MEMORANDUM

To: MCWD Board of Managers

From: Michael Hayman

Date: December 3, 2019

Re: Item 12.2: Potential property donation – 2301 Brunswick Avenue South, St. Louis Park

Purpose:

At its December 3, 2019 Board of Managers meeting, staff will provide an update on the recent discussions with owner representatives regarding the potential donation of property located at 2301 Brunswick Avenue, St. Louis Park.

Background:

Mr. Chris Dahl owns land located at 2301 Brunswick Ave. S., St. Louis Park and, along with his owner representatives, recently contacted the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District (District) to gauge District interest in a potential land donation or bargain sale. The preliminary request was brought before the Operations and Programs Committee (OPC) on September 12, 2019, with a subsequent discussion at the October 10, 2019 OPC meeting and closed session discussion at the October 24, 2019 Board meeting.

Based on feedback provided by the Board of Managers during the October 24, 2019 closed session, District staff have continued discussions with Mr. Dahl's representatives concerning site due diligence and a process for advancing a potential donation prior to the end of 2019, a timeline requested by Mr. Dahl.

Due to the nature of the discussion item, the Board may convene in closed session to discuss the most recent proposal and value of the property.

Additional questions, comments, or ideas related to the potential property donation can be directed to Michael Hayman at mhayman@minnehahacreek.org or 952.471.8226.

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