Minnehaha Creek Watershed District

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

MEETING DATE: July 27, 2017 **TITLE:** Authorization to apply for grant funding through BWSR Clean Water Fund and Hennepin County **Natural Resources RESOLUTION NUMBER: 17-046** PREPARED BY: Becky Christopher **E-MAIL:** bchristopher@minnehahacreek.org **TELEPHONE**: 952-641-4512 **REVIEWED BY:** □Administrator □ Counsel ☐ Program Mgr. (Name): ☐ Board Committee ☐ Engineer □ Other WORKSHOP ACTION: ☐ Advance to Board mtg. Consent Agenda. ☐ Advance to Board meeting for discussion prior to action. ☐ Refer to a future workshop (date): ☐ Refer to taskforce or committee (date): ☐ Return to staff for additional work. ☐ No further action requested. Other (specify): _Requesting approval on July 27, 2017

PURPOSE or ACTION REQUESTED:

Authorization to apply for FY 2018 grant funding through the BWSR Clean Water Fund Competitive Grant program and Hennepin County Natural Resources Grant program.

PROJECT/PROGRAM LOCATION:

Edina and Hopkins

PROJECT TIMELINE:

BWSR grant applications - due August 9, 2017 Hennepin County grant applications - accepted year-round

PROJECT/PROGRAM COST: N/A

PAST BOARD ACTIONS: N/A

SUMMARY:

Each year, staff evaluates the District's Capital Improvement Plan to determine which projects are well positioned to apply for grant funding. Looking ahead to 2018-19, staff has identified the 325 Blake Road Stormwater and Greenway project in Hopkins and the Arden Park Stream Restoration project in Edina as good candidates for grant funding. The applications for both projects will focus on the stormwater management elements to address both water quality and water quantity issues for the benefit of Minnehaha Creek and downstream Lake Hiawatha.

| Projects will be applied for through the Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) Clean Water Fund and Hennepin County Natural Resources Opportunity Grant. These grants are available to local government un for projects that protect, enhance, and restore water quality and natural areas. The application period for the BWSR grant closes on August 9, 2017. Applications for the Hennepin County grant are accepted year-roun Staff will coordinate with BWSR, Hennepin County, and the appropriate project partners to draft the applications and determine the amount of funding requested to ensure that the applications are positioned competitively. | its e |
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| TITLE: | Authorization to apply for BWSR Clean Water Fund Competitive Grants and Hennepin County Natural Resource Grants |
| WHERAS, | the MCWD Board requested that they be notified of grant opportunities and authorize staff to apply for grants; and |
| WHEREAS, | the Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) offers Clean Water Fund Competitive Grants for projects and practices that protect, enhance, and restore water quality; and |
| WHEREAS, | Hennepin County offers Natural Resource Opportunity Grants for projects that improve water quality or preserve, establish or restore natural areas; and |
| WHEREAS, | staff has reviewed the District's Capital Improvement Plan for 2018-19 to determine which projects are eligible for grant funding and recommends applying for grant funds through BWSR and Hennepin County for the 325 Blake Road and Arden Park projects; |
| NOW, THERE | FORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District Board of Managers authorizes staff to apply for FY 2018 grant funds through the BWSR Clean Water Fund Competitive Grant program and Hennepin County Natural Resource Opportunity Grant program. |
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| Motion to adop | mber 17-046 was moved by Manager, seconded by Manager pt the resolution ayes, nays,abstentions. Date: |
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| Secretary | |