

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

July 25, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District Board of Managers was called to order by President Sherry White at 7:10 p.m. on July 25, 2024, at the MCWD offices, 15320 Minnetonka Boulevard, Minnetonka, Minnesota.

ROLL CALL

Noting that Manager Maxwell was participating remotely using interactive technology as duly noticed from 7470 State 34 NW, Walker, Minnesota, President White called the roll to note attendance:

Hejmadi:	Absent
Loftus:	Present
Sando:	Absent
Miller:	Present
Olson:	Present
Maxwell:	Present
White:	Present

DISTRICT STAFF AND CONSULTANTS PRESENT

James Wisker, Administrator; Kate Moran, Policy Planning Coordinator; Michael Hayman, Director of Project Planning; Chris Meehan, District Consulting Engineer; and Louis Smith, District Counsel.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved by Manager Miller, seconded by Manager Maxwell, to approve the Agenda as distributed. It was moved by Manager Miller, seconded by Manager Olson, that agenda be amended to add the sale of 325 Blake Road for discussion. Upon roll call vote, the motion to amend the agenda carried 5-0 as follows:

Hejmadi:	Absent
Loftus:	Aye
Sando:	Absent
Miller:	Aye
Olson:	Aye
Maxwell:	Aye

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White: Aye

Upon roll call vote, the motion to adopt the agenda as amended carried 5-0 as follows:

Hejmadi: Absent
Loftus: Aye
Sando: Absent
Miller: Aye
Olson: Aye
Maxwell: Aye
White: Aye

MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR

None.

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 July 11, 2024, Board meeting minutes; approval of the General Check Register, including check numbers 42574 through 42586 in the amount of \$37,292.64, electronic funds withdrawals of \$173,699.14, credit card charges of \$3,269.03, managers per diems and reimbursements of \$5,069.48, employee reimbursements of \$110.08, and payroll electronic funds withdrawals and disbursements of \$151,606.32, for a total of \$371,046.69; the Surety Check Register including payment of \$30.00 in fees to Bremer Bank, and check numbers 2212-2213, for a total of \$3,757.00; and a wire transfer to the City of Richfield for 2020A payment of \$11,165.00.

Upon roll call vote, the motion carried 5-0 as follows:

Hejmadi: Absent
Loftus: Aye
Sando: Absent
Miller: Aye
Olson: Aye
Maxwell: Aye
White: Aye

BOARD, COMMITTEE AND TASK FORCE REPORTS

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President's Report: President White reported that she recently attended the opening of the Wayzata Lake Walk; a meeting of the Metro Chapter of Minnesota Watersheds; the Policy Steering Committee of the Minneapolis water resources partnership; and a briefing on the 325 Blake Road project in preparation for a liaison meeting with Hopkins city representatives.

Policy Planning Committee Report: Manager Miller reported that the Committee met earlier in the evening and received briefings on the MCWD Climate Action Framework and the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion initiative.

Metro Chapter of Minnesota Watersheds: President White and Manager Olson reported that the meeting included updates on the Clean Water Council budget recommendations; planning for the Clean Water Legacy; updates from the Water Resource Center and the Metropolitan Council; and planning for the legislative platform of Minnesota Watersheds.

Citizens Advisory Committee: Manager Loftus reported that she attended the recent CAC meeting in which committee members were very engaged in a review of the MCWD 2025 budget and capital improvement program.

Minneapolis Policy Steering Committee: President White reported that along with Manager Miller she attended the recent Steering Committee meeting, which included a status report on the Phase I projects, a discussion of long-range planning, and a preliminary discussion of communications and partnership identity. Manager Miller noted that he was very impressed with the participation of elected officials in the meeting.

President White noted the upcoming meeting schedule presented in the agenda.

PERMITS REQUIRING A VARIANCE OR DISCUSSION

None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS & PRESENTATIONS

Calvary Church Stormwater Management Project: Minor Plan Amendment and Project Ordering

Ms. Kate Moran appeared before the Board of Managers and explained that the purpose of the public hearing is to obtain public input on the proposed Calvary Church Stormwater Management Project (Project), as well as a proposed minor plan amendment to incorporate the Project into the MCWD's Watershed Management Plan (WMP). She reviewed the Project background, including the collaboration with the City of Deephaven

to develop the Project, the purpose of the minor plan amendment, and the process for ordering the improvement. She noted that no action is proposed for this meeting and that the comment period would close on July 31.

Mr. Matt Hoven appeared before the Board of Managers and commented that he was present with Mr. Brad Swayer, and that both were present to express support for the Project. He noted that the Project would address longstanding drainage problems and make a big difference for neighboring property owners.

President White thanked Mr. Hoven for his comments, and with no further comments, closed the public hearing.

ACTION ITEMS

None.

BOARD DISCUSSION ITEMS

President White proposed to defer the discussion of 325 Blake Road until after Board Inquiries and Staff Updates, and the managers concurred.

BOARD INQUIRIES, ISSUES, AND IDEAS

None.

STAFF UPDATES

Administrator's Report

Mr. Wisker reported on the following items:

1. Mr. Wisker had a productive meeting with Campbell Seavey, the property adjacent to the MCWD office, and further discussion will be held concerning the improvements to the driveway and parking lot, as well as an update of the easement. Manager Miller suggested that barriers to protect the window wells be incorporated into the design discussion.
2. Progress continues in addressing the construction defects of the Minnehaha Preserve Boardwalk. The City of St. Louis Park building officials are reviewing alternative remedies for two categories of defects and a formal submission is planned for later this week.

3. Mr. Wisker noted President White's report on the Minneapolis Policy Steering Committee meeting and concurred that the meeting successfully engaged the elected officials.
4. Staff is planning to meet soon with representatives of the Carver Soil and Water Conservation District to discuss a potential wetland restoration project.
5. With more normal precipitation recently, Lake Minnetonka has receded to elevation 929.53.

BOARD DISCUSSION ITEMS, continued

325 Blake Road Restoration and Redevelopment Update

Based on the advice of legal counsel, *it was moved by Manager Miller, seconded by Manager Olson, to move into closed session for the purpose of discussing potential amendment of terms for the sale of 325 Blake Road in Hopkins. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried 5-0 as follows:*

Hejmadi:	Absent
Loftus:	Aye
Sando:	Absent
Miller:	Aye
Olson:	Aye
Maxwell:	Aye
White:	Aye

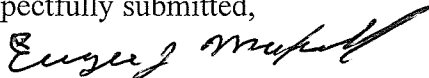
The Board of Managers went into closed session.

The Board of Managers returned to open session.

Adjournment

There being no further business, President White declared the meeting of the Board of Managers adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Eugene Maxwell, Secretary