

45 *It was moved by Manager Miller, seconded by Manager Rogness, to approve the*
46 *Consent Agenda, as presented, consisting of the July 30, 2015 minutes and the*
47 *following:*

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49 **Resolution 15-067, Authorization to Execute Contract with WSB and Associates,**
50 **Inc. to Conduct Stream Data Statistical Analysis**

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52 *NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Minnehaha Creek*
53 *Watershed District Board of Managers authorize the District*
54 *Administrator execute contract with WSB and Associates, Inc for*
55 *conducting stream data statistical analysis for the total cost not to exceed*
56 *\$9,268.*

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58 **Resolution 15-068, Authorization to apply for BWSR Clean Water Fund**
59 **Competitive Grants**

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61 *NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Minnehaha Creek*
62 *Watershed District Board of Managers authorizes staff to apply for FY*
63 *2016 grant funds through the BWSR Clean Water Fund Competitive*
64 *Grant and Hennepin County Natural Resource Opportunity Grant for*
65 *the Meadowbrook Golf Course project.*

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67 *Upon vote, the motion carried 7-0.*

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69 **REGULAR AGENDA**

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71 **Board, Committee and Task Force Reports**

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73 **President's Report**

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75 President White noted that it was time for Mr. Erdahl's six month review, and she
76 referred to a memorandum from Ms. Sharon Klumpp of Springsted outlining a
77 recommended process for this review. *It was moved by President White, seconded by*
78 *Manager Miller to authorize the retention of Ms. Klumpp and Springsted to assist the*
79 *Board of Managers with Mr. Erdahl's six month review pursuant to the purposed work*
80 *plan.* Manager Blixt asked about whether Ms. Klumpp had past experience or knowledge
81 about the District. President White noted that that Ms. Klumpp had been briefed by David
82 Unmacht prior to his departure from Springsted to become the executive director of the
83 Minnesota League of Cities. Manager Miller noted that Ms. Klumpp had extensive local
84 government experience. *There being no further discussion, upon vote, the motion*
85 *carried, 7-0.*

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87 President White noted that the Board needed to provide a proposed annual budget and
88 levy for the Notice of Public Hearing. *It was moved by Manager Miller, seconded by*

89 ***Manager Shekleton to adopt the recommendation of the Joint Committees that the***
90 ***notice reflect the Board's consideration of a 5 percent increase in the levy and***
91 ***equivalent budget.*** Mr. Smith explained that the Board of Managers is not bound to this
92 published number and is free to either increase or decrease the budget and levy based on
93 consideration of public input and the Board's deliberations. ***There being no further***
94 ***discussion, upon vote, the motion carried, 5-2 (Managers White and Blixt voting***
95 ***against the motion).***

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97 Citizens Advisory Committee Report

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99 Manager Miller reported that eleven members of the CAC were present at the most recent
100 meeting. The CAC extensively reviewed the cost share projects presented at this meeting
101 and also had a discussion about the annual budget. He noted some agreement about the
102 need for regular review of District programs. CAC members also highlighted the
103 importance of more scrutiny of aquatic invasive species issues and results. CAC members
104 also suggested that the District explore private sponsorship of District projects.

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106 Hiawatha Golf Course Update

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108 Manager Shekleton reported that he attended a meeting of the Minneapolis Park and
109 Recreation Board where initial options for improvement to the Hiawatha Golf Course
110 were presented. Further discussion and staff analysis will be developed in the coming
111 months.

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113 **PUBLIC HEARINGS AND PRESENTATIONS**

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115 AIS Volunteer Early Detector Program

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117 Ms. Jill Bjorklund appeared before the Board of Managers and presented the update on
118 the aquatic invasive species Volunteer Early Detector Program. She presented the
119 guidebook developed to aid volunteers, and noted that so far 50 volunteers have signed
120 up to participate. She noted that there is a capacity to absorb many more volunteers, who
121 prepare reports of their activities on line. The Board thanked Ms. Bjorklund for this work
122 and her report.

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124 Cost Share Interactive Map Presentation

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126 Mr. Brett Eidem appeared before the Board of Managers and introduced Ms. Heidi
127 Quinn, a Green Corps intern with the District, who had developed an interactive mapping
128 database on District cost share projects. Ms. Quinn presented her project, which provided
129 geo-coded information for all cost share projects since 2011. The managers expressed
130 their appreciation for this work, noting that the information will be very useful to the
131 District. The managers further discussed how this information can be integrated with
132 other interactive maps prepared for the District website. ***Following discussion, it was***

133 *moved by Manager Miller, seconded by Manager Calkins, to specially commend Ms.*
134 *Quinn and the District staff for this work, and for reflecting enthusiasm and talent in*
135 *advancing the District's mission. Upon vote, the motion carried, 7-0.*

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137 **PERMITS REQUIRING A VARIANCE OR DISCUSSION**

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139 15-332 Edina Community Lutheran Church

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141 Mr. Tom Dietrich appeared before the Board of Managers and reviewed this permit
142 application, noting that the public hearing had been requested by the applicant in order to
143 respond to any questions that residents or adjoining property owners may have. Mr.
144 Dietrich noted that all rule requirements were met by the application and in some places
145 exceeded District requirements. The District had received no further comments, and no
146 one appeared before the Board of Managers wishing to comment on the permit
147 application. *It was moved by Manager Miller, seconded by Manager Calkins to approve*
148 *the permit application with the conditions recommended by staff. Upon vote, the*
149 *motion carried, 7-0.*

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151 **ACTION ITEMS**

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153 Resolution 15-XXX, Authorization to Enter Into a Stormwater Management Agreement
154 with Japs Olson Company and the City of St. Louis Park, and Approval of Permit 15-413
155 with Conditions

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157 Mr. Wisker appeared before the Board of Managers and noted that last minute changes
158 proposed by Japs-Olson legal counsel meant that the matter could not be presented to the
159 Board of Managers at this meeting, and that he hoped it could be presented at the meeting
160 on August 27.

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162 Resolution 15-XXX Homeowner Cost Share Projects Approval

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164 Mr. Brett Eidem appeared before the Board of Managers and reviewed the request for
165 approval of the Walter Residence project and McGary Property project as set forth in the
166 request for board action. *Following discussion, it was moved by Manager Calkins,*
167 *seconded by Manager Miller, to place approval of these two projects on the consent*
168 *agenda of the Board meeting of August 27. Upon vote, the motion carried, 7-0.*

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171 Resolution 15-XXX Authorization to Execute Contract with Himle Rapp to Update
172 MCWD Crisis Communications Plan

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174 Ms. Telly Mamayek appeared before the Board of Managers to review the request for
175 board action. She noted the recent District survey indicated that 97 percent of District
176 residents surveyed viewed the District as a credible authority on water resource matters.

177 Ms. Mamayek explained that natural disasters and other similar problems can present an
178 important occasion for the District to communicate effectively with residents and
179 therefore an updated crisis communications plan is in order. Ms. Mamayek introduced
180 Ms. Laurie Bauer of Himle Rapp, noting that the firm is uniquely qualified based on past
181 experience to assist the District in the development of this updated plan. Ms. Bauer
182 reviewed recent developments in communications practice and context suggesting that it
183 is important to have plans in place to address urgent problems that require the District's
184 full attention to be resolved. ***Following discussion, it was moved by Manager Blixt,***
185 ***seconded by Manager Shekleton, to place Resolution 15-XXX, the authorization to***
186 ***executed a contract with Himle Rapp to update the MCWD crisis communication plan***
187 ***on the consent agenda of the August 27 Board meeting.*** Manager Calkins asked for the
188 date for the current District communications plan and Ms. Mamayek noted that the
189 general communications plan was prepared in 2013 for activities in 2014 and 2015. Ms.
190 Mamayek also noted that the crisis communication plan is approximately ten years old.
191 Manager Calkins stated that he questioned whether there are new potential risks or issues
192 requiring the plan update. ***There being no further discussion, upon vote the motion***
193 ***carried, 6-1 (Manager Calkins voting against the motion).***

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195 ***It was moved by Manager Miller, seconded by Manager Shekleton, to reconsider this***
196 ***motion. Upon vote, the motion to reconsider carried, 7-0.*** Manager Miller stated that he
197 wanted to know Manager Calkins' concerns in voting against the motion. Manager
198 Calkins stated he was not convinced that a new plan was needed and that he was not
199 confident that this was a warranted expense. ***It was moved by Manager Millet, seconded***
200 ***by Manager Shekleton to re-adopt the previous motion. Upon vote, the motion carried,***
201 ***6-1 (Manager Calkins voting against the motion).***

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203 **BOARD DISCUSSION ITEMS**

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205 **Resolutions Project Update**

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207 Mr. Smith noted the compilation of District resolutions in 2013 and a related index of
208 policy resolutions prepared at the manager's request. He stated that staff and counsel had
209 worked to develop these documents and wanted to make sure that they met the Board's
210 needs before proceeding further. ***Following discussion, it was moved by Manager***
211 ***Miller, seconded by Manager Rogness, to direct staff and legal counsel to complete this***
212 ***project beginning with the year 2012 and working to the present. Upon vote, the motion***
213 ***carried, 7-0.***

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215 **Administrator's Report**

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217 Mr. Erdahl reported on the following items:

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- He expressed appreciation for the intensive involvement of both managers and staff in several recent public events, including the opening of the Minnehaha Creek Preserve, the NEMO Tour, and Creek Clean Up events;

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- 221 • The District was recently featured in a snapshot publication of the Board Water
222 and Soil Resources for its conservation work with the Mader property;
- 223 • The recent request for qualifications for professional services yielded two
224 applications each for engineering and legal services, and review of these
225 applications will be considered at a future meeting;
- 226 • District staff are working on meetings for the development of the update of the
227 District Comprehensive Plan;
- 228 • Discussion is continuing to explore a renewed partnership with the University of
229 Minnesota Landscape Arboretum;
- 230 • In addition to the opening of the Minnehaha Creek Preserve area, discussions are
231 continuing in collaboration with the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board and
232 other partners about potential improvements in the area of the Meadowbrook
233 Golf Course;
- 234 • District staff is working with Joel Carlson on outreach to legislators, including a
235 tour of District projects and activities on Lake Minnetonka scheduled for
236 September 2. The tour will focus on shoreline restoration, the system for
237 monitoring project results, and water quality sampling. Manager Olson requested
238 that legal counsel review the arrangements for the boat tour.
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241 **ADJOURNMENT**

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243 *There being no further business, the regular meeting of the Board of Managers*
244 *adjourned at 8:27 p.m.*

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246 Respectfully submitted,

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251 Kurt Rogness
252 Secretary