



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

**Meeting:** Board of Managers  
**Meeting date:** 3/12/2026  
**Agenda Item #:** 8.4  
**Item type:** Consent

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**Title:** Honoring the Leadership and Service of Richard Miller

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**Summary:**

The attached resolution honors Richard Miller's leadership and service on the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District Board.



**RESOLUTION**

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**Resolution:** 26-031  
**Title:** Honoring the Leadership and Service of Richard Miller

WHEREAS, Richard “Dick” Miller served with distinction on the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District (MCWD) Board of Managers, dedicating many years to building a lasting organizational culture of excellence;

WHEREAS, Manager Miller brought decades of experience in metropolitan governance, public finance, and community development, including service as a Minneapolis City Council Member and a long career guiding major public infrastructure and public-private investments across the region;

WHEREAS, drawing on his experience with the 1994 Hennepin Community Works initiative, Manager Miller broadened MCWD’s vision for watershed management by encouraging the integration of natural systems and community development – reflecting the principle that effective public investment requires coordination across governments and that lasting community value is built when natural systems serve as the underlying structure of a place;

WHEREAS, building on this broadened perspective, Manager Miller was instrumental in shaping and championing MCWD’s vision of a Balanced Urban Ecology, which aligns land use, infrastructure, and natural systems to improve water resources while enhancing the quality of life in watershed communities;

WHEREAS, Manager Miller helped translate this vision into action, through the Minnehaha Creek Greenway, Arden Park, and other keystone initiatives by promoting a bold long-term vision for the corridor and supporting strategic land acquisitions that enabled projects such as Methodist Hospital, the Minnehaha Preserve, Cottageville Park, Japs Olson and 325 Blake Road – leading the organization by example in the “power of proposal,” and underscoring the importance of strong partnerships, and creative financing to bring vision to life;

WHEREAS, throughout his service, Manager Miller championed science-based decision making and measurable outcomes, consistently urging the MCWD to pursue transformative projects, build strong partnerships, and direct its resources toward the greatest benefit for water, communities and people;

WHEREAS, Manager Miller served as a mentor to staff and fellow Board members alike, generously sharing his experience, relationships, and strategic insight while challenging others to think boldly, prepare rigorously, work diligently, and always act with purpose – an approach that has permanently shaped the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District’s culture;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District Board of Managers hereby formally recognizes Manager Richard “Dick” Miller for his leadership, vision, and enduring contributions to advancing Balanced Urban Ecology and to restoring and protecting the land and water resources of the Minnehaha Creek Watershed.

Resolution Number 26-031 was moved by Manager \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by Manager \_\_\_\_\_.  
 Motion to adopt the resolution \_\_\_ ayes, \_\_\_ nays, \_\_\_ abstentions. Date: 3/12/2026

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