

47 *disbursements of \$154,049.62, for a total of \$394,356.02; the Surety Check Register*
48 *including payment of \$27.00 in fees to Bremer Bank; \$46,677.00 in repayment of*
49 *various permit financial assurances, for a total of \$46,704.00; Wire Transfer of*
50 *\$52,461.58 to Bremer Bank for Office Building refinance; and approval of the*
51 *following resolution:*

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53 *Resolution 24-024: Approval of Programmatic Maintenance Agreement with the City*
54 *of Mound:*

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56 *NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Minnehaha Creek*
57 *Watershed District Board of Managers hereby authorizes the Board President,*
58 *on advice of counsel, to execute a programmatic maintenance agreement with*
59 *the City of Mound*

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61 *Upon vote, the motion carried 6-0 (Manager Hejmadi absent for vote).*

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63 **BOARD, COMMITTEE AND TASK FORCE REPORTS**

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65 President’s Report: President White noted that she and Managers Olson and Sando
66 attended the State of the Three Rivers Parks System earlier in the day. (Manager
67 Hejmadi arrived at this point in the meeting.)

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69 Metro Minnesota Watersheds Quarterly Meeting Report: Manager Olson shared that he
70 had the opportunity to chair this meeting in President White’s absence. He noted that the
71 meeting included an impressive presentation from the new lobbyists for Minnesota
72 Watersheds, Lockridge Grindal Nauen; agency reports, including a Minnesota Pollution
73 Control Agency report on eight new lakes impaired by chloride; concerns about
74 microplastics pollution from synthetic turf; and a presentation on stormwater pond
75 maintenance, noting that 27% of ponds are owned by homeowners’ associations.

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

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79 **ACTION ITEMS**

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81 Resolution 24-025: Review and Approve 2023 Financial Audit and
82 Resolution 24-026: Review and Approve 2023 Fund Transfers and Account Closures

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84 Mr. Andy Hering of Redpath & Company appeared before the Board of Managers to
85 present a summary of the 2023 financial audit. He stated that the audit resulted in a
86 clean, unmodified opinion. *Following discussion, it was moved by Manager Miller,*
87 *seconded by Manager Olson, to adopt Resolution 24-025: Review and Approve 2023*
88 *Financial Audit, as follows:*

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90 ***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Minnehaha Creek***
91 ***Watershed District Board of Managers hereby accepts the 2023 Annual***
92 ***Financial Report, and directs the District Administrator to transmit it to the***
93 ***Minnesota State Auditor, the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources,***
94 ***and Hennepin and Carver County.***

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96 ***Upon vote, the motion carried 7-0.***
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98 ***It was moved by Manager Miller, seconded by Manager Sando, to adopt Resolution 24-***
99 ***026: Review and Approve 2023 Fund Transfers and Account Closures, as follows:***

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101 ***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Minnehaha Creek***
102 ***Watershed District Board of Managers hereby accepts the proposed transfers***
103 ***within the Management Planning Fund.***
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105 ***Upon vote, the motion carried 7-0.***
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107 Resolution 24-028: Authorization to Execute a Cooperative Agreement with the City of
108 Minneapolis and Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board, and Release the Request for
109 Proposals for the Minnehaha Parkway Phase I Project Feasibility Study
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111 Mr. James Wisker appeared before the Board of Managers to review the request for board
112 action. He noted the presence of Angie Kraft, City of Minneapolis, and Michael
113 Schroeder, Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board. Mr. Wisker presented the history and
114 background of collaboration in Minneapolis and the planning work to forge this latest
115 collaboration of the three partners. He reviewed the cooperative agreement and the plan
116 for release of a request for proposals for consultant services to complete the Phase I
117 project feasibility study.
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119 ***It was moved by Manager Miller, seconded by Manager Hejmadi, to adopt Resolution***
120 ***24-028: Authorization to Execute a Cooperative Agreement with the City of***
121 ***Minneapolis and Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board, and Release the Request***
122 ***for Proposals for the Minnehaha Parkway Phase I Project Feasibility Study, as***
123 ***follows:***
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125 ***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Minnehaha Creek***
126 ***Watershed District Board of Managers authorizes the Board President to***
127 ***Execute a Cooperative Agreement with the City of Minneapolis and***
128 ***Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board;***
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130 ***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District***
131 ***Board of Managers authorizes the release of a Request for Proposals for the***
132 ***Minnehaha Parkway Phase I Project Feasibility Study.***

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134 The managers each expressed their appreciation to Ms. Kraft, Mr. Schroeder, and Mr.
135 Wisker for their work and partnership effort. *Upon vote, the motion carried 7-0.*

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137 Resolution 24-027: Authorization to Execute a Contract with Virginia Tech and
138 Streamline Technologies for 2D Model Review

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140 Mr. Brian Beck appeared before the Board of Managers to review the request for board
141 action. He reviewed the MCWD Climate Action Framework as context for building the
142 2D model. He reviewed the scope of work with Streamline Technologies and Virginia
143 Tech.

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145 *It was moved by Manager Olson, seconded by Manager Hejmadi, to adopt Resolution*
146 *24-027: Authorization to Execute a Contract with Virginia Tech and Streamline*
147 *Technologies for 2D Model Review, as follows:*

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149 ***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the District Board of Managers***
150 ***hereby authorizes the Administrator, on advice of counsel, to execute a contract***
151 ***with Virginia Tech to review and support the development of the Watershed-***
152 ***Wide 2D Model, in an amount not to exceed \$20,000, and that does not include***
153 ***an indirect cost component.***

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155 ***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the District Board of Managers hereby***
156 ***authorizes the Administrator, on advice of counsel, to execute a contract with***
157 ***Streamline Technologies to review and support the development of the***
158 ***Watershed-Wide 2D Model, in an amount not to exceed \$29,000.***

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160 Manager Olson expressed his appreciation for having the contract developed with
161 Virginia Tech. In response to a question from Manager Loftus, Mr. Beck stated that staff
162 would consider alternatives to owning equipment such as outsourcing to address data
163 gaps. Manager Maxwell asked whether the professor from Virginia Tech would be
164 coming to Minnesota, and Mr. Beck said that he hoped this would be possible for future
165 workshops. In response to a question from President White, Mr. Beck reviewed the
166 status of the new larger computer to assist in this work. *There being no further*
167 *discussion, upon vote, the motion carried 7-0.*

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169 **BOARD DISCUSSION ITEMS**

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171 325 Blake Road, Hopkins, MN, Restoration and Redevelopment Update

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173 Mr. Michael Hayman appeared before the Board of Managers to review the status of the
174 sale of 325 Blake Road to Alatus. He noted the Board's discussion at the April 11
175 meeting, and that the Feasibility Period under the Purchase and Sale Agreement ended on

176 March 31, which triggered the obligation for Alatus either to terminate the agreement or
177 to move toward closing and provide a payment of \$100,000 by April 3. He reported that
178 Alatus indicates that they are working to obtain capital investment from Kayne Anderson,
179 and Alatus made the \$100,000 payment on April 11. Mr. Hayman noted that Alatus has
180 requested a 3rd Amendment to the Purchase and Sale Agreement and provided a proposed
181 amendment for the MCWD's consideration; the MCWD staff and consultant team had
182 recommended holding on this amendment until Alatus had more news on its capital
183 investment partner. Given the latest news from Alatus, it would be helpful for the Board
184 to consider the issues related to a 3rd Amendment to the Purchase and Sale Agreement.
185 Mr. Hayman recommended that the Board go into Closed Session for this purpose and
186 asked Mr. Smith to provide guidance.

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188 Mr. Smith noted that with the update on the project and transaction status, it is
189 appropriate for the Board of Managers to go into closed session for the purpose of
190 considering the amendment of terms for the sale of 325 Blake Road, in Hopkins, MN.
191 *It was moved by Manager Maxwell, seconded by Manager Hejmadi, that the Board go*
192 *into Closed Session for the purpose of considering the potential amendment of terms*
193 *for the sale of 325 Blake Road. Upon vote, the motion carried 7-0.*

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195 Whereupon the Board of Managers went into Closed Session.

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197 The Board of Managers returned to Open Session.

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200 **BOARD INQUIRIES, ISSUES, AND IDEAS**

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204 **STAFF UPDATES**

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206 Administrator's Report

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208 Mr. Wisker reported on the following items:

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- 211 1. Lake Minnetonka is at elevation 928.9. There is no discharge from the Gray's
212 Bay dam, and base flow in Minnehaha Creek is 20 cubic feet per second.
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 - 214 2. Staff is planning the Spring field trip for May 2 and managers are asked to
215 RSVP.
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 - 217 3. Communications staff are reconfiguring the MCWD email updates to provide
218 more targeted communications to distinct audiences.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting
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4. The City of Minnetrista requested a letter of support for two drinking well projects and staff will send the letter absent Board objection. There was no objection.

5. In response to a question from Manager Loftus, Mr. Wisker asked Mr. Smith to provide a brief overview of procurement processes for construction projects, equipment purchase, and services.

Adjournment

There being no further business, President White declared the meeting of the Board of Managers adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Eugene Maxwell, Secretary

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