MEMORANDUM

To: MCWD Board of Managers **From:** James Wisker, Administrator

Date: November 18, 2019

Re: Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts (MAWD) Summer Tour 2020

Purpose:

The Minnehaha Creek Watershed District has been selected to host the 2020 MAWD summer tour. At the November 21, 2019 Meeting staff will introduce a high level outline for the tour and seek preliminary feedback, before establishing a project process and schedule.

This memorandum serves as background for the upcoming Board discussion.

Background:

Each year MAWD works with a watershed district in the state to develop a summer tour. Programming for the tour is coordinated with MAWD, but largely falls to the discretion of the host watershed organization.

The tour is usually held in late June with programming spanning three days, a Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

- Wednesday convening evening event with keynote address to tour participants
- Thursday tour of the watershed
- Friday training and educational opportunities for tour participants

The tour location, dates, hotel accommodations, and preliminary outline of the program are typically communicated by MAWD at their annual conference, scheduled for December 4 -6, 2019.

At the November 21, 2019 staff will review these foundational components for the 2020 tour and seek feedback from the Board of Managers. In preparation for the meeting Managers are asked to think about overarching goals, themes, additional target audiences, and programming ideas for the tour.

If you have questions in advance of the meeting, please contact James Wisker at 952.641.4509 or Jwisker@minnehahacreek.org

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