



**MINNEHAHA CREEK**  
WATERSHED DISTRICT  
QUALITY OF WATER, QUALITY OF LIFE

**Meeting:** Board of Managers  
**Meeting date:** 3/12/2026  
**Agenda Item #:** 8.3  
**Item type:** Consent

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**Title:** Honoring the Leadership and Service of Steffanie Musich

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**Summary:**

The attached resolution honors Steffanie Musich's leadership and service to the Minnehaha Creek Watershed during her time representing the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board.



**RESOLUTION**

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**Resolution: 26-030**  
**Title: Honoring the Leadership and Service of Steffanie Musich**

- WHEREAS, the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District (MCWD) is committed to outstanding results that honor its partners;
- WHEREAS, Steffanie Musich served as the elected Commissioner representing District 5 on the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) from 2014 through 2026, dedicating twelve years of service to the stewardship of Minneapolis parks, lakes and natural systems;
- WHEREAS, Commissioner Musich demonstrated steadfast leadership in advancing science-based water resource policy, encouraging policy makers, community members, and partner agencies to ground decisions in an understanding of natural systems – living the principles of MCWD’s vision for Balanced Urban Ecology;
- WHEREAS, her leadership drove deep collaboration among the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board, the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District, the City of Minneapolis, Hennepin County, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, the U.S. Geological Survey, and the University of Minnesota in the Lake Nokomis Area Groundwater and Surface Water Evaluation, which advanced a scientific understanding of the complex groundwater and surface water dynamics affecting South Minneapolis;
- WHEREAS, Commissioner Musich recognized the importance of modern watershed data and supported the MCWD’s development of its Real-Time Sensor Network (RESNET), which collects high resolution water level, flow and water quality data across the watershed, strengthening dam operations, flood preparedness and long-term understanding of watershed processes;
- WHEREAS, Commissioner Musich helped guide the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board’s partnership with the MCWD and the City of Minneapolis in the development of the Minnehaha Parkway Regional Trail Master Plan, which places the restoration and stewardship of Minnehaha Creek at the heart of the vision for the parkway;
- WHEREAS, Commissioner Musich was catalytic in establishing and leading the Minneapolis Thriving Waters Partnership, among MCWD, the MPRB and City of Minneapolis, which now serves to guide the long-term planning and investment in projects that address water quality and resilience for Minneapolis waters

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District Board of Managers hereby expresses its deep gratitude for her years of public service and extends its sincere appreciation and best wishes to Commissioner Musich for continued success, health and happiness in all her future endeavors

Resolution Number 26-030 was moved by Manager \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by Manager \_\_\_\_\_.  
 Motion to adopt the resolution \_\_\_ ayes, \_\_\_ nays, \_\_\_ abstentions. Date: 3/12/2026

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 Secretary Date: \_\_\_\_\_