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

October 9, 2014

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District Board of Managers was called to order by President Sherry White at 6:50 p.m. in the District offices, 15320 Minnetonka Boulevard, Minnetonka, Minnesota 55345.

MANAGERS PRESENT

Sherry White, Brian Shekleton, Richard Miller, Jeffrey Casale, Pam Blixt, James Calkins, William Olson.

MANAGERS ABSENT

None.

OTHERS PRESENT

Jeff Spartz, Interim District Administrator; Renae Clark, District Project Manager; Michael Hayman; District Planning Specialist; Chris Meehan, District Consulting Engineer; Michael Welch, District Counsel.

MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR

Peter Rechelbacher, a member of the District Citizens Advisory Committee, appeared before the Board of Managers and stated that unfortunately he would not be able to attend the Watershed Heroes banquet next week, so he wished to briefly address the managers. He read a statement of his appreciation for being nominated for the Citizen Engagement Award and discussed his work on behalf of Mooney Lake. He thanked the board for recognizing him. The Board of Managers thanked Mr. Rechelbacher for his contributions to the improvement of the watershed.

Brad Robinson, 20614 Linwood Road, Deephaven, appeared before the Board of Managers and said he wanted to speak about lake levels and pending flooding of 2015. He said that the Gray's Bay dam is adjustable and he encouraged the managers to take steps necessary to lower the lake elevation to 928 feet. In repose to a question from Manager Miller, Chris Meehan said that staff and the engineer are still analyzing data on the flood from this summer and have not yet drafted any potential changes to the operating plan for the dam. Manager Miller followed up, asking whether capacity issues can be addressed this winter. Mr. Meehan said staff is considering whether changes may be needed, but would have to meet with the Department of Natural Resources to discuss