager Daniel Buseth. Motion passed 4-0.

- Ethan will notify Denver Noyes of the Board's decision.

Jennifer Schuelke – Environmental, Solid Waste, HHW Specialist

- Working on the C&D Management planning grants with the Lincoln County group and the Chippewa County group.
- Worked on the flyer and advertising for the Paper Shredding Event to be held on Saturday, April 25th, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 pm. at the County Highway garage in Madison.
- Worked on a new rechargeable battery flyer and ads as the non-rechargeable (primary) batteries are not accepted with The Battery Network who we use for recycling of batteries.
- Put an ad in the paper to thank the residents of LQP for an outstanding job of recycling/reusing in 2025.

- I was elected President of the SWA group.
- MPCA is reviewing the final draft of our 10-year solid waste plan.

Abby VanKempen – Planning & Zoning, Feedlot, SSTS Coordinator

- Have a CUP hearing coming up on April 20th for gravel pit renewal.
- The neighbor may appeal the CUP/Variance that was done last month.
- Eric & I will be going on an SSTS talking tour in Redwood Falls next week.
- Attended the annual feedlot conference in St. Cloud. It was interesting and we toured a couple large feedlots.
- Had a request for information on creation of a private cemetery in Yellow Bank Township.

Makenna Halvorson – Ditch Finance Specialist

- Working on month end balancing for the Auditor/Treasurer office.
- Completed the passport training so I am a certified passport agent.
- Helped with payroll for the Watershed District and learning the quickbooks program.
- Working on ditch splits with Jared and entering data for the County ditches in the County ditch program.

Eric Stahl – Coordinator/WCA

- Attended TEP academy classes April 15, 2026.
- Reviewed this months permits for WCA compliance.
- Trudy & I met with BWSR for reconciliation of the C23 1W1P grant.
- Requested an extension on the Moen Bank Mitigation Plan.
- The Dahl Bank site is going to forget the bank site and move forward with tiling options as of the last conversation.
- Waiting on my test results for the Septic Designs Basic Class and Test I completed the end of February.

Jared Roiland – Ditch Inspector

- Trudy & I met with the LQP Hwy Engineer regarding a private ditch in Walter, 3 just south of Rosen. There is some landowner dispute on this private ditch with different issues regarding cleanout and complaints that the County culvert is not at the right elevation. The County culvert is higher than the township culvert and the Hwy Engineer has checked this out and said the township culvert was placed below the natural grade of the private ditch.
- I attended the spring MADI meeting on March 19th.
- MNDOT and the County requested to know what roads are part of their ditch assessments for 2026 taxes so I spent some time looking those up.
- I attended a Buffer meeting held by BWSR. There was a statute change that changed some of the language in the buffer ordinance adopted by each county/watershed district. Once BWSR adopts the changes, templates will be sent out to the County and Watershed that will need to be adopted.
- On March 30th, Litzau Farm Drainage was out and repaired the six connections where the gasket had rolled up on the CD #75 tile replacement project south of Dawson. Now that repairs are completed the County will be able to close out the project and make final payment.

3. OLD BUSINESS

- Waiting for the final engineer report for the CD #63 improvement.
- Engineers have completed the survey data and working on the preliminary engineer report for the CD #44 improvement project.
- Held the County Ditch #57 preliminary engineer hearing on March 31, 2026. Hastad asked the Board to sign the preliminary hearing order that was approved at the meeting, sign the Secretary's order, reviewed and sign the reimbursement resolution, and reviewed and sign the bonding term, interest rate, & deficiency resolution (attachements A, B, C, & D).

Manager Brent Larson motioned to approve the reimbursement resolution for the CD #57 Improvement project (Attachment B), seconded by Manager Jon Olson. Motion passed 5-0.

Manager Daniel Buseth motioned to approve the Bonding Term, Interest Rate, & Deficiency Resolution for the CD #57 Improvement project (Attachment C), seconded by Manager Mike Knutson. Motion passed 5-0.

Manager Jon Olson motioned to approve the Secretary's order for the CD #57 Improvement Project (Attachment D), seconded by Manager Mike Knutson. Motion passed 5-0.

4. NEW BUSINESS

- Hastad discussed the ESST policy and some statute changes which we will need to address. The County is redoing their policy and having their HR attorney review and Hastad would like to follow once they get that approved. Discussion followed with approval to proceed with updating the ESST policy and changing sick leave to ESST leave (following LQP County policy).
- The County is updating their email addresses which will affect the Watershed staff email addresses. The new address will become effective as of March 31, 2026 which will be lqpcmn.gov.
- Microsoft office is not going to support past programs and we will have to switch to office 365 eventually. Microsoft will be charging a monthly fee for this program instead of buying the program. The monthly fee will be approximately \$23 a person per month. Hastad reported that Morris Electronics will update the staff computers within the next month.
- Trudy & Makenna are working on the 2025 audit and had a couple forms that are required for the managers to fill out and sign. CliftonLarsonAllen plan to be on site in early June for final audit confirmations.

6. PERMIT APPROVALS

14542	Dudley Hansen	Freeland, 23	seepage, main tile, intakes	04/01/2026 BL
14543	Collin Johnson	Baxter, 11 & 12	seepage, main tile, intakes	04/01/2026 BL
14544	Jamie Karels	Yellow Bank, 20	ditch cleaning	04/01/2026 AW
14545	Greg Strei	Yellow Bank, 26	seepage lines	04/01/2026 AW
14546	David Swenson	OshKosh, 14	seepage lines	04/01/2026 MK
14547	Darrel Regnier	Norman, 15	seepage, main tile	04/01/2026 MK
14548 Renew	Hugh Berglund	Madison, 35-36	seepage, main tile, intakes	04/01/2026 JO
14549	Dale Grube	Mehurin, 4	ditch cleaning	04/01/2026 JO
14550 Renew	Derek Kuechenmeister	Madison, 7	seepage tile, intake	04/01/2026 JO
14551	Bruce Vaala	Madison, 7	seepage, main tile, intakes	04/01/2026 JO
14552	Shane Milbrandt	Mehurin, 34	seepage, main tile, intakes	04/01/2026 JO
14553	David Haas	Madison, 7	seepage, main tile, intakes	04/01/2026 JO
14554	Peter Haugen	Garfield, 31	main tile	04/01/2026 JO
14555	Gary Larson	Providence, 16	seepage tile	04/01/2026 MK
14556	Preston Stratmoen	Baxter, 19	seepage, main tile, intakes	04/01/2026 BL
14557	Peter Haugen	Freeland, 4	seepage, main tile, lift pump	04/01/2026 BL

14558	Peter Haugen	Freeland, 10	main tile	04/01/2026 BL
14559	Peter Haugen	Freeland, 26	seepage tile	04/01/2026 BL
14560	Doug Haas	Manfred, 33-34	seepage, main tile, intakes	04/01/2026 BL
14561	Troy DeJong	Baxter, 12	seepage lines	04/01/2026 BL

Permits Held: Scott Wittnebel, David Torstenson, & Dudley Hansen for review.

Manager Jon Olson motioned to approve the permits, seconded by Manager Brent Larson. Motion passed 5-0.

7. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 6, 2026 at 8:30 a.m. at the LQP County Annex.

8. ADJOURN

Manager Andrew Weber motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:45 a.m., seconded by Manager Mike Knutson. Motion passed 5-0



Andrew Weber, Chairman

ATTEST:



Brent Larson, Secretary

STATE OF MINNESOTA
LAC QUI PARLE-YELLOW BANK WATERSHED DISTRICT
DRAINAGE AUTHORITY FOR LAC QUI PARLE COUNTY DITCH 57

The matter of the petition of Connor, et al., for the improvement of Lac qui Parle County Ditch 57

Preliminary Hearing Order

The Board of Managers of the Lac qui Parle-Yellow Bank Watershed District, seated as the Drainage Authority for the improvement of Lac qui Parle County Ditch 57, met at 10:00 a.m. on March 31, 2026, at the Lac qui Parle County Annex, 422 5th Avenue, Madison, Minnesota. The hearing was held according to Minnesota Statutes Section 103E.261. Having considered the preliminary engineer's report, the DNR preliminary advisory report and the comments and testimony received at the hearing, Manager Olson moved, seconded by Manager Knutson for adoption of the following:

Findings:

1. The Drainage Authority met at 10:00 a.m. on March 31, 2026, at the Lac qui Parle County Annex for the preliminary hearing on the Engineer's Preliminary Survey Report related to the petition of Connor, et al., for the improvement of Lac qui Parle County Ditch 57.
2. The hearing was held according to Minnesota Statutes Section 103E.261.
3. The Drainage Authority's attorney presented the history of the proceedings through the preliminary hearing and summarized the requirements of the drainage code.
4. The hearing was noticed according to statute after filing of the preliminary engineer's report and delivery of said report to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for preliminary review and preparation of a preliminary advisory report.
5. The Drainage Authority's attorney presented an examination of the petition and bond to determine their sufficiency.
6. The Drainage Authority finds the following regarding the sufficiency of the petition:
 - a. The Board's attorney verified the signatures and ownership interests of the petitioners and finds that the petitioners represent at least 44.6% of the owners of the property area that the proposed improvement passes over. As such, petitioners are at least 26 percent of the owners of the property area that the proposed improvement passes over. (103E.215)

- b. The petition was properly filed with the Board of Managers to initiate improvement proceedings. For the purpose of a properly filed petition for improvement of a drainage system within the Watershed District, the Board of Managers composes the Drainage Authority for the improvement and, if the improvement is ordered and constructed, for all subsequent actions on the drainage system, or portion thereof. (103D.625)
 - c. The petition properly designated the drainage system proposed to be improved by number and map description that identifies the drainage system.
 - d. The petition alleges that the drainage system has insufficient capacity or needs enlarging to furnish sufficient capacity.
 - e. The petition describes the improvement, including the names and addresses of owners of the 40-acre tracts or government lots and property that the improvement passes over.
 - f. The petition alleges that the proposed improvement is necessary and will be of public utility and promote the public health.
 - g. The petition contains an agreement by the petitioners that they will pay all costs and expenses that may be incurred if the improvement proceedings are dismissed.
 - h. The petition was accompanied by a commercial bond with an initial face value of \$60,000 and in March 2026 filed an endorsement increasing the bond to \$100,000. The bond is adequate surety and has been reviewed by the Board's attorney. The bond is conditioned to pay the costs incurred if the proceedings are dismissed or a contract is not awarded to construct the drainage system proposed in the petition. (103E.215)
 - i. The costs incurred before the proposed drainage project is established may not exceed the amount of the petitioners' bond. A claim for expenses greater than the amount of the bond may not be paid unless the bond amount is increased or an additional bond is filed. If the Drainage Authority determines that the cost of the proceeding will be greater than the petitioners' bond before the proposed drainage project is established, the Drainage Authority shall require an increase in the bond amount or an additional bond to cover all costs to be filed within a prescribed time. The proceeding will be stopped until the additional bond prescribed by the Drainage Authority is filed. If the additional bond is not filed within the time prescribed, the proceedings will be dismissed.
 - j. The Board's attorney has reviewed the petition and bond and determined they meet the requirements of these proceedings.
7. A copy of the preliminary engineer's report was provided to the DNR Commissioner and BWSR inviting advisory review. By letter dated March 27, 2026, the commissioner provided comments (preliminary advisory report) on the preliminary engineer's report. The comments were read into the record.
 8. The engineer presented its preliminary engineer's report.

9. The drainage system is located in Sections 35 and 36 in Garfield Township (117N, R45W), and Sections 3, 2, and 1 in Freeland Township (T116, R45W), Lac qui Parle County. The system includes a Main Trunk and several branches and begins in the West Half of Section 2 in Freeland Township and briefly proceeds in a northwesterly direction across lands in Section 3, back east through the north half of Section 2, and flowing northeasterly through the south half of Section 36, with the last approximately 500 feet of the Main Trunk as open ditch. The system outlets into a private ditch located in the northeast quarter of Section 36. Branches are included as named: Branch A, Branch A13, Branch A25, Branch 76, Branch 71, Branch 48, Branch 23 and Branch 0.
10. CD 57 and its branches proposed to be improved have insufficient capacity and are in need of repair. The installation of larger tile is required to furnish sufficient drainage capacity and fulfill its original intended purpose.
11. CD 57 and its branches proposed to be improved are in need of improvement. The tile system was constructed in 1920 and is now over 100 years old and is past its functional life. Tiles of this age typically experience displacement of individual pipe sections, which decrease the functional cross-section of the pipe and consequently decrease the capacity from its as-built condition. Numerous repairs have been required in recent years to repair blow-outs and other failures of the system. It is likely that deterioration will continue to accelerate due to its age. The existing tile cannot easily be modified to increase its capacity and must be replaced in its entirety.
12. The proposed project includes improving the Main Trunk of CD 57 along with eight branches and laterals which are named Branch A, Branch A13, Branch A25, Branch 76, Branch 71, Branch 48 and Branch 23. Branch 0, included in the original petition, is likely to be eliminated from the system as adjacent lands have been tiled out of the CD 57 watershed.
13. The preliminary engineer's report indicates that the problems being experienced within CD 57 and its branches proposed to be improved are due to both insufficient capacity and disrepair of the tile system.
14. A copy of the preliminary engineer's report was also provided to the Lac qui Parle County SWCD, Lac qui Parle County, and Lac qui Parle County NRCS offices to initiate coordination and investigation of potential external sources of funding to facilitate incorporation of environmental, land use, and multipurpose water management features or alternatives into the project as required by Minnesota Statutes Section 103E.015. As of the date of the preliminary hearing, the Board and engineer have identified external sources of funding to facilitate incorporation of environmental, land use, and multipurpose water management features or alternatives available to individual landowners. No funding was discovered to pay the costs of system-included features and practices.

15. During the hearing, the engineer addressed the DNR comments and indicated high confidence that issues identified by the DNR can be resolved without significant cost or effort.
16. The DNR indicated its preference for inclusion of a storage pond at the outlet for the system. The engineer agrees that a pond is a reasonable and feasible method to address hydrologic increases and mitigate potential impacts to downstream public waters.
17. The Board invited comment from landowners present at the hearing.
18. All comments were addressed to the satisfaction of the Board.
19. The proposed improvement of CD 57 and its branches as petitioned and as addressed in the engineer's preliminary report is feasible, necessary, will be of public utility and benefit, and promote public health.
20. The environmental and land use criteria in the drainage code have been adequately considered by the engineer and, as directed herein, will be further investigated in considering the final scope of improvement.
21. Based on the engineer's evaluation of the receiving watercourse and anticipating inclusion of the storage pond, the outlet for the proposed improvement is adequate.
22. The Drainage Authority has identified a viewing team, consisting of at least three disinterested residents of the state, qualified to assess benefits and damages, available to view this project and willing to perform the duties of viewers for this project.

Based on the foregoing findings, the Joint Drainage Authority adopts the following:

Order:

- a. The Board accepts and adopts the preliminary engineer's report for the petitioned improvement.
- b. The Board, upon filing this preliminary hearing order with the Lac qui Parle County Auditor-Treasurer, orders the engineer to make a detailed survey with plans and specifications for the proposed drainage project and submit a detailed survey report to the Drainage Authority as soon as possible.
- c. The Board directs the engineer to address comments of the DNR commissioner. If feasible, the engineer should include changes in the final project plans if needed to address DNR advisory comments.

- d. The Board directs the engineer to consider alternatives that eliminate branches, laterals and road crossings from the improvement in order to save costs.
- e. The Board directs the engineer to continue to work through the processes contained in statutes section 103E.015 to ensure that environmental, land use, and multipurpose water management criteria are considered for inclusion in final project plans. This consideration should include an attempt to directly coordinate with the DNR staff to further clarify and address both concerns raised and any disagreement between the engineer and the DNR's comments as contained in the DNR preliminary advisory report.
- f. The Board directs the engineer to continue to coordinate, in addition to the coordination which occurred in advance of this order, with the Soil and Water Conservation District, and the county and USDA planning authorities about potential external sources of funding and technical assistance for environmental, land use, and multipurpose water management features or alternatives.
- g. The Board directs the engineer to request additional information about potential funding or technical assistance for environmental, land use, and multipurpose water management features or alternatives from the executive director of the Board of Water and Soil Resources.
- h. The Board appoints the following viewers to determine the benefits and damages to all property affected by the proposed drainage project and make a viewers' report:
 - Scott Henderson
 - Ken DeGier
 - Kody Fossum
 - Randy Kramer
 - Larry Murphy
- i. The viewers shall subscribe to an oath to faithfully perform their duties.
- j. The Watershed District Secretary, Board President or other authorized staff, is authorized to enter into a professional services contract with the viewers or their management company, H2Over Viewers, Inc., for viewing services.
- k. The Board directs the viewers, once qualified, to work with the engineer and to commence viewing as soon as practical upon receipt of the engineer's design plans and specifications indicating the efficiency of the drainage system improvement.
- l. The engineer is directed to assist the viewers in identifying properties receiving a hydrological improvement from the project and in identifying properties responsible for increased sedimentation in downstream areas of the watershed or responsible for increased drainage system maintenance or increased drainage system capacity because the


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natural drainage on the properties has been altered or modified to accelerate the drainage of water from the property.

After discussion, the Board President called the question. The question was on the adoption of the foregoing Findings and Order, and there were 5 yeas and 0 nays as follows:

	<u>Yea</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
WEBER	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
BUSETH	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
LARSON	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
OLSON	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
KNUTSON	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Upon vote, the President declared the motion Passed.



 Andrew Weber, President

Dated: March 31, 2026

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I, Brent Larson, Secretary of the Lac qui Parle-Yellow Bank Watershed District, do hereby certify that I have compared the above motion, findings and order with the original thereof as the same appears of record and on file with the Board of Managers and find the same to be a true and correct transcript thereof as adopted by and filed with the Board of Managers, on April 1, 2026.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 1st day of April, 2026.



 Brent Larson

STATE OF MINNESOTA
LAC QUI PARLE-YELLOW BANK WATERSHED DISTRICT
DRAINAGE AUTHORITY FOR LAC QUI PARLE COUNTY DITCH 57

The matter of the petition of Connor, et al.,
for the improvement of Lac qui Parle
County Ditch 57

Reimbursement Resolution

At its regular meeting on April 1, 2026, in conjunction with proceedings in the above matter, the Board of Managers of the Lac qui Parle-Yellow Bank Watershed District, Drainage Authority for the improvement of Lac qui Parle County Ditch (CD) 57 considered the motion herein. After due consideration, Manager Larson moved, seconded by Manager Olson for adoption of the following Resolution:

1. The petition of Connor, et al., for the improvement of Lac qui Parle County Ditch 57, was filed with the Board of Managers pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 103D.625, subd. 4.
2. The Board, as Drainage Authority, initiated proceedings and held a Preliminary Hearing on March 31, 2026. Following the Preliminary Hearing, the Board adopted findings and an order directing the preparation of a Detailed Survey Report, appointing Viewers, and directing the determination of improvement benefits and damages pursuant to statute.
3. Until establishment of the proposed project, the Petitioners' bond will secure payment of costs incurred in the proceedings. However, if the Board establishes the project, all costs, including the costs of proceedings prior to establishment, must be paid from the proceeds of assessments to benefitted properties. The Board may incur costs on behalf of the drainage system prior to borrowing (issuing bonds) for the project.
4. Statutes section 103E.655 requires the costs for drainage project proceedings and construction to be paid from the drainage system account by drawing on the account. Statutes section 103E.645 requires the payment of fees and expenses.
5. Statutes section 103E.655 allows the Drainage Authority, in the event the drainage system account is insufficient to pay costs, to transfer money from another account to pay costs until such time as alternative financing is in place to cover costs.
6. Statutes section 103E.635 authorizes the Board of the County where the drainage project is located to issue bonds after the contract for the construction of a drainage project is awarded, in an amount necessary to pay the cost of establishing and

constructing the drainage project, such bonds to be in an amount not in excess of the total cost, including expenses, to be assessed to pay for the drainage system.

Based on the foregoing, the Drainage Authority resolves:

- A. If the project is established, payment of costs in the current proceedings may be paid from the reserve account, or from interim financing from Lac qui Parle County, until such time as alternative financing or bonding is in place to cover costs.
- B. Payment of costs may be reimbursed by the issuance of tax-exempt bonds, issued pursuant to statutes sections 103E.635 - .641.

After discussion, the Board President called the question. The question was on the adoption of the foregoing Findings and Order, and there were ___ yeas and ___ nays as follows:

	<u>Yea</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
WEBER	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
BUSETH	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
LARSON	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
OLSON	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
KNUTSON	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Upon vote, the President declared the motion Passed.

Andrew Weber, President

Dated: 4/11, 2026

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I, Brent Larson, Secretary of the Lac qui Parle-Yellow Bank Watershed District, do hereby certify that I have compared the above motion, findings and order with the original thereof as the same appears of record and on file with the Board of Managers and find the same to be a true and correct transcript thereof as adopted by and filed with the Board of Managers, on 4/1, 2026.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 1st day of April, 2026.

Brent Larson

STATE OF MINNESOTA
LAC QUI PARLE-YELLOW BANK WATERSHED DISTRICT
DRAINAGE AUTHORITY FOR LAC QUI PARLE COUNTY DITCH 57

The matter of the petition of Connor, et al.,
for the improvement of Lac qui Parle
County Ditch 57

**Bonding Term, Interest Rate,
and Deficiency Resolution**

At its regular meeting on April 1, 2026, in conjunction with proceedings in the above matter, the Board of Managers of the Lac qui Parle-Yellow Bank Watershed District, Drainage Authority for the improvement of Lac qui Parle County Ditch (CD) 57 considered the motion herein. After due consideration, Manager Buseeth moved, seconded by Manager Knutson for adoption of the following Resolution:

1. The petition of Connor, et al., for the improvement of CD 57, was filed with the Board of Managers pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 103D.625, subd. 4.
2. The Board, as Drainage Authority, initiated proceedings and held a Preliminary Hearing on March 31, 2026. Following the Preliminary Hearing, the Board adopted findings and an order directing the preparation of a Detailed Survey Report, appointing Viewers, and directing the determination of improvement benefits and damages pursuant to statute.
3. Until establishment of the proposed project, the Petitioners' bond will secure payment of costs incurred in the proceedings. However, if the Board establishes the project, all costs, including the costs of proceedings prior to establishment, must be paid from the proceeds of assessments to benefitted properties. The Board may incur costs on behalf of the drainage system prior to borrowing (issuing bonds) for the project.
4. Statutes section 103E.655 requires the costs for drainage project proceedings and construction to be paid from the drainage system account by drawing on the account. Statutes section 103E.645 requires the payment of fees and expenses.
5. Statutes section 103E.635 authorizes the Board of an affected county where the drainage project is located to issue bonds after the contract for the construction of a drainage project is awarded, in an amount necessary to pay the cost of establishing and constructing the drainage project, such bonds to be in an amount not in excess of the total cost, including expenses, to be assessed to pay for the drainage system.
6. If established, the Board will certify assessments against property benefitted by the project payable to the treasurer of Lac qui Parle County, account manager for CD 57, in up to 20 equal annual installments, in accordance with Statutes section 103E.611, which provides that the interest rate on such assessments cannot exceed the rate determined

by the state court administrator for judgments under section 549.09 (currently 4% maximum). Lac qui Parle County may issue bonds pursuant to statutes section 103E.635 to pay the costs of the drainage project proceedings and construction.

- 7. Because of the interest rate limitation, prepayment of assessments and delinquencies, it is possible that the collection of drainage assessments to pay the principal and interest on the drainage bonds will be less than that required to meet the repayment obligations.
- 8. Despite possible deficiencies in the drainage assessments collected to pay the principal and interest on the drainage bonds, the obligation to repay the bonds remains a cost and obligation of the drainage systems. (See §§103E.645; E.655).


Based on the foregoing, the Drainage Authority Resolves:

- A. Should the proposed project be established and Lac qui Parle County issues bonds to cover the costs of the project, the Drainage Authority obligates itself to pay to said county the amount in each year by which the drainage assessments collected by the County in such year are insufficient to pay the principal and interest on the drainage bonds. Such deficiency payment shall be paid from the reserve account and debited against the drainage system account from which the deficiency originates.
- B. Funds transferred from the reserve account shall be repaid by additional annual assessments certified against property in the debited drainage system.

After discussion, the Board President called the question. The question was on the adoption of the foregoing Findings and Order, and there were __ yeas and __ nays as follows:

	<u>Yea</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
WEBER	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
BUSETH	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
LARSON	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
OLSON	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
KNUTSON	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Upon vote, the President declared the motion Passed.



Andrew Weber, President

Dated: 4/1, 2026

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SECRETARY'S ORDER

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 103E.305, I hereby order the appointed Viewers, Scott Henderson, Ken DeGier, Kody Fossum, Randy Kramer, and Larry Murphy to verify their qualification, willingness, and ability to complete the duties of viewers in the above proceeding and to execute and return their Viewer's Oath to faithfully perform their duties in conducting and completing the determination of improvement benefits and damages for Lac qui Parle County Ditch 57 in accordance with the enclosed Findings and Order and pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, chapter 103E.

Signed this 1st day of April, 2026.


Brent Larson, Secretary
Lac qui Parle-Yellow Bank Watershed District

