RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION NUMBER: **19-031**

TITLE: **Recognition of William Becker's Service on the MCWD Board**

WHEREAS, William Becker served on the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District (MCWD) Board of Managers from 2016 to 2019; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure, he made significant and valuable contribution to the ongoing success of the District;

WHEREAS, he supported the District's vision of a balanced urban ecology, principles of sound science, flexibility and partnership, and promoted the District's focus on high impact capital improvements, and policy that integrates land use and water planning;

WHEREAS, he was instrumental in the development of the District's Conservation Easement Stewardship Policy, which ensures the District's careful administration of its Land Conservation Program and fosters a common understanding of the expected behaviors of the District and the fee owner of properties under easement;

WHEREAS, he provided wise insight and perspective into state government, and helped forge new value-added partnerships with state agencies and the legislature;

WHEREAS, he advised and helped guide the Board's efforts to strategically align the organization;

WHEREAS, he partnered with staff and the Board of Managers to develop a funding strategy that helped secure new sources of funding for 2,488 acres of littoral zone habitat across 14 lakes as part of the District's Six Mile Creek – Halsted Bay Habitat Restoration Program; and

WHEREAS, his presence and contribution to the organization will be missed by the Board and staff

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the MCWD Board of Managers hereby formally acknowledges William Becker's contribution to the organization and expresses its deep gratitude and thanks for his service

Resolution Number 19-031 was moved by Manager _____, seconded by Manager _____.

Motion to adopt the resolution ___ ayes, ___ nays, ___abstentions. Date: March 14, 2019

_____ Date: March 14, 2019
Secretary

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION NUMBER: **19-032**

TITLE: **Recognition of Brian Shekleton's Service on the MCWD Board**

WHEREAS, Brian Shekleton served on the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District (MCWD) Board of Managers from 2007 to 2019; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure, he contributed greatly to the District's success;

WHEREAS, he was instrumental in the development of the District's vision of a balanced urban ecology, emphasizing the importance of partnerships and integration with the land use community and other units of government;

WHEREAS, he helped create a vision for, and support the implementation of, the Minnehaha Creek Greenway in the cities of Hopkins and St. Louis Park, that now manages hundreds of acres of regional stormwater in an expanded riparian corridor that connects business, housing, regional trail, and transit along a restored Minnehaha Creek;

WHEREAS, he worked with the Board and staff to significantly improve District operations, serving on committees that provided oversight and planning for human resources and information technology;

WHEREAS, he championed the District's efforts to strategically evaluate the organization, providing critical insight into the adjustment and alignment of MCWD programming;

WHEREAS, he worked with District staff and the Board to develop an organizational funding strategy that helped secure increasing levels of grant funds to expand the positive impact of the District's work;

WHEREAS, he served as a vital connection to other organizations, and as a Board liaison helped forge new partnerships with the City of Minneapolis and the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board to align interagency plans and investments in water resources within the city.

WHEREAS, his presence and contribution to the organization will be missed by the Board and staff

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the MCWD Board of Managers hereby formally acknowledges Brian Shekleton's contribution to the organization and expresses its deep gratitude and thanks for his service

Resolution Number 19-032 was moved by Manager _____, seconded by Manager _____.

Motion to adopt the resolution ___ ayes, ___ nays, ___abstentions. Date: March 14, 2019

_____ Date: March 14, 2019

Secretary