

AGENDA
BOARD OF DIRECTORS – CENTRAL MISSISSIPPI RIVER PARTNERSHIP
AUGUST 27, 2026

Virtual via Microsoft Teams

1. Call to Order – *Chair*

2. Routine Business

- a. Roll Call – *Emma Nelson*
- b. Approval of Meeting Agenda – *Chair*
- c. Approval of Minutes from June 11, 2026 Meeting – *Chair*
- d. Approval of Financial Statements – *Nelson, Chair*

3. Action Items – None

4. Discussion/Information Items

- a. River Crossing project timeline updates – *Andrew Witter, Chad Hausmann*
- b. MnDOT project updates – *Tom Cruikshank*
- c. Update on Becker open house for 10/11 project – *Witter, Cruikshank*
- d. Federal advocacy updates – *Witter, Hausmann, Marc Mattice*
- e. Review CMRP website – *Nelson, All*

5. Update on Other Area Projects

- a. State Highway 25 Buffalo to Monticello – *Wright County*
- b. State Highway 24, Clearwater – *Wright County*
- c. Wright County CSAH 39 – *Wright County*
- d. TH 10/CSAH 11 Interchange – *Sherburne County*
- e. TH 25 between Mississippi River and Big Lake – *Sherburne County*

6. Other Business

7. Adjournment – *Chair*

Attachments:

- 1. Meeting minutes from June 11, 2026
- 2. July 2026 financial statements

MINUTES

Central Mississippi River Partnership

Board of Directors Meeting

7:30am Thursday, June 11, 2026

Sherburne County Government Center/Virtual via Microsoft Teams

Board attendance:

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

*Presiding officer(s)

Quorum:

A quorum was present.

Other attendees present:

Jacob Sanders	Community Development Director	City of Becker
Marie Popp	Community Development Director	City of Big Lake
Matt Leonard	Public Works Director	City of Monticello
Dan Weber	Assistant County Administrator	Sherburne County
Brian Fleming	Economic Development Coordinator	Sherburne County
Andrew Witter	Public Works Director	Sherburne County
Gregg Felber	Commissioner	Sherburne County
Marc Mattice	Assistant County Administrator	Wright County
Emma Nelson	Director of Association Management	Flaherty & Hood, P.A.
Shane Zahrt	Lobbyist/Attorney	Flaherty & Hood, P.A.

1. Call to Order

Vice Chair Raeanne Danielowski called this meeting of the Central Mississippi River Partnership (CMRP) Board of Directors to order at 7:38am on Thursday, June 11, 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 1/22/2026 Board Meeting

d. Approval of Financial Statements

Motion: Approve the meeting agenda for this meeting of the CMRP Board of Directors, the minutes from the 1/22/2026 Board meeting, and the CMRP financial statements as presented as a consent agenda. Moved by Darek Vetsch. Second by Brian Kolbinger. No discussion. The motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.

3. Action Items

a. Discussion and approval of 2027 membership dues schedule

Per the bylaws of the CMRP, the organization must approve a membership dues schedule by July for the following year. Board members reviewed the attached CMRP Memo re Proposed 2027 Membership Dues Schedule. The proposed dues schedule would set the dues at the same amount as billed in 2026.

Motion: Approve the 2027 CMRP nonprofit membership dues schedule as presented. Moved by Darek Vetsch. Second by Dean Brenteson. No discussion. The motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.

b. Discussion and approval of work plan for 2027

Per the bylaws of the CMRP, the organization must approve a work plan in July for the following year. Board members reviewed the attached CMRP Memo re Proposed 2027 Nonprofit Workplan.

Motion: Approve the proposed 2027 CMRP nonprofit work plan as presented. Moved by Darek Vetsch. Second by Mark Kolbinger. No discussion. The motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.

c. Discussion and approval of preliminary 2027 operating budget

Per the bylaws of the CMRP, the organization must approve an operating budget in July for the following year. Emma Nelson explained that the proposed 2027 operating budget presented to Board members is very similar to the operating budget for 2026, and that the Board can amend or expand the budget as 2027 approaches and the organization determines specific needs.

Motion: Approve the preliminary 2027 operating budget as presented. Moved by Darek Vetsch. Second by Mark Kolbinger. No discussion. The motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.

4. Discussion/Information Items

a. River Crossing project updates

Andrew Witter shared the following updates about the river crossing project:

- County staff had a productive meeting with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) last week. They met with FHWA for over an hour and reviewed the pre-scoping activity matrix shared with CMRP Board members in the meeting packet. FHWA does not give formal approval for the matrix, but offered good feedback and guidance for how to move forward.
- Bolton & Menk is working on the matrix based on the feedback received from FHWA to continue moving the project forward and preparing for the Tier 1 EIS.
- Staff will begin working on the RFP for the Tier 1 EIS process in the fall. While the Tier 1 EIS cannot begin until the Categorical Exclusion process for the TH10/CSAH 11 project is complete, they can begin the RFP process and select a consultant for the work.

5. Update on Other Area Projects

a. State Highway 25 Buffalo to Monticello

Marc Mattice shared that they have completed work on the first roundabout at CSAH 37 ahead of schedule, and the detours will now be shifting as they move into the next phase of the project. This will coincide with the construction of the new Costco site.

b. State Highway 24, Clearwater

Marc Mattice shared that the project received federal authorization in early June and work will begin mid-summer.

c. TH10/CSAH 11 Interchange

Andrew Witter shared that the project is progressing extremely well and has been narrowed down to a handful of alternatives. There is an open house for the project scheduled for June 23 at 5pm at the Becker Community Center, with the goal of collecting public feedback on the proposed alternatives. Coordination with FRA is going well and they have received intermediate milestone concurrences from the administration as they work through the categorical exclusion process. Once the categorical exclusion process is complete, the Tier 1 EIS can begin for the river crossing.

d. TH 25 between Mississippi River and Big Lake

Sherburne County is working with MnDOT to focus on preservation and maintenance. Working on driving improvements on alignment. MnDOT has completed their study on Highway 25 between Monticello and Big Lake and have recommendations and

improvements. They have the project slated for 2031, but it isn't clear exactly what the improvements will be yet.

6. Other Business

Raeanne Danielowski thanked Wright County officials and staff for their advocacy for the river crossing project during a recent trip to Washington, D. C.

Raeanne Danielowski shared that continued state and federal advocacy will be necessary, especially given that there are other regional groups working on river crossing projects in the area. The APO in St. Cloud is working on their proposed river crossing. Andrew Witter shared that the APO is preparing to begin a Tier 1 EIS but did not complete a PEL study in advance, so the CMRP group is likely slightly ahead of the St. Cloud project. Darek Vetsch also shared that there is a river crossing project in the Dayton/Champlin area that has already garnered support from many state legislators.

7. Adjournment

Motion: Adjourn this meeting of the Central Mississippi River Partnership Board of Directors. Moved by Dean Brenteson. Second by Darek Vetsch. No discussion. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 7:58am on Thursday, June 11, 2026.

Minutes recorded by:

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

Approved by:

Pending approval by the CMRP Board of Directors.

Lloyd Hilgart,
CMRP Secretary

Dated: _____

Darek Vetsch,
CMRP Chair

Dated: _____

Emma Nelson,
Staff

Dated: _____

Management Report

Central Mississippi River Partnership
For the period ended July 31, 2026



Prepared by
Carpenter Evert & Associates

Prepared on
August 17, 2026

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Statement of Activity

July 2026

	Total
REVENUE	
4100 Income	
4200 Other Income	
4210 Interest Paid	5.77
Total 4200 Other Income	5.77
Total 4100 Income	5.77
Total Revenue	5.77
GROSS PROFIT	5.77
EXPENDITURES	
Total Expenditures	
NET OPERATING REVENUE	5.77
NET REVENUE	\$5.77

Statement of Financial Position

As of July 31, 2026

	Total
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
1000 MidWestOne Checking (0119)	59,385.77
Total Bank Accounts	59,385.77
Total Current Assets	59,385.77
TOTAL ASSETS	\$59,385.77
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Total Liabilities	
Equity	
3000 Opening Balance Equity	100.00
Retained Earnings	25,781.32
Net Revenue	33,504.45
Total Equity	59,385.77
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$59,385.77

A/P Aging Summary

As of July 31, 2026

This report contains no data for your specified date range.

Central Mississippi River Partnership

A/R Aging Summary Report

This report contains no data for your specified date range.