



MINNEHAHA CREEK
WATERSHED DISTRICT
QUALITY OF WATER, QUALITY OF LIFE

Meeting: Board of Managers
Meeting date: 12/28/2023
Agenda Item #: 7.2
Item type: Consent

Title: Resolution Honoring Life and Contributions of Eugene Hickok

Prepared by: Name: James Wisker
Phone: 952-641-4509
jwisker@minnehahacreek.org

Summary:

The attached resolution recognizes Eugene Hickok's service to the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District and lifetime contributions to water resources management in general.



RESOLUTION

Resolution number: 23-086

Title: Resolution Honoring Life and Contributions of Eugene Hickok

- Whereas, Eugene Hickok served as the first District Engineer of the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District, having also studied the water resource needs and hydrology of the watershed to support the initial petition to establish the District in 1967;
- Whereas, Mr. Hickok prepared the District's first overall water management plan and regulatory standards, and designed the District's initial capital improvement projects, including the Gray's Bay Headwaters Control Structure and the Painters Creek Improvement Project;
- Whereas, with the assistance of Mr. Hickok, the MCWD successfully obtained a federal grant from the Environmental Protection Agency to develop one of the nation's first computerized models to calculate flood storage potential in the upper watershed;
- Whereas, Mr. Hickok served as MCWD's District Engineer for 22 years, as well as consulting engineer to 16 other watershed districts;
- Whereas, Mr. Hickok contributed to water resources management in many places around the world through the World Health Organization;
- Whereas, Mr. Hickok's work set the MCWD on a firm foundation of a science-based approach to watershed management, and the MCWD recognized Mr. Hickok's many contributions with its Lifetime Stewardship Award in 2014; and
- Whereas, Mr. Hickok passed away on December 7, 2023 at age 95;

Now, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District hereby expresses its gratitude for the life of Eugene Hickok and his many contributions to the Minnehaha Creek watershed and to water resources management and protection generally and expresses condolences and good wishes to his family and loved ones on his passing.

Resolution Number 23-086 was moved by Manager *William Olson*, seconded by Manager *Richard Miller*. Motion to adopt the resolution 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions. 12/28/2023.

12/28/2023

Secretary

Date