

VLAWMO TECHNICAL COMMISSION MEETING

8:15 AM February 11, 2026

Vadnais Heights City Hall, Council Chambers, 800 County Road E East, Vadnais Heights, MN 55127

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- I. Call to Order – 8:15am – Vice Chair Tessier
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February 25, 2026
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WMP Public Hearing
Turf Alternatives Workshop

February 25th
March 4th

**Vadnais Lake Area Water Management Organization
Technical Commission (TEC) Minutes
January 14, 2026
Vadnais Heights City Hall, Council Chambers
800 County Road E East, Vadnais Heights, MN 55127**

Commission Members Present:

Jim Hauth (alternate)	Vadnais Heights (VH)
Gloria Tessier	Gem Lake (GL)
Susan Miller	North Oaks (NO)
Jami Philip	White Bear Township (WBT)
Tom Hoffman	City of Lino Lakes (LL)
Terry Huntrods	City of White Bear Lake (WBL)

Absent: Nick Ousky (Vadnais Heights)

Others in attendance: Phil Belfiori, Brian Corcoran, Dawn Tanner, Lauren Sampedro, Angela Hugunin (VLAWMO staff); Jeremy Erickson (SPRWS), Ed Shapland (WAV), Barbara Suciú (Gem Lake City Clerk and Administrative Assistant).

I. Call to Order

Vice Chair Tessier called the meeting to order at 8:15 am.

II. Approval of Agenda

It was moved by Commissioner Miller and seconded by Commissioner Huntrods to approve the January 14, 2026 TEC agenda as presented. Vote: all aye. Motion passed.

III. Approval of Minutes (December 10, 2025)

It was moved by Commissioner Miller and seconded by Commissioner Philip to approve the December 10, 2025 meeting minutes as presented. Vote: all aye. Motion passed.

IV. Administration & Operations

A. January Financial Report and Consider Authorization for Payment

Administrator Belfiori thanked the TEC members for their time on the Commission. He summarized the January financial statement as included in the TEC packet. He highlighted payments related to three SSU errors, with the most significant reimbursement to the City of White Bear Lake. He also pointed out work with Houston Engineering on the response to comments received as part of the Watershed Management Plan (WMP or Plan) formal review process, as well as payment to the Metro Watershed Partners group for annual dues. Additional

highlights included a final Oak Knoll spent lime payment, and continued expenses for the Deep Lake shoreline partnership with NOHOA. Administrator Belfiori recommended approval of the January financial report and payment of the bills.

It was moved by Commissioner Huntrods and seconded by Commissioner Miller to approve the January financial report and authorize for payment. Vote: all aye. Motion passed.

B. 2026 Technical Commission Officer Appointments

Administrator Belfiori shared that the January meeting brings the need to elect or confirm a slate of officers for the Technical Commission. He stated that, per usual, the Board will officially appoint the TEC Chair, but they look to the TEC to recommend who they would like as the Chair for the year ahead. He reminded the TEC of 2025's appointments:

Nick Ousky, Chair
Gloria Tessier, Vice Chair
Terry Huntrods, Financial Officer
Susan Miller, Liaison to the Board

Vice Chair Tessier stated that Nick Ousky has been a great Chair. This was confirmed by Commissioner Philip and others. Administrator Belfiori clarified that the person elected as Vice Chair would need to fill in for the meetings while Chair Ousky is away and asked Mr. Hauth about anticipated return time. Mr. Hauth confirmed that Ousky is expected to return from leave in April.

Vice Chair Tessier stated she would be glad to continue as Vice Chair. Commissioner Huntrods said he could continue as Financial Officer, and Commissioner Miller stated she could continue as Liaison to the Board.

Staff recommended that the TEC confirm the officer slate for 2026.

It was moved by Commissioner Philip and seconded by Commissioner Miller to confirm the VLAWMO TEC's officer slate for 2026. Vote: all aye. Motion passed.

C. Confirmation of 2026 TEC Meeting Dates

Administrator Belfiori requested that the TEC discuss the 2026 meeting schedule and location so that this information can be shared with the Board of Directors and published on the VLAWMO calendar. He stated that the current approved meeting schedule is the 2nd Wednesday of the month at the Vadnais Heights City Hall Council Chambers. He pointed out that the November 11, 2026 TEC meeting is currently scheduled for Veterans Day and will need to be rescheduled. Staff recommended either November 10 or November 12, 2026 as an alternate November meeting date and requested that the TEC confirm the 2026 TEC meeting schedule and location.

Vice Chair Tessier asked if anyone had preferences for moving the adjusted meeting. Commissioner Miller noted that she preferred Thursday, November the 12th unless others had scheduling conflicts. Other commissioners all affirmed interest in the Thursday, November 12th date.

It was moved by Commissioner Philip and seconded by Commissioner Miller to confirm the 2026 TEC meeting schedule and location and confirm November 12, 2026 as the adjusted November TEC meeting date. Vote: all aye. Motion passed.

D. 2026 Working Budget Overview

Administrator Belfiori described the VLAWMO Board's December 10, 2025 decision to approve the fund balance carry over "working budget" for 2026. As approved, the final "working" budgeted expenditures for 2026 will be \$2,859,690, with 2026 being the first year of implementation under the new WMP, which is expected to be approved in the coming months.

Administrator Belfiori explained that, to pay these expenditures, the projected income within the approved working budget for 2026 is made up of 1) \$1,369,000 from the SSU and some small fees and 2) up to \$1,490,690 in fund balance carry over. It is also estimated that \$180,000 of grants/other outside funding revenue sources will be utilized to implement some of the projects and programs in the 2026 budget. Administrator Belfiori specified that this budget includes some flexibility, as longer-range partnership projects will involve some degree of adaptability. He shared a summary of some of the proposed key approved budget project highlights, including:

- East Vadnais Lake Subwatershed Resiliency Project
- Polar Lakes Part Water Reuse Project
- Resiliency Study—Vadnais Heights City-wide partnership
- Local match for 2nd 319 small watershed grant project design in the Wilkinson-Birch Lakes Subwatershed
- Water quality pretreatment project upstream of the Birch Lake iron-enhanced sand filter
- Internal load/alum on Tamarack Lake
- Pleasant Lake management partnerships or project partnership

V. Programs

A. Watershed Awards Reminder

Hugunin shared that the nomination form is still open for end-of-year watershed awards. She encouraged the TEC to spread the word or consider nominating community members who have been involved in water stewardship, and she noted that the deadline is Friday, January 23, 2026. The TEC is expected to vote on the award winner at their February meeting, with official announcement and celebration of the recipient at the February BOD meeting.

B. Consider New Website

Hugunin shared that initial development of the new website has been completed and is ready to launch for public viewing. She provided an overview of the most used pages and presented highlights for each section, pointing out new features such as featured projects, a searchable resource library, and where to locate meeting materials. She said that one of the goals of the updates is to streamline the website content for the public. She shared next steps in development, stating that pending TEC approval, the website will go to HDR for final coding checks before becoming publicly available.

Commissioner Miller asked whether the new website had been tested with mobile device viewing. Hugunin responded that HDR will be verifying functionality with mobile display in the coming days.

Staff recommended approval of the new website and its submittal to HDR for final updates and publishing later this month.

It was moved by Commissioner Phillip and seconded by Commissioner Miller to approve the new website and its submittal to HDR for final updates and publishing later this month. Vote: all aye. Motion passed.

C. SHG 2026-01 White Bear Lake United Methodist Church Pollinator Garden

Sampedro presented a Soil Health Grant application for a pollinator garden across a total area of about 5700 square feet, the first grant application of 2026. Sampedro shared views of the existing project area, pointing out its proximity to Goose Lake.

Sampedro provided background on the project, explaining that the church has taken significant steps to combat invasive species, including hiring a contractor to complete a controlled burn on the proposed project location. Sampedro pointed out the location's high visibility to parked cars and frequent passersby. The church has also expressed interest in installing signage to educate the church community on the benefits of the proposed garden for pollinators and water quality.

Sampedro presented plans for the garden, highlighting the plant species they intend to include via plugs and a seed mix.

Commissioner Miller noted that they will need many volunteers to cover such a large project area. Sampedro agreed, stating that the church intends to share volunteer opportunities with church members.

Commissioner Miller asked whether the applicant proposed using a Prairie Moon seed mix. Sampedro confirmed that it was the Short and Showy seed mix and noted that the seed mix

includes cover crop to prevent erosion. Commissioner Miller stated that she has used that mix in her yard with good results.

Staff recommended approval of SHG 2026-01 in the amount of \$1,026.

It was moved by Commissioner Miller and seconded by Commissioner Philip to approve SHG 2026-01 in the amount of \$1,026. Vote: all aye. Motion passed.

VI. Projects

A. WMP Comment Response Table Submitted Update

Tanner shared that the December Board meeting included Board approval of the VLAWMO Formal Review Comment Response Table, as well as authorization for staff to notify and provide the response table to state and local authorities. Work has continued with Houston Engineering to move the Plan to design software. Tanner highlighted a few deadlines, including bringing the Adobe InDesign version of the plan to February 11th's TEC meeting. February 25th is the anticipated time to bring this to the Board. She then outlined timelines for bringing the Plan to Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) via their Metro meeting, Board authorization and anticipated sharing of the Plan after the April meeting.

B. Consider Tamarack Lake Temporary Access Agreement for Phase 4 Alum and Construction Amendment with LRI

Tanner gave an update on the Tamarack Lake alum project, explaining that staff worked with project partners to prepare an updated Temporary Access Agreement for Phase 4 of the alum project. Ramsey County signed and returned the agreement to VLAWMO.

Staff worked with Lake Restorations, Inc. (LRI) to prepare an amendment for updated pricing on Phase 4 of the alum project. Tanner shared that the cost of alum has not changed since Phase 3 pricing was obtained. She explained that work has continued with project partners after completion of Phase 3.

Staff requested that the TEC recommend to the Board to approve and sign the Temporary Access Agreement for Phase 4 and return the fully signed agreement to Ramsey County. Staff also requested a recommendation to the Board to approve and sign the Third Amendment to the Contractor Services Agreement in the amount of \$27,380.

Mr. Hauth asked whether Phase 4 was the final phase of the project and whether there is any data on results so far. Tanner responded that so far, phosphorus levels have dropped over half, and monitoring will continue.

It was moved by Commissioner Miller and seconded by Commissioner Philip to recommend that the Board approve and sign the Temporary Access Agreement for Phase 4 and return the fully signed agreement to Ramsey County and to recommend to the Board to approve and sign the Third Amendment to the Contractor Services Agreement in the amount of \$27,380.

C. 319/Wilkinson Lake

Tanner provided a series of brief updates on 319 projects related to the Wilkinson Lake deep-water wetland. She began by sharing that ongoing maintenance for Phase 1 was authorized at the December Board meeting. Following Board approval, NST removed invasive trees and shrubs from the area in coordination with North Oaks Company (NOC). NOC staff removed the cut and piled debris. Staff appreciates collaboration with partners.

Tanner shared that work is continuing on the 25-acre restoration that NOC is working on with Stantec adjacent to the deep-water wetland. She shared that restoration work in that area creates a more cohesive landscape with native species that will ultimately provide reduced maintenance needs, improved habitat, and increased overall positive results for the project area.

Tanner stated that a draft contract for Phase 2 was received from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) in December regarding U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) 319 grant funds. She shared the varying amounts as included in the project, from cash match to project award amounts: the project award provides for a total project cost of \$516,986.44 of which \$310,191.44 will be grant funds, \$175,776.00 will be cash match funds anticipated to be shared equally between VLAWMO and NOC, and \$31,019.00 will be VLAWMO in-kind match. The MPCA has been notified of the steps being put in place by staff to formally move forward with next steps.

Staff requested that the TEC recommend to the Board to sign and return the MPCA grant contract for the Phase 2 project as part of the EPA 319 small priority watershed program, with VLAWMO's focus being to improve water quality in Wilkinson Lake.

It was moved by Commissioner Miller and seconded by Commissioner Philip to recommend that the Board sign and return the MPCA grant contract for the phase 2 project as part of the EPA 319 small priority watershed program, with VLAWMO's focus being to work to improve water quality in Wilkinson Lake.

D. Tamarack Nature Center: Telemetry Equipment Loan Update

Tanner described the loan of telemetry equipment to Tamarack Nature Center. She explained that the invasive common carp removal project is transitioning to maintenance now. Staff are no longer using the project telemetry equipment because the battery life has been exceeded for active transmitters that were implanted in carp. Tamarack Nature Center borrowed telemetry equipment for the homeschool outdoor education program unit on telemetry in fall of 2025. This has enabled the Nature Center to extend their educational work and allowed five classes of

homeschool students to utilize this equipment. VLAWMO has extended this equipment loan into 2026.

Commissioner Philip shared that this was a great update to see—a nice opportunity to use the equipment and enable learning for young people.

VII. Commissioner Reports

Mr. Hauth shared that Vadnais Heights has a sanitary sewer project impacting a wetland behind Vadnais Heights Elementary. He noted that the City has worked with all proper agencies on the project and permits are in place for the wetland impact.

VIII. NOHOA

Commissioner Miller shared a recent resident inquiry from North Oaks about who maintains the channel between Deep and Pleasant Lake for beaver activity. Jeremy Erickson replied that SPRWS takes care of this and will move forward with addressing the resident's concerns.

IX. Ramsey Soil & Water Conservation Division (RCSWCD)

None.

X. St. Paul Regional Water Services

None.

XI. Public Comment

None.

XII. Next Meetings

TEC meeting: February 11, 2026 at 8:15 am; Board meeting: February 25, 2026 at 7:00 pm.

XIII. Adjourn

It was moved by Commissioner Hoffman and seconded by Commissioner Philip to adjourn the meeting at 9:01. Vote: all aye. Motion passed.

VLAWMO Finance Summary: February 2026

Feb-26		Actual 2/1/26	Actual to Date	2026 Budget (June 2025 Board Approved)	Carry over from 2025 to 2026	Remaining in Budget	2026 Available (Dec. 2025 Board approved)	Act vs. Budget
BUDGET #	INCOME							
5.11	Storm Water Utility	\$26,195	\$27,867	\$1,335,000	\$0	\$1,307,133	\$1,335,000	2%
5.12	Service Fees			\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,000	0%
5.13	Interest + mitigation acct	\$9,942	\$9,942	\$30,000	\$0	\$20,058	\$30,000	33%
5.14	Misc. income - WCA admin & other			\$3,000	\$0	\$3,000	\$3,000	0%
5.15	Other Income Grants/ <u>loan</u>			\$180,000	\$0	\$180,000	\$180,000	0%
5.16	Transfer from reserves			\$1,138,245	\$172,445	\$1,310,690	\$1,310,690	0%
	TOTAL	\$36,137	\$37,809	\$2,687,245	\$172,445	\$2,821,881	\$2,859,690	1%
EXPENSES								
3.1	Operations & Administration							
3.110	Office - rent, copies, post tel supplies	\$2,238	\$2,238	\$35,544	\$0	\$33,306	\$35,544	6%
3.120	Information Systems	\$2,200	\$2,200	\$37,150	\$0	\$34,950	\$37,150	6%
3.130	Insurance			\$12,000	\$0	\$12,000	\$12,000	0%
3.141	Consulting - Audit			\$29,900	\$0	\$29,900	\$29,900	0%
3.142	Consulting - Bookkeeping	\$67	\$67	\$1,500	\$0	\$1,433	\$1,500	4%
3.143	Consulting - Legal	\$92	\$92	\$9,000	\$0	\$8,908	\$9,000	1%
3.144	Consulting - Eng. & Tech.	\$435	\$435	\$50,000	\$0	\$49,565	\$50,000	1%
3.150	Storm Sewer Utility	\$5,137	\$5,137	\$22,500	\$93,619	\$110,982	\$116,119	4%
3.160	Training (staff/board)			\$18,000	\$0	\$18,000	\$18,000	0%
3.170	Misc. & mileage	\$330	\$330	\$7,276	\$0	\$6,946	\$7,276	5%
3.191	Administration - staff	\$56,660	\$56,660	\$511,724	\$0	\$455,064	\$511,724	11%
3.192	Employer Liability	\$15,508	\$15,508	\$169,583	\$0	\$154,075	\$169,583	9%
3.2	Monitoring and Studies							
3.210	Lake and Creek lab analysis			\$25,000	\$0	\$25,000	\$25,000	0%
3.220	Equipment			\$3,000	\$0	\$3,000	\$3,000	0%
3.230	Wetland assessment & management			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	#DIV/0!
3.240	Watershed planning /special study			\$80,000	\$0	\$80,000	\$80,000	0%
3.3	Education and Outreach							
3.310	Public Education			\$8,000	\$0	\$8,000	\$8,000	0%
3.320	Comm., Outreach & Marketing	\$7,827	\$7,827	\$25,000	\$0	\$17,173	\$25,000	31%
3.330	Community Blue Ed Grant	\$7,939	\$7,939	\$12,000	\$0	\$4,061	\$12,000	66%
Total Core functions: Ops, Monitoring, Education		\$98,433	\$98,433	\$1,057,177	\$93,619	\$1,052,363	\$1,150,796	9%
Capital Improvement Projects and Programs								
3.4	Subwatershed Activity							
3.410	Gem Lake			\$10,000	\$0	\$10,000	\$10,000	0%

3.420	Lambert Creek			\$455,000	\$0	\$455,000	\$455,000	0%
3.421	Lambert Lake Loan			\$38,568	\$0	\$38,568	\$38,568	0%
3.425	Goose Lake	\$2,081	\$2,081	\$40,000	\$0	\$37,919	\$40,000	5%
3.430	Birch Lake			\$102,500	\$20,000	\$122,500	\$122,500	0%
3.440	Gilf Black Tam Wilk Amelia	\$3,091	\$3,091	\$383,000	\$0	\$379,909	\$383,000	1%
3.450	Pleasant Charley Deep	\$759	\$759	\$115,000	\$0	\$114,241	\$115,000	1%
3.460	Sucker Vadnais	\$437	\$437	\$271,000	\$20,000	\$290,563	\$291,000	0%
3.48	Programs							
3.480	Soil Health Grant			\$25,000	\$15,530	\$40,530	\$40,530	0%
3.481	Landscape 1			\$50,000	\$11,558	\$61,558	\$61,558	0%
3.482	Landscape 2/BWSR WBF	\$320	\$320	\$80,000	\$11,738	\$91,418	\$91,738	0%
3.483	Project Research & feasibility			\$5,000		\$5,000	\$5,000	0%
3.485	Facilities Maintenanc/ Pub. Ditch Main.			\$50,000		\$50,000	\$50,000	0%
3.5	Regulatory							
3.510	Engineer Plan review			\$5,000	\$0	\$5,000	\$5,000	0%
	Total CIP & Program	\$6,688	\$6,688	\$1,630,068	\$78,826	\$1,702,206	\$1,708,894	0%
	Total of Core Operations & CIP	\$105,121	\$105,121	\$2,687,245	\$172,445	\$2,754,569	\$2,859,690	4%

Fund Balance		1/1/2026	2/1/2026
4M Account		\$963,055	\$841,458
4M Plus Savings		\$263,580	\$264,405
Total		\$1,226,635	\$1,105,863

Restricted funds		2/1/2026
Mitigation Savings		\$0
Term Series		\$300,000

Vadnais Lake Area Water Management Organization

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Check Detail

02/04/2026

January 15 through February 11, 2026

	Type	Num	Date	Name	Item	Account	Paid Amount	Original Amount
	Check	eft	01/15/2026	US Bank		Checking - 1987		-67.46
					3.142 · Bookkeeping help		-67.46	67.46
TOTAL							-67.46	67.46
	Check	eft	01/20/2026	Reliance Standard		Checking - 1987		-231.22
					Insurance Benefit		-231.22	231.22
TOTAL							-231.22	231.22
	Check	6115	02/11/2026	Angela Hugunin		Checking - 1987		-87.71
					3.170 · Misc. & mileage		-29.61	29.61
					3.320 · Marketing		-58.10	58.10
TOTAL							-87.71	87.71
	Check	6116	02/11/2026	Houston Engineering, Inc		Checking - 1987		-2,169.25
					3.440 · Gilfillan Black Tamarack Wilkin		-1,734.25	1,734.25
					3.144 · Eng. & Tech.		-435.00	435.00
TOTAL							-2,169.25	2,169.25
	Check	6117	02/11/2026	Fusion Learning Partners		Checking - 1987		-300.00
					3.170 · Misc. & mileage		-300.00	300.00
TOTAL							-300.00	300.00
	Check	6118	02/11/2026	Ramsey County		Checking - 1987		-320.00
					3.482 · Landscape 2		-320.00	320.00
TOTAL							-320.00	320.00
	Check	6119	02/11/2026	Town Law Center, PLLP		Checking - 1987		-2,645.00
					3.460 · Sucker Vadnais		-437.00	437.00
					3.143 · Legal		-92.00	92.00
					3.440 · Gilfillan Black Tamarack Wilkin		-1,357.00	1,357.00
					3.450 · Pleasant Charley Deep		-759.00	759.00
TOTAL							-2,645.00	2,645.00
	Check	6120	02/11/2026	Metro - Inet		Checking - 1987		-2,200.00
					IT Support		-2,200.00	2,200.00
TOTAL							-2,200.00	2,200.00

TOTAL	Check 6121 02/11/2026 Barr Engineering Co	Checking - 1987	-2,081.00	
		3.425 · Goose Lake	-2,081.00	2,081.00
			-2,081.00	2,081.00
TOTAL	Check 6122 02/11/2026 Ramsey Washington Metro WD	Checking - 1987	-999.60	
		3.320 · Marketing	-999.60	999.60
			-999.60	999.60
TOTAL	Check 6123 02/11/2026 Metro Blooms	Checking - 1987	-1,300.00	
		3.320 · Marketing	-1,300.00	1,300.00
			-1,300.00	1,300.00
TOTAL	Check 6124 02/11/2026 HDR Engineering, Inc.	Checking - 1987	-5,469.07	
		3.320 · Marketing	-1,193.55	1,193.55
		3.320 · Marketing	-4,275.52	4,275.52
			-5,469.07	5,469.07
TOTAL	Check 6125 02/11/2026 City of Vadnais Heights	Checking - 1987	-2,238.34	
		Rent	-1,865.00	1,865.00
		Phone/Internet/Machine Overhead	-335.00	335.00
		Postage	-16.78	16.78
		Copies	-21.56	21.56
			-2,238.34	2,238.34
TOTAL	Check 6126 02/11/2026 Incarnation Lutheran Church	Checking - 1987	-7,938.50	
		3.330 · Community Blue Education Grant	-7,938.50	7,938.50
			-7,938.50	7,938.50
TOTAL	Check 6127 02/11/2026 City of White Bear Lake	Checking - 1987	-71,936.36	
		payroll	-56,659.51	56,659.51
		Administration FICA	-4,203.99	4,203.99
		Administration PERA	-4,249.49	4,249.49
		Insurance Benefit	-6,295.12	6,295.12
		Admin payroll processing	-254.92	254.92
		Employer PFML	-273.33	273.33
			-71,936.36	71,936.36
TOTAL	Check 6128 02/11/2026 Arcade Mob Partners LLC	Checking - 1987	-5,136.86	
		3.150 · Storm Sewer Utility	-5,136.86	5,136.86
			-5,136.86	5,136.86

Vadnais Lake Area Water Management Orgar
Profit & Loss
January 15 through February 11, 2026

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02/04/2026

Cash Basis

Jan 15 - Feb 11, 26

Ordinary Income/Expense

Income

5.1 · Income

5.11 · Storm Water Utility 26,195.22

5.13 · Interest 9,942.05

Total 5.1 · Income 36,137.27

Total Income 36,137.27

Gross Profit 36,137.27

Expense

3.1 · Administrative/Operations

3.110 · Office

Copies 21.56

Phone/Internet/Machine Overhead 335.00

Postage 16.78

Rent 1,865.00

Total 3.110 · Office 2,238.34

3.120 · Information Systems

IT Support 2,200.00

Total 3.120 · Information Systems 2,200.00

3.142 · Bookkeeping help 67.46

3.143 · Legal 92.00

3.144 · Eng. & Tech. 435.00

3.150 · Storm Sewer Utility 5,136.86

3.170 · Misc. & mileage 329.61

3.191 · Employee Payroll

payroll 56,659.51

Total 3.191 · Employee Payroll 56,659.51

3.192 · Employer Liabilities

Admin payroll processing 254.92

Administration FICA 4,203.99

Administration PERA 4,249.49

Employer PFML 273.33

Insurance Benefit 6,526.34

Total 3.192 · Employer Liabilities 15,508.07

Total 3.1 · Administrative/Operations 82,666.85

3.3 · Education and Outreach

3.320 · Marketing 7,826.77

3.330 · Community Blue Education Grant 7,938.50

Total 3.3 · Education and Outreach 15,765.27

3.4 · Capital Imp. Projects/Programs

3.425 · Goose Lake	2,081.00
3.440 · Gilfillan Black Tamarack Wilkin	3,091.25
3.450 · Pleasant Charley Deep	759.00
3.460 · Sucker Vadnais	437.00
Total 3.4 · Capital Imp. Projects/Programs	6,368.25
3.48 · Programs	
3.482 · Landscape 2	320.00
Total 3.48 · Programs	320.00
Total Expense	105,120.37
Net Ordinary Income	-68,983.10
Net Income	-68,983.10

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Custom Transaction Detail Report

December 1, 2025 through February 1, 2026

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Accrual Basis

Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Account	Clr	Split	Amount	Balance
Dec 1, '25 - Feb 1, 26									
Credit Card Charge	12/01/2025		Amazon.com	wagon	US Bank CC	√	3.320 · Marketing	65.63	65.63
Credit Card Charge	12/01/2025		Amazon.com	storage bins	US Bank CC	√	3.320 · Marketing	69.58	135.21
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E. Vadnais Lake Subwatershed Resiliency Study		Ongoing	Staff are continuing to work with the City of Vadnais Heights on Phase 2 of the study, including data collection, exploring potential construction of the recommended project from the study, additional partnership development, and State grant work plan management.	Audit		2026	Staff working on 2025 audit, CLA on site early February.																					
Vadnais Heights Resiliency Study (Whole City)		Ongoing	Staff are continuing to work with the City of Vadnais Heights on the study. Modeling work is ongoing. Preliminary modeling results are being analyzed and a stakeholder kickoff meeting is planned for March.	Budget		for 2026 budget	The VLAWMO Board considered the 2026 "working" budget at the Dec. 10, 2026 meeting. Early discussions on 2027 budget with partners will begin in March.																					
MPCA 319 /Wilkinson Lake BMPs		Ongoing	Grant contract received, HEI continuing to advance project designs, early permitting input meeting completed, MOU and maintenance agreement in review with NOC, project easement draft underway.	SSU		2026	VLAWMO parcels reviewed as needed.																					
Pleasant Lake Carp Management		Ongoing	2025 year-end report received, and prep for update article to North Oaks News in process.	2027-2036 Watershed Mgmt. Plan		2026	The VLAWMO Board will consider the WMP Public Hearing draft, hold Public Hearing during Feb. meeting, and approve submission to BWSR.																					
Rotary Park partnership		2025-29	Preparing for Year 2 growing season.	<table><tr><th colspan="5">FINANCIAL SUMMARY as of 2/1/2026</th></tr><tr><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>4M Account (1.10)</td><td>4M Plus (1.23)</td><td colspan="3">Total</td></tr><tr><td>\$841,458</td><td>\$264,405</td><td colspan="3">\$1,105,863</td></tr></table>					FINANCIAL SUMMARY as of 2/1/2026										4M Account (1.10)	4M Plus (1.23)	Total			\$841,458	\$264,405	\$1,105,863		
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Tamarack Alum Project		2025-26	Temporary access agreement and contract amendment before the Board at Feb. meeting.																									
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City/Township MS4		Ongoing	Staff needs assessments meetings with municipal partners are underway. MS4 library for new website is being developed.																									
Communication & Outreach		Ongoing	Outreach materials continue to be updated. Get Gritty campaign and giveaway with neighboring watersheds continued through mid-January at WBL Frattalone's. Annual report development is underway. Educational signage is being developed for key project locations including Rotary Nature Preserve.																									
Cost Share & BWSR WBIF		Ongoing	Grant applications are in progress for project site visits that were completed in 2025, including a possible project at Tamarack Nature Center. Site visit requests are coming in but on hold until spring. BWSR WBIF 23-25 tasks and reporting have been completed and																									
GIS		Ongoing	Updating online GIS viewer as needed and providing files to partners. Wetland NWI layer recently updated.																									
Monitoring		Ongoing	2025 monitoring season is complete, beginning data analysis and report writing.																									
WAV		Ongoing	WAV members helped recruit Minnesota Water Stewards for the 2026 cohort. Meeting is being planned for late winter/early spring.																									
WCA		Ongoing	Administering WCA as needed. Year end reporting to BWSR complete.																									
Website		Ongoing	New website (still at www.vlawmo.org) is now live.																									
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IV. Administration & Operations

A. February Financial Report and Consider Authorization for Payment

Please find the February financial report and authorization to pay bills for consideration and approval.

B. TEC Report to the Board for February

Please find the February TEC report to the Board attached in the ePacket for review and approval.

V. Programs

A. Watershed Awards – Updated Deadline for Nominations

The window for submitting nominations for the Watershed Awards has been extended. Nominations will now be accepted through Sunday, March 1, 2026, in efforts to expand the pool of nominees for the TEC's voting.

This year, the focus is on community members and groups through the Watershed Steward Award. Volunteers, businesses, neighborhood or lake associations, or community groups who have worked independently or with VLAWMO staff to improve water resources or community understanding of water issues are all eligible.

TEC members, municipal partners and affiliates, and the public are all encouraged to participate in the nomination process. Nominations can be made anonymously. Self-nominations will be accepted. With the adjusted timeline, nominations will be presented at the TEC's March meeting to vote on the winner. More information can be found in the [VLAWMO news announcement](#). The nomination form can be directly accessed at this [link](#).

B. Website Update

Final pre-launch web checks have been completed, and the new website is now live at vlawmo.org. SEO will continue to be optimized as the website is in its first weeks of public visibility. Staff appreciates the TEC's support of website development efforts.

C. Spring Workshop Announcement: Turf Alternatives

VLAWMO will host a Turf Alternatives workshop in the watershed on March 4th. This opportunity is in response to increasing community interest in alternative yards in recent years, both in grant applications and in questions at community events.

The in-person workshop will offer practical information on how to support pollinators and water quality by making the switch to a turf alternative such as a bee lawn or

low-maintenance lawn. The workshop will include a presentation from an expert member of the Blue Thumb partnership, followed by a Q&A session and access to online resources to help attendees pursue a turf alternative project. VLAWMO staff will share local grant opportunities.

The workshop will take place from 6:00 pm–7:30 pm on Wednesday, March 4th in the Lakes Room at the Vadnais Heights City Hall. Registration costs \$15, but fees for VLAWMO residents will be waived. TEC members are invited to learn more and consider signing up or sharing with community members. More information and a registration form are available on the [Blue Thumb website](#).

VI. Projects

A. Consider “90-Day” BWSR Review Draft WMP

VLAWMO worked with HEI on the transition to InDesign for the 90-Day BWSR Review Draft WMP. That has been completed and is provided to the TEC for recommendation to the VLAWMO Board at the February 25 regular meeting. Note that the Public Hearing has been noticed as required and will be held at the beginning of the VLAWMO Board meeting at 7:00 pm in the Vadnais Heights City Council Chambers on February 25, 2026.

VLAWMO anticipates the following next steps and timeline:

- **Feb. 25:** VLAWMO Board Meeting **Public Hearing**, Board consider approval of WMP, authorize submittal of 90-day draft to BWSR
- **Feb. 26:** VLAWMO staff submit WMP to BWSR
- **April 6:** BWSR Metro meeting and recommendation to Board
- **April 22:** BWSR Board authorization
- Following BWSR approval: Plan adoption and share with review authorities

Requested Action: VLAWMO staff request a recommendation to the Board to approve the 90-Day BWSR Review Draft WMP and submit the approved WMP to BWSR for inclusion on the agenda at the BWSR Metro meeting on April 6, 2026.

Attachments:

- VLAWMO WMP Public Hearing draft [linked here:](https://www.vlawmo.org/application/files/1517/7032/1817/VI._A._1a_VLA_WMO_WMP_Public_Hearing_Draft_02042026_compressed-compressed.pdf)
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- VLAWMO WMP Appendix [linked here:](https://www.vlawmo.org/application/files/5217/7032/2178/VI._A._1b_VLA_WMO_WMP_Appendix_Public_Hearing_Draft_02042026-compressed.pdf)
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- PPT

B. Update on 319/Wilkinson Lake Phase 2 Project

VLAWMO staff have continued working with partners to prepare documents to accompany the grant contract to secure the project. Below is a summary of the current status at the time of packet preparation include:

- **Memorandum of Understanding and Maintenance Agreement:** Draft review and revision completed by VLAWMO's attorney, and draft provided to NOC project partners/landowner
- **Project Design:** Revision and alternate option produced following meeting with permitting entities to reduce modifications needed within wetland area; design options in process with modeling to support quantitative elements anticipated to begin next.
- **Temporary (construction) Easement and Temporary Extended (maintenance) Easement Agreement:** Exhibits being prepared by HEI; text development underway with VLAWMO's attorney; partner meeting including conservation area easement holder (Minnesota Land Trust (MLT)) being held on February 6.

C. Update Invasive Common Carp Removal 2025 Report

VLAWMO staff received the 2025 year-end report from Carp Solutions. Staff request a recommendation to the VLAWMO Board to accept and share this report. VLAWMO staff anticipate preparing an update article for the February or March submission deadline for North Oaks News.

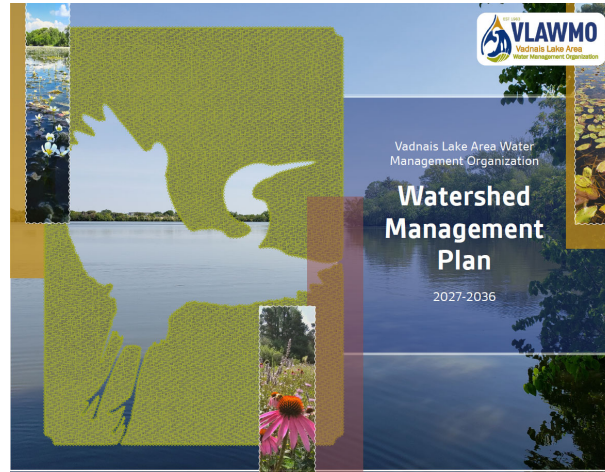
Requested Action: VLAWMO staff request a recommendation to the Board to accept and share the 2025 year-end report from Carp Solutions.

Attachment: 2025 Pleasant Lake System Report by Carp Solutions, January 20, 2026. **Linked here:**

[https://www.vlawmo.org/application/files/1617/7032/0699/VI. C. Pleasant Lake System Carp Management Report 2025.pdf](https://www.vlawmo.org/application/files/1617/7032/0699/VI._C._Pleasant_Lake_System_Carp_Management_Report_2025.pdf)

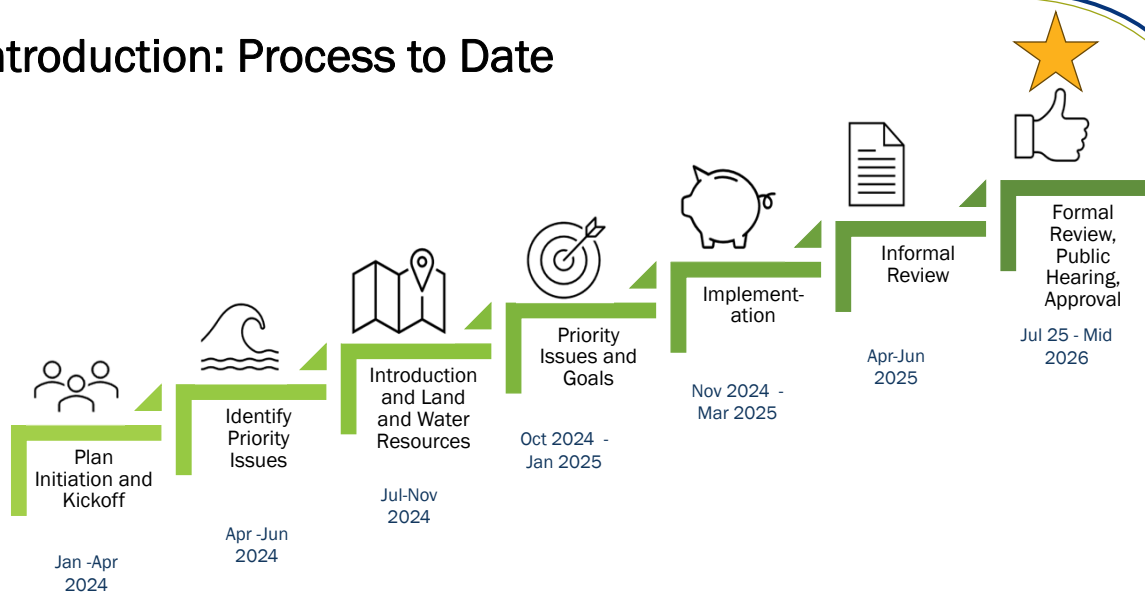
VI. A.

“90-Day” BWSR Review Draft WMP



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Introduction: Process to Date



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Background: Process

- December approval by TEC and Board of the comment response table
- Verbatim text changes shared with local and state review authorities
- VLAWMO staff internal review of Word document with changes incorporated
- HEI team transitioned document to polished InDesign format
- HEI provided updated 90-day WMP for BWSR review

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Background: Implementing Key Areas from VLAWMO Response Table

- Reminder of 6 high-priority areas of comments that were identified and addressed

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6 High-Priority Areas

1. Need to identify priority resources for focal efforts over next 10 years of WMP: Added elevated priority lakes consistent with involvement in Small, Priority Watershed MPCA/EPA grant program

VLAWMO Watershed Management Plan: Implementation Plan

internal planning cycles to assess priorities, needs, and opportunities to collaborate and coordinate efforts.

Projects with the greatest impact on water resources receive the highest priority for implementation. In addition to prioritizing high-benefit projects, VLAWMO considers and supports projects that arise through redevelopment or through partners implementing their Capital Improvement Plans.

4.4.1 Enhanced Priority Criteria

4.4.1.1 Lakes and Streams

Prioritizing resources provides direction on where to target efforts. For purposes of this plan, participation in the 319 Small, Priority Watershed Program elevates resources to the highest priority. This applies to Wilkinson, Tamarack, and Birch Lakes, which will be elevated priority resources for this 10-year plan.

After the 319 Program, VLAWMO identified three criteria that are used to further identify priority resources:

1. If the resource is in the chain of lakes used for drinking water
2. If a resource is in the Grant Program priority zones
3. If a resource is impaired, nearly impaired, barely impaired, or a lake of high biological significance

Grant Program priority zone locations can be requested from staff. The targeted habitat priority zones are locations that have been identified by the DNR as native plant communities or high potential rusty patched bumblebee habitat areas that should be preserved or restored. The volume reduction priority zones are areas where there is denser development and a higher likelihood of flooding. To alleviate flooding, VLAWMO is currently pursuing high impervious areas within the Lambert Creek planning region for volume reduction projects.

A summary of these criteria and VLAWMO waterbodies that meet each criteria is shown in Table 4-3. No one criteria will outrank another; VLAWMO staff will review all when determining and prioritizing projects. The list of resources and priority criteria will be used when pursuing and funding projects.

Table 4.3: Three criteria used to further identify priority resources.

Drinking Water Chain of Lakes	
- Charley Lake - Pleasant Lake - Sucker Lake	- East Vadnais Lake - Lambert Creek
Grant Program Priority Zones	
- Black Lake - Deep Lake - East and West Goose Lake	- Lambert Creek - Wilkinson Lake
Nearly / Barely*, Impaired Waterbodies, or Lakes of Biological Significance	
- Barely Impaired: Deep Lake (TP) - Nutrient Impairment: East and West Goose Lakes, Gillfillan Lake, Pleasant Lake, Tamarack Lake, West Vadnais Lake, Wilkinson Lake - Bacteria Impairment: Lambert Creek - High Biological Significance: Amelia	

*Nearly impaired resources are defined as within 90-100% of the standard (no VLAWMO lakes qualify) and barely impaired as within 100-125% of the standard.

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6 High-Priority Areas

2. More clearly provide measurable goals with quantifiable measures wherever possible: Added with input from key project engineers

VLAWMO Watershed Management Plan: Priority Issues and Goals

3.4.1 Surface Water Quality Management

Surface Water and Drinking Water Quality

VLAWMO Watershed Management Plan: Priority Issues and Goals

Erosion of Shorelines and Streambanks

In addition to the Surface Water and Drinking Water Quality issue, streambank and lake shoreline erosion is a concern in the watershed. Streambank erosion can occur in Lambert Creek or within ditches during periods of high flow. Lake shore erosion can be worsened by waves from boats and a lack of shoreline buffer. Streambanks can be protected by vegetated bank stabilization or hard armoring practices, and lake shorelines can be protected from erosion by planting native shoreline vegetation and minimizing development and landscaping near shorelines. Riparian buffers provide wildlife and pollinator habitat, stabilize soils, and slow and filter overland runoff prior to entering a waterbody. VLAWMO encourages streambank and lakeshore landowners to plant native vegetation riparian buffers through partnership projects and VLAWMO's landscape grant programs.

★ **Surface Water Quality Goal:** Protect and improve water quality through implementation of capital improvement projects, associated technical work, and VLAWMO programs.

☑ **Partnership/Grant Dependent Measure:** Pursue partnership project implementation of 12 projects or associated technical work that improve surface water and drinking water quality, including at least three funded by 319 Small, Priority Watershed Program.

• Outcomes from implementing projects associated with this Partnership / Grant Dependent Measure aim to accomplish the following water quality outcomes (by project):

• Tamarack Lake (Project 403A, 403B, 403C): Maintain total phosphorus concentration below 80 µg/L, using a five-year average of summer total phosphorus concentrations.

• Wilkinson Lake (Project 403A, 403B, 403C): Reduce watershed phosphorus loading by 21 lbs/year based on watershed projects implemented or to the maximum extent possible given the uncertainty of future available funding, the final design of the project area, and modifications that may be incurred during construction. This reduction will be pursued through targeted management strategies that enhance upstream storage, conveyance, and water quality.

See Implementation Table: 403A, 403B, 403C, 403D, 403E, 403F, 403G, 403H, 403I, 403J, 403K, 403L, 403M, 403N, 403O, 403P, 403Q, 403R, 403S, 403T, 403U, 403V, 403W, 403X, 403Y, 403Z

☑ **Partnership/Grant Dependent Measure:** Continue annual implementation of VLAWMO programs to protect and improve water quality

• Outcomes from implementing projects associated with this Partnership / Grant Dependent Measure aim to accomplish the following water quality outcomes (by project):

• Birch Lake (Project 200C, 200H): Achieve an in-lake summer-average total phosphorus concentration of equal to or less than 40 µg/L.

See Implementation Table: 200A, 200B, 200C, 200D, 200E, 200F, 200G, 200H

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6 High-Priority Areas

3. Timing of approval of WMP and possible need to add budget information for 2026: Final guidance from BWSR received and incorporated



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6 High-Priority Areas

4. Priority wetland areas requested to be clearly identified: Added section in WMP and included map with priority areas

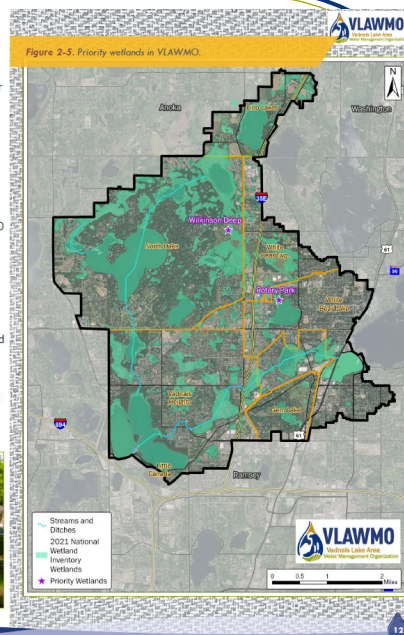
VLAWMO Watershed Management Plan: Land and Water Resources

VLAWMO is the Wetland Conservation Act (WCA) local government unit for the watershed (excluding Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) projects) and is involved whenever there is development or other activities which occur near or in a wetland. VLAWMO's formal role and responsibility in regulatory review is limited to only the administration of the Wetland Conservation Act (WCA). VLAWMO partners with the Technical Evaluation Panel (TEP) and encourages early communication to ensure WCA is adhered to. Information on WCA and VLAWMO's role is available on the VLAWMO website.

With so many wetlands in the watershed, it's important to focus VLAWMO implementation efforts regarding wetland restoration and management (Figure 2-5). The Rotary Nature Preserve is a priority area for restoration and community outreach pertaining to wetlands. The Rotary Nature Preserve efforts are currently underway with a 5-year Conservation Partners Legacy grant from the DNR to complete a large wetland restoration in the area. The Wilkinson Deep-Water Wetland is a completed project toward improvement of Wilkinson Lake and is a priority for increasing the diversity of the plant community in the wetland, including submerged aquatic vegetation. VLAWMO will also explore prioritization in Vadnais-Snail Lake Regional Park based on partner involvement. Efforts would be led by partner entities.



VLAWMO Watershed Management Plan



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6 High-Priority Areas

- Trends in water quality making use of monitoring data requested: Added trend column with increasing, neutral, decreasing (text used instead of graphic to avoid possible confusion)

Name (AUID)	Acres	Impairment(s)	Trophic State Index (TSI)	5-year TSI Trend	DNR Shallow Lake	Fish Identified in Fish Survey	Infested with AIS	5-year TP and Chl-a Average*	Other
VLAWMO Watershed Management Plan: Land and Water Resources									
Table 2-2. Summary of VLAWMO waters.									
Name (AUID)	Acres	Impairment(s)	Trophic State Index (TSI)	5-year TSI Trend	DNR Shallow Lake	Fish Identified in Fish Survey	Infested with AIS	5-year TP and Chl-a Average*	Other
Giffilan (62-0027-00)	110	Nutrients	62	Decreasing	X	Walleye, Sunfish***	Curly-leaf pondweed	TP: 54 µg/L Chl-a: 38 µg/L	Water has been pumped from Pleasant to Giffilan to increase water levels.
Fish (62-0021-00)	12		N/A	N/A		No survey		N/A	Classified as public water wetland.
Lambert Creek (07010206-656)	N/A	Bacteria	N/A	N/A		N/A		TP: 212 µg/L Chl-a: 24 µg/L	Partially RCD14.
Pleasant (62-0046-00)	607	Nutrients, Mercury in fish tissue	53	Neutral		No survey, common carp present	Curly-leaf pondweed, Eurasian watermilfoil, Rusty crayfish, Zebra mussels	TP: 46 µg/L Chl-a: 13 µg/L	
Sucker (62-0028-00)	63	Mercury in fish tissue	50	Slight Decrease		Black crappie, Bluegill, Bowfin, Brown Bullhead, Common carp, Green sunfish, Hybrid sunfish, Largemouth bass, Northern pike, Pumpkinseed, Walleye, Yellow bullhead, Yellow Perch	Curly-leaf pondweed, Eurasian watermilfoil, Rusty crayfish, Zebra mussels	TP: 38 µg/L Chl-a: 10 µg/L	Sucker Lake has more restrictive mercury consumption guidelines than statewide guidelines for bullhead.
Tamarack (62-0022-00)	86	Nutrients	75	Slight Decrease		No survey		TP: 162 µg/L Chl-a: 175 µg/L	Classified as public water wetland.
West Goose (62-0126-00)	24	Nutrients	81	Decreasing		Black bullhead, Black crappies, Bluegills, Fathead minnow, Golden shiner, Green sunfish, Hybrid sunfish, Pumpkinseed, Yellow perch****	Curly-leaf pondweed	TP: 174 µg/L Chl-a: 153 µg/L	Classified by DNR as an unnamed public water wetland.
West Vadnais (62-0038-02)	212	Nutrients	68	Decreasing		Bullhead, Common carp, Pan fish***	Curly-leaf pondweed, Eurasian watermilfoil, Zebra mussels	TP: 98 µg/L Chl-a: 85 µg/L	
Wilkinson (62-0043-00)	93	Nutrients	66	Increasing	X	Black bullhead, Black crappies, Bluegills, Golden shiner, Green sunfish, Hybrid sunfish, Largemouth bass, Pumpkinseed, Yellow perch	Curly-leaf pondweed	TP: 100 µg/L Chl-a: 16 µg/L	

*For more information, see the 2023 Monitoring Report on the VLAWMO website. This data is only for the years identified in the 2023 Monitoring Report and will change over the life of the plan. Lambert Creek averaged between 6 sampling sites.

**Flourishing rush is being treated in a nearby wetland, but it has not been detected in the lake in recent years.

***No fish survey done – common species only.

****Fish survey combines East and West Goose.

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6 High-Priority Areas

- Degree to which WMP can be adopted by reference requested: Added to state that member cities may adopt the data and maps in the Land and Water Resources section by reference, but not the implementation section

VLAWMO Watershed Management Plan: Plan Administration

VLAWMO does not exercise land use or permitting authority. A member community must adopt the standards identified in the VLAWMO Water Management Policy into its official controls. VLAWMO may provide "advisory" comments upon request from a member community.

5.2.1 Local Water Management Plans

All member communities within VLAWMO are required to complete and adopt a local water management plan that conforms to Minnesota Statutes 103B.235 and Minnesota Rules 8410.0160. (Table 5-2). Local water management plans must be approved by VLAWMO before they can be locally adopted and implemented. Member communities may only adopt the data and maps by reference in Section 2 – Land and Water Resources. Member communities have land use and regulatory responsibilities that impact water quality, and these responsibilities need to align with the current VLAWMO Water Management Policy. Local water management plans need to be reviewed (and updated if necessary) for consistency with this plan. Table 5-2 provides a summary of the status of local water management plan adoption and implementation of activities per Minnesota Rules 8410.0150.

Table 5-2. Local water management plans

Community	Plan Last Updated
Gem Lake	2018
Lino Lakes	2018
North Oaks	2008
Vadnais Heights	2018
White Bear Lake	2021
White Bear Township	2019

local water management plans must be adopted not more than two years before the local comprehensive plan is due, as they are reviewed by the Metropolitan Council during the local comprehensive planning process. As discussed in Section 2.1, 2040 community comprehensive plans are available online and 2050 plans are likely to be released by 2030.

Table 5-3. Local water management plan implementation schedule

Local Water Management Plan Deadline	Member Community Plan
Two years prior to comprehensive plan release (2028 estimate)	2050 Comprehensive Plans are estimated to be available by 2030



Downtown White Bear Lake
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Full documents provided in packet

- Additional review provided in WMP and Appendix provided in the packet to review full implementation of comment response table



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Projected/draft BWSR guidance for next steps – anticipated and subject to change

- **Feb. 25:** VLAWMO Board Meeting Public Hearing, Board consider approval of WMP, authorize submittal of 90-day draft to BWSR
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Questions?

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Requested Action

Proposed Motion

Commissioner _____ moves and Commissioner _____ seconds to approve the recommendation to the VLAWMO Board to hold the Public Hearing at the February 25, 2026, regular meeting and, pending comments received, authorize VLAWMO staff to submit the “90-Day” BWSR Review Draft WMP to BWSR.

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