MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MINNEHAHA CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT BOARD OF MANAGERS

June 13, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District Board of Managers was called to order by President Sherry White at 7:00 p.m. at the District office, 15320 Minnetonka Boulevard, Minnetonka, Minnesota.

MANAGERS PRESENT

Sherry White, William Olson, Richard Miller, Kurt Rogness, Jessica Loftus, Arun Hejmadi.

MANAGERS ABSENT

Eugene Maxwell (designate).

DISTRICT STAFF AND CONSULTANTS PRESENT

James Wisker, Administrator; Cathy Reynolds, Operations Manager; Telly Mamayek, Communications and Education Manager; Mike Hayman, Project Planning Manager; Tom Dietrich, Permitting Program Manager; Heidi Quinn, Permitting Technician; Erin Manlick, Permitting Assistant; Todd Shoemaker, District Consulting Engineer; Chuck Holtman, District Counsel.

HENNEPIN COUNTY REPORT

Hennepin County Commissioner Jan Callison gave a brief presentation to the Board on County initiatives and trends. She presented the County recycling report and excerpts from the 2019 assessment report indicating general and local property value trends. She noted that the Board of Commissioners held a public hearing yesterday on a proposal to raise the age of tobacco sales from 18 to 21. The ordinance would operate only in a part of the County due to jurisdictional limitations. The County is seeing positive trends in child protection and more investment in affordable housing. The legislative session did not measurably change funding to Hennepin County.

The managers thanked Commissioner Callison.

MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR

Gabriel Jabbour, Orono, expressed his appreciation for the Board and particularly for staff as concerns recent Gray's Bay dam management. He emphasized that he and others on the lake do not think of lake interests as elevated over creek interests; District staff has done an excellent job