

MINUTES

Central Mississippi River Partnership

Board of Directors Meeting

7:30am Thursday, January 22, 2026

Sherburne County Government Center/Virtual via Microsoft Teams

Board attendance:

Raeanne Danielowski	Commissioner	Sherburne County	Absent
Darek Vetsch*	Commissioner	Wright County	Present
Lloyd Hilgart	Mayor	City of Monticello	Present
Dean Brenteson	Supervisor	Big Lake Township	Absent
Ken Geroux	Councilmember	City of Big Lake	Present
Brian Kolbinger	Supervisor	Becker Township	Present
Mark Kolbinger	Mayor	City of Becker	Present

*Presiding officer(s)

Quorum:

A quorum was present.

Other attendees present:

Greg Lerud	City Administrator	City of Becker
Jacob Sanders	Community Development Director	City of Becker
Rachel Leonard	City Administrator	City of Monticello
Dan Weber	Assistant County Administrator	Sherburne County
Marc Schneider	Assistant Zoning Administrator	Sherburne County
Marc Mattice	Assistant County Administrator	Wright County
Shane Zahrt	Shareholder Attorney	Flaherty & Hood, P.A.
Emma Nelson	Director of Association Management and Client Services	Flaherty & Hood, P.A.

1. Call to Order

Chair Raeanne Danielowski called this meeting of the Central Mississippi River Partnership (CMRP) Board of Directors to order at 7:40am on Thursday, January 22, 2026.

2. Routine Business

a. Roll Call

A roll call was taken, and a quorum of the Board was present. See list of attendees on page 1 of these minutes.

b. Approval of Meeting Agenda

c. Approval of Minutes from 12/11/2026 Board Meeting

d. Approval of Financial Statements

Board members agreed that the approval of the meeting agenda, the previous meeting minutes, and the financial statements can be presented for action as a consent agenda going forward. Motion: Approve the meeting agenda for this meeting of the CMRP Board of Directors, the minutes from the 12/11/2026 CMRP Board of Directors meeting, and the 2025 year-end financial statements. Moved by Lloyd Hilgart. Seconded by Ken Geroux. No discussion. The motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.

3. Action Items

a. Election of officers for 2026

The following slate of officers was nominated by Lloyd Hilgart.

Chair: Darek Vetsch, Wright County

Vice Chair: Raeanne Danielowski, Sherburne County

Treasurer: Dean Brenteson, Big Lake Township

Secretary: Lloyd Hilgart, Monticello

Motion: Approve the above slate of officers to serve in 2026. Moved by Lloyd Hilgart. Seconded by Ken Geroux. No discussion or further nominations. The motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.

4. Discussion/Information Items

a. Update on current studies

Chad Hausmann and Andrew Witter were not present at the meeting due to a prior conflict, so they were not able to provide an update. Staff confirmed that the study on TH10/CR11 is moving forward.

b. Board representatives appointed for 2026

Emma Nelson reminded the group that if there are any changes in the Board representation or contact information for any of the local government members for 2026 to reach out and let her know.

c. Review and sign Conflict of Interest policy

Shane Zahrt reviewed the CMRP Conflict of Interest policy approved on June 12, 2025 and discussed the terms with Board members. Board members will review and acknowledge the policy annually. Emma Nelson will send out the acknowledgement form for electronic signature to Board members.

d. Review Whistleblower policy

Shane Zahrt reviewed the CMRP Whistleblower policy approved on June 12, 2025 with the Board. There is no action needed for Board members, but they should familiarize themselves with the policy and direct any questions to the Chair or to Flaherty & Hood.

e. Monticello Chamber Luncheon

Marc Mattice shared that the Monticello Chamber Luncheon has been scheduled for March 17. He is working with Andrew Witter, Chad Hausmann, and MnDOT to put together an agenda and materials for the luncheon. CMRP will table and provide information similar to the last year. Marc will schedule a meeting with everyone soon to discuss the plan for the luncheon.

f. Strategic planning report

Shane Zahrt and Emma Nelson shared a report based on the group strategic planning discussion that took place in October. The full report was included in the Board meeting materials for members to review. Shane and Emma shared slides discussing the proposed action steps based on the discussion and asked Board members for feedback.

Several Board members reiterated their confusion and frustration at the roadblocks encountered for both the river crossing and the TH10/CR11 projects. There was concern expressed about whether CMRP was prepared for the Monticello Chamber luncheon and whether Board members felt they could accurately represent the project and the progress being made. The discussion also touched on the delegation of responsibilities and decision-making between the CMRP group and other local government units involved in the project.

Board members agreed that some kind of educational session would be helpful, and that there is a need to put together public-facing resources and messaging prior to the Monticello Chamber luncheon. Staff and Flaherty & Hood will work on those resources and updating the CMRP website. The group also suggested that a special February meeting might be necessary since the luncheon in March is before the next scheduled CMRP meeting.

Flaherty & Hood will continue to follow up with staff and Board members based on today's discussion and feedback to clarify next steps.

5. Other Business – None

6. Adjournment

Darek Vetsch adjourned this meeting of the Central Mississippi River Partnership Board of Directors at 8:40am on Thursday, January 22, 2026.

Minutes recorded by:

Emma Nelson, Director of Association Management, Flaherty & Hood, P.A.

Approved by:

Approved by the CMRP Board of Directors on March 12, 2026.


Lloyd Hilgart (Mar 22, 2026 10:08:14 CDT)

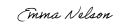
Lloyd Hilgart,
CMRP Secretary

Dated: _____


Darek Vetsch (Mar 26, 2026 12:33:08 CDT)

Darek Vetsch,
CMRP Chair

Dated: _____



Emma Nelson,
Staff

Dated: _____

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