

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

**July 14, 2022**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District was called to order by President Sherry White at 7:24 p.m. on July 14, 2022.

**MANAGERS PRESENT**

Sherry White, William Olson, Jessica Loftus, Eugene Maxwell, Richard Miller, and Stephen Sando.

**MANAGER ABSENT**

Arun Hejmadi.

**DISTRICT STAFF AND CONSULTANTS PRESENT**

James Wisker, Administrator; Michael Hayman, Project Planning Manager; Chris Meehan, District Consulting Engineer; and Louis Smith, District Counsel.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

*It was moved by Manager Olson, seconded by Manager Sando to approve the Agenda as distributed. Upon vote, the motion carried 5-0 (Manager Hejmadi absent from meeting and Manager Maxwell absent from this vote, arriving 7:25 p.m.).*

**MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR**

None.

**INFORMATION ITEMS/CORRESPONDENCE**

President White acknowledged that the new outreach engagement coordinator Samantha Maul, and the new planner-project managers Michelle Lincoln and Daniel Mock were introduced earlier at the Operations and Programs Committee meeting.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

*It was moved by Manager Miller, seconded by Manager Olson, to approve the items on the Consent Agenda consisting of approval of the June 23, 2022, Board meeting minutes, and the following resolution:*



Minutes of the Regular Meeting  
Minnehaha Creek Watershed District  
Board of Managers  
7-14-22

***Resolution 22- 041: Approve Programmatic Maintenance Agreement  
with the City of Tonka Bay:***

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Minnehaha Creek  
Watershed District Board of Managers hereby authorizes the Board President,  
on advice of counsel, to execute a programmatic maintenance agreement with  
the City of Tonka Bay.***

*Upon vote, the motion carried 6-0.*

**BOARD, COMMITTEE AND TASK FORCE REPORTS**

President's Report: President White reported that she was pleased to execute the documents for the closing of the first phase of the 325 Blake Road transaction with Alatus.

Operations and Programs Committee Report: Manager Loftus reported that the Committee received another briefing on the 2023 annual budget and levy. A 2% levy increase will be proposed and considered at the public hearing on August 22. The Committee also received a staff briefing on the revised draft of the capital improvement plan (CIP) and initial work on multi-year CIP and budget forecasting.

Upcoming Meeting and Event Schedule: President White directed the managers to the meetings listed on the agenda.

**ACTION ITEMS**

Resolution 22-042: Authorization to distribute Capital Improvement Plan for annual review and comment

Mr. Michael Hayman appeared before the Board of Managers to present the request for board action, noting that he was standing in for Anna Brown, who was unable to attend the meeting. He reviewed the purpose of the annual update to the multi-year CIP, and the value of annual community input.

***It was moved by Manager Miller, seconded by Manager Maxwell to adopt Resolution 22-042 as follows:***

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Minnehaha Creek  
Watershed District Board of Managers authorizes staff to  
distribute the Draft CIP for 30-day review and comment.***



Minutes of the Regular Meeting  
Minnehaha Creek Watershed District  
Board of Managers  
7-14-22

Manager Maxwell asked whether there are proactive steps undertaken for outreach to cities for feedback on the CIP. Mr. Hayman affirmed that such steps are being taken in conjunction with the Land & Water Partnership program. President White commented that she liked the new materials for outreach to communities.

*There being no further discussion, upon vote, the motion carried 6-0 (Manager Hejmadi absent).*

### **STAFF UPDATES**

#### **Administrator's Report**

Mr. Wisker reported on the following items:

1. The draft annual budget will be shared with the upcoming meeting of the Citizens Advisory Committee for review and comment.
2. Water levels are declining and will likely continue to do so due to below normal precipitation. Lake Minnetonka is at 928.72, near the runout elevation, and the control structure is open, releasing at 12 cubic feet per second. Minnehaha Creek is flowing at Hiawatha at 12 cubic feet per second. Staff will likely close the Gray's Bay control structure next week.
3. Staff have received positive comments on the Land & Water Partnership Initiative mailing sent last week.
4. MCWD received two recent collaboration requests, one concerning a possible study of wake boats, and other concerning carp management. Staff will evaluate these requests and report back to the Board on any significant developments.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, President White declared the meeting of the Board of Managers adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Eugene Maxwell, Secretary