

MOUND DOCKS AND COMMONS COMMISSION MINUTES
September 18, 2025

The Mound Docks and Commons Commission met on Thursday, September 18, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers of the Centennial Building at 5341 Maywood Road in Mound.

Present: Chair Heidi Peterson, Commissioners Derrick Hentz, James Vettel, Jesse Jensen, and Dave Olson and Representative Kevin Castellano

Absent: None

Others Present: Administrative Services Coordinator/City Clerk Kevin Kelly

Heidi Peterson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

1. Approval of Agenda

MOTION, by Jensen, seconded by Olson, to approve the agenda. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes – March 20, 2025

MOTION, by Hentz, seconded by Vettel, to approve the March 20, 2025 DCC Meeting Minutes. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

3. Comments and suggestions from citizens present

No one came forward.

4. Dock Fund Budget and Dock Program Capital Plan

Kelly said expenditures are going to come in lower than expected due to the lesser number of trees being removed this year as opposed to the past two seasons. Kelly said the \$80K which was budgeted in 2025 will be reduced to a budget of \$50K in the 2026 budget.

Kelly said the budget for rip rap will stay at \$35K for at least the next three years to finish up the rip rap of Brighton Commons.

Kelly said the budget item for Multiple Slip installation and removal costs was increased \$2k to \$32K to stay at the level of contracted payments which will continue for another three years. Kelly said the Jennings Cove rearrangement will add to the In and Out costs due to the addition of the Beachside multiple slip.

Kelly said there is \$10K set aside for Stairway repair and replacement costs. Kelly added the repairs in 2026 will be for smaller sets of stairways and smaller repairs. Kelly added this item could be increased in future years to take on larger stair projects.

Kelly said he is advocating to keep Dock Program fees at the same level as the 2025 rates.

Olson asked if there will be any replacement of trees which have been taken down. Kelly said the City is part of the Hennepin County grant for tree removal and replacement though the trees taken out in 2025 have not been replaced.

Kelly said staff are expecting an increase in the Dock Fund balance in the 2025 budget and the Dock Fund budget will continued to be monitored going forward in 2026.

MOTION by Olson, seconded by Hentz, to approve the 2026 Dock Fund Budget and Dock Program Capital Plan. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

5. Recap of 2025 Brighton Commons Rip Rap and 2026 Plans

Kelly said this is year three of the stabilization of the shoreline on Brighton Commons. Kelly said JK Landscaping was awarded the bid and was able to do the work from land. Kelly said two of the three abutters went with the fitted rip rap and were happy with the work.

Kelly said he has had communication with three abutters on Brighton Commons who have expressed interest in going forward with a cost share for fitted rip rap in 2026. Kelly said these are two separate areas of Brighton Commons. Kelly said one abutter is from the property just north of Leslie Lane and the other two are adjacent properties. Kelly said if the projects continue as scheduled, Brighton Commons will be completed in 2028.

Kelly presented photos of the completed 2025 rip rap project.

Kelly said he will continue to reach out to the remaining abutters on Brighton Commons to see what interest they have in doing cost shares in future years.

Jensen asked what was the cost of the 2025 rip rap project. Kelly said the project cost was \$32K with the two abutters are paying a cost share to the City of about \$4K.

6. Jennings Cove and Beachside Rearrangement

Kelly said the City Slip Installer, Splash Docks, will remove the entire Jennings Multiple Slip on October 10th. Kelly has reached out to the license holders on Jennings to see who wants to stay on Jennings and who would like to move to Beachside Access. Kelly said the Beachside Slip will be a straight dock with two watercraft on each side of the dock.

Kelly said he had a meeting with the current dock license holders at Beachside. Kelly said their boat is too long to be able to stay at Beachside on the new slip. Kelly said this license holder will need to take a dock site opening next season.

Kelly said he did check on the water depth at Beachside which is fairly shallow but there are other slips which have similar water depth which have been used for many years.

Peterson asked if the license holders on the seniority list in the memo are all asking to stay at Jennings. Kelly said there have been a couple of Jennings license holders who would like to move to Beachside.

7. Eagle Lane Stairway Replacement

Peterson said she had been on the Eagle Lane slip in the past and the stairs at Eagle Lane were in rough shape back then. Kelly said the stairs treads were very narrow. Castellano said what is the formal process for replacing stairs. Kelly said he created a list of all the stairways in the Dock Program and works with Public Works staff to determine the next project based on their assessment. Jensen said did this project cost \$12K which Kelly said yes.

8. Reports

City Council Representative – Castellano said he was open to questions. Olson said he heard from many residents about the new slip being put in at Lost Lake. Olson said he told these callers that the LMCD licensed the slip at Minnetonka Flats and not the City. Castellano said the Minnetonka Flats property owners have quite a bit of shoreline on Lost Lake. Discussion ensued about the size of the property owned by Minnetonka Flats. Kelly said Lost Lake is owned by the State and not by a property owner even though the lot lines extend out into the lake. Kelly said the DNR changed their approach to Lost Lake from prohibiting new activity to then allowing the removal of the cattails in the lake. Kelly said the first Minnetonka Flats slip proposal went through an existent dredge of Lost Lake. Kelly said the DNR looks at the cattails in Lost Lake as an invasive species and now allow their removal.

Kelly said Minnetonka Flats applied for and were granted a slip license by the LMCD based on the amount of shoreline owned by Minnetonka Flats. Kelly said there are other private shoreline owners who can potentially do something similar to Minnetonka Flats. Kelly said the DNR is not allowing dredging but the removal of the cattails. Kelly said the City Parks crew took measurements of the water depth of Lost Lake before the project started and there is enough depth for navigation at the present time.

Staff – Kelly said the City is in process of hiring a new Deputy City Manager who will be meeting staff tomorrow.

Commissioners – Peterson said she would like to discuss applicants who have stayed on the wait list Top 40 for multiple years. Castellano and Peterson said they thought the applicants high on the wait list should have two years to decide to take a location in the Dock Program before going to the back of the wait list. Hentz said he would like to understand why they have stayed on the wait list for many years. Peterson said she would like to discuss this at a future meeting.

9. Adjourn

MOTION, by Olson, seconded by Hentz, to adjourn the meeting at 6:38 p.m. All voted in favor. Motion carried.