

45 **REGULAR AGENDA**

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47 **Board, Committee and Taskforce Report**

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49 Preside White thanked managers Rogness and Becker for attending subwatershed
50 meetings for the watershed plan update this past week. Manager Rogness noted that the
51 District received quite of bit of good input from attendees.

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53 In response to a request from Manager White, Manager Shekleton noted that the
54 Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board held a meeting on groundwater pumping at
55 Hiawatha Golf Course in Minneapolis. MPRB said that calculations indicate that the
56 MPRB needs to do additional analysis on the effect of the groundwater pumping and that
57 the results of the analysis will not be known until early spring.

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59 Manager Miller reported on the Policy and Program Committee meeting, stating that the
60 minutes of the last two meetings have not yet been distributed. James Wisker stated that
61 with two sets of minutes in the works preparation has been delayed.

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63 Manager White said that the discussion of the Minnesota Association of Watershed
64 District annual meeting will be taken up under Board Discussion Items.

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66 Manager White noted that the schedule on the agenda for upcoming meetings and events
67 is accurate.

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69 **PUBLIC HEARINGS AND PRESENTATIONS**

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71 **Fall 2016 Non-Homeowner Cost Share Funding**

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73 Manager White stated that there is a resolution on the agenda to approve funding for fall
74 2016 cost-share projects and she recommends that the resolution be handled at the same
75 time as this public hearing. Hearing no objection, Manager White opened the public
76 hearing. Telly Mamayek presented the two projects on the 2016 fall non-homeowner
77 projects list that require a public hearing. She stated that under state law and district
78 policy a public hearing is required when a public entity will take on a long-term
79 maintenance obligation for a project, and the Mound and Edina projects qualify. She said
80 that one of the projects, proposed by the City of Mound, also qualifies because the
81 proposed MCWD contribution exceeds \$50,000.

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83 *(Manager Blixt arrived, 7:50 p.m.)*

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85 Ms. Mamayek explained that the District received seven applications for the fall deadline
86 for non-homeowner projects. The applications were reviewed first by staff, and then
87 brought to the Citizens Advisory Committee for further analysis, discussion and a

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88 recommendation to the managers. She explained that the 2016 cost-share program budget
89 is \$600,000. The total cost of the projects proposed for this round is \$353,534 and the
90 requested funding amount is \$261,824. She said the recommendations to the managers
91 amount to \$191,566.

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93 The first of the two projects on for a public hearing this evening, proposed by the City of
94 Edina, is a stormwater treatment vegetated swale that is in a portion of Edina that features
95 the last gravel road in the city. She said that the final recommendation from the CAC for
96 the project is for cost-share funding of \$15,919. She stated that the City of Mound
97 proposes construction of a bioretention basin to collect and treat runoff from city streets.
98 She said the total project cost is \$115,500 and that the Citizens Advisory Committee
99 recommended 75 percent funding of the project, after subtraction of a contingency
100 amount, for a total of \$80,235. Manager White called for comments from any attendees at
101 the meeting this evening on either of the two projects. Seeing none, Manager White
102 closed the public hearing at 7:00 p.m.

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104 Ms. Mamayek continued with descriptions of the other four projects, stating that for the
105 Big Island project the applicant is a corporation formed under chapter 302A of state law
106 and that the cost-share funding request was modified in the course of discussion with the
107 CAC after a determination that the riprap proposed is a necessary component of the
108 stabilization work proposed. In response to a question from Manager Shekleton, Ms.
109 Mamayek turned to Rachel Workin of the District regulatory staff to explain that the
110 proposed work meets District regulatory requirements and that the Department of Natural
111 Resources has been advised of the project. Michael Welch added that for all cost-share
112 projects the responsibility for regulatory compliance remains with the applicant, but that
113 District staff coordinate to ensure that MCWD regulatory requirements are met. Ms.
114 Mamayek stated that for the Greensboro Condominiums request, the CAC increased the
115 recommendation to 75 percent, for a total of \$24,918. For the Standish Ericsson alley
116 retrofit, Ms. Mamayek explained the five homeowners in the area are working with
117 Metro Blooms to propose a pervious pavement and monitoring project to address
118 flooding of a private alley that receives runoff from 10 single-family home properties.
119 She stated that Metro Blooms put the application together and will share data collected
120 with the City of Minneapolis in a effort to promote policy change, and that the data also
121 will be provided to the Saint Anthony Falls Laboratory. She stated that the funding
122 amount reflects the CAC's finding that the District should match a \$40,000 contribution
123 to the project from Hennepin County. Finally, Ms. Mamayek stated that the
124 recommendation for the Uptown Housing Cooperative project is 23 percent of the total
125 project cost, not to exceed \$6,594. She stated that the project is adjacent to one of the first
126 District cost-share projects at the Saint Mary's Greek Orthodox Church on Lake Calhoun.
127 ***Manager Rogness moved and Manager Becker seconded to advance Resolution 16-083***
128 ***to the consent agenda for the meeting of December 15.***

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130 In response to a question from Manager Blixt, Ms. Mamayek stated that if the managers
131 approve funding these projects according to the recommendations, there will still be in
132 excess of \$200,000 in the cost-share budget for 2016. ***Upon vote, the motion carried 6-0.***
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134 Dave Oltmans, a member of the CAC, came forward to present to the managers what he
135 described as a minority report from the CAC on the Standish Ericsson project. Mr.
136 Oltmans stated that he visited the location of the proposed project on two occasions and
137 finds that while the application says that the project is designed to address flooding there
138 is no evidence that flooding is a problem. Further he said he is not sure that it qualifies
139 for District funding since flooding of private property is not a District concern. He noted
140 that the project is also meant to provide a research opportunity, but he feels it does not
141 qualify in this regard because the project would compare performance in one year against
142 a subsequent year without regard to rainfall amounts in the two years. He also noted that
143 the property that contributes the bulk of the runoff to the private alley does not belong to
144 one of the homeowners who have applied for the funding. He stated that he has been on
145 the cost-share projects subcommittee of the CAC for three years and this project is the
146 only one he can recall that ever required a hand count for CAC approval; the CAC vote
147 was very close. He stated that he believes the project needs additional evaluation and that
148 the fact that Hennepin County is providing funding is not relevant to the District's
149 formula. Mr. Oltmans said that he also looked into the proprietary pavement drain system
150 that is being proposed, and he does not believe that research exists to support that the
151 system works. Generally, he said, he is just not confident that this is a qualifying project.
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153 Manager White confirmed with Mr. Oltmans that the bulk of the benefit for this project
154 accrues to a property that is not one of the five homeowners who applied. Manager Blixt
155 stated that the amount of funding proposed is rather significant and she is wondering who
156 the real proponent of the project is. Mr. Oltmans stated that it was Metro Blooms. In
157 response to a question from Manager Miller, the managers discussed that the contribution
158 of \$3,000 from each of the five homeowners who requested the project for a total
159 \$15,000 is not the level of buy-in from project proponents that the managers would
160 ideally see. ***Manager Miller moved and Manager Shekleton seconded reconsideration
161 of the prior motion.*** Ms. Mamayek stated that the education and outreach component of
162 this project also supports the funding, and the distribution of the results of the analysis to
163 the city and SAFL should also be taken into consideration. Chris Meehan appeared before
164 the managers and showed a photo of the proposed project area, noting evidence of the
165 flooding on buildings in the area. He stated that there is also a proposed stepwise
166 floodwater storage system underneath the alley in this area and that SAFL often conducts
167 analysis of new proprietary stormwater management systems to provide third-party
168 verification and validation for the industry. Ms. Mamayek stated that because the project
169 is to take place in a private alley it presents a unique opportunity for the watershed and
170 for city policy. ***Upon vote, the motion to reconsider was approved 6-0. Manager Miller
171 clarified and the other managers concurred that the motion is to reconsider the
172 Standish Ericsson project only.*** In response to a question from Manager White, Ms.

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173 Mamayek stated that the project scored 28 out of 30 points for water quality benefits. Mr.
174 Meehan added that the project will store 1 acre of water for flood retention and provide
175 education and outreach benefits. He stated that it also provides an opportunity to assess
176 ice buildup and minimize salt use. Mr. Oltmans suggested that staff should investigate
177 whether water actually leaves this site. He said he sees that this particular project area is
178 no different than others that are just about local property flooding.

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180 Manager Blixt suggested that staff take a second look at the project and evaluate the cost
181 per applicant contribution and concerns that Mr. Oltmans raises, then bring findings and a
182 recommendation back to the Board of Managers. Manager Shekleton expressed his
183 doubts about the merit of the project. He stated that he is not convinced that the report to
184 the city will go any further than being filed and that if this were a public alley it would be
185 a better use of District funds. He said he feels that the District would be improving a
186 private alley for just a few households. Manager Becker stated that he has a great deal of
187 respect for the process that has been structured by the District for cost-share projects and
188 that this proposal has been reviewed and put forward by staff and the CAC, and he
189 recommends that the District act on it accordingly. **Manager Blixt moved her**
190 **recommendation to staff and Manager Miller seconded. Upon vote, the motion carried**
191 **4-2, Managers Becker and White voting against.** Manager White stated that she is
192 disinclined to go against recommendations of staff and the CAC and voted against the
193 motion for that reason.

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195 Public Comment on 2017 Proposed Budget and Levy

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197 Lars Erdahl appeared before the Board of Managers and offered a brief recap of the
198 proposed budget and levy, noting that no decrease in the budget or levy is proposed.
199 Under state law the District provides an additional opportunity for comment on the
200 budget and levy and that is the purpose for tonight's agenda item. Mr. Erdahl asked
201 whether the Board of Managers would like a brief review of the budget and levy. The
202 managers declined. Manager White called for any comments from the public on the
203 District 2017 budget and levy. No comments were offered.

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205 Ecosystem Evaluation Program Update

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207 Kelly Dooley and Joe Bischoff of Wenck Engineering appeared before the Board of
208 Managers to provide a report on the latest phase of the Ecosystem Evaluation program.
209 Ms. Dooley explained that the deep and shallow lake evaluations have been completed
210 and the staff is working with Wenck to prepare for review of those results by the
211 District's Technical Advisory Committee. She said that the presentation this evening will
212 focus on health of wetlands in the watershed. She introduced Mr. Bischoff. In response to
213 a question from Manager Miller, Mr. Bischoff noted that the District completed its
214 functional assessment of wetlands 10 years ago, and that the presentation this evening
215 will encompass how those results have been updated with the new work on the

216 Ecosystem Evaluation program. He explained that the wetland evaluation involved an
217 assessment of three functions: biodiversity, habitat diversity and nutrient cycling. He said
218 that to complete the assessment the team took a sample of 51 wetlands in the watershed.
219 With regard to biodiversity, he said 31 of the 51 are impaired and 16 are degraded,
220 leaving only four that support the ecosystem function. Mr. Bischoff explained that half of
221 the sample wetlands, however, support habitat diversity. He said nutrient cycling is an
222 emerging analytical framework being examined as part of a national wetland conditions
223 assessment being developed by the Environmental Protection Agency. He explained that
224 the District team looked at phosphorus saturation and determined whether the wetlands
225 had additional capacity to uptake phosphorus or were saturated. He said that 21 of the
226 wetlands, to the team's surprise, were in exceptional state in terms of availability for
227 nutrient cycling; 13 supported the function, seven were impaired and two were degraded.
228 Mr. Bischoff noted that the team understood that wetlands in the Six Mile Creek
229 subwatershed was exporting phosphorus, but now will go back to review the data to see if
230 they can figure out the discrepancy. Ms. Dooley added that these results will be shared
231 with the TAC as well in the January meeting. In response to a question from Manager
232 Blixt, Mr. Bischoff explained that the additional work in the Six Mile will be an analysis
233 of already gathered data, not a field test. In response to a further question from Manager
234 Blixt, Ms. Dooley noted that the lake results were presented at the National Association
235 of Lake Managers conference and that staff received good feedback and no real critique
236 of the work. Mr. Bischoff added that there were many questions and much curiosity about
237 the work the District is doing. The managers thanked Ms. Dooley and Mr. Bischoff for
238 their presentation.

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240 **PERMITS REQUIRING A VARIANCE OR DISCUSSION**

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242 Permit 16-428 – Serenity Hills

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244 Rachel Workin presented the staff analysis of compliance of the application for a senior
245 living complex on five parcels in Minnetrista and Mound with MCWD rules. She
246 explained that the project triggers the District's erosion control and stormwater rules and
247 requires no variances or exceptions but is on the agenda for this evening at the request of
248 citizens who expressed concern about the density of the development, which is of course
249 not within the District's jurisdiction, and stormwater management capacity. She reported
250 that staff contacted the parties who requested the board determination and they indicated
251 a desire to keep the matter on the board agenda, even though staff explained that the
252 project will be compliant with District stormwater management criteria. Ms. Workin
253 explained that Dan Anderson, the applicant, is consolidating the five properties under his
254 ownership. She stated that with regard to the stormwater analysis, while the project
255 complies with the District's criterion for water quality by meeting the abstraction
256 requirement, staff looked at additional modeling and determined that an additional 1.5
257 pounds per year of phosphorus would be removed from stormwater runoff by the project.
258 She said that the developer offered to reinforce a culvert with riprap on the other side of

259 Halstead Avenue as part of the project, but he did not have rights to the property so that
260 element has been removed from the application. If the developer wishes to go ahead with
261 that aspect of the work and reinforce this runoff point, Ms. Workin noted that staff would
262 welcome the addition and believes that it would reduce sediment deposits into Halsted
263 Bay. **Manager Becker moved and Manager Blixt seconded approval of application 16-**
264 **428.** Mr. Welch explained that in the event that the applicant does obtain the property on
265 the other side of Halstead Avenue, the added work will require a permit amendment and
266 the managers may wish to consider delegating authority to staff to approve that
267 modification. **Manager Becker moved and Manager Blixt seconded amendment of the**
268 **motion to include authorization of staff to approve a permit modification to reinforce**
269 **the outlet culvert on the other side of Halstead Avenue. Upon vote, the motion carried**
270 **6-0.**

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272 Cynthia Krieg Watershed Stewardship Fund Grant Applications for 2017

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274 Sarah Fellows and Darren Lochner appeared before the Board of Managers to present the
275 results of the staff and CAC review process and recommendations on Cynthia Krieg
276 funding for 2017. Ms. Fellows stated that while she understands that the future of this
277 program is under discussion for purposes of the District's plan update, at this point the
278 program remains part of the District's operation and she encourages managers to base
279 their decisionmaking on the established program structure and criteria.

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281 Ms. Fellows and Mr. Lochner reviewed past projects and noted that for this year's round,
282 20 projects submitted pre-proposals and 16 projects submitted final full proposals in
283 October. Staff forwarded recommendations to a Citizens Advisory Committee
284 subcommittee, which reviewed the requests for funding and made recommendations to
285 the full CAC. Ms. Fellows said that there is \$100,000 in the budget for Krieg grants,
286 which was decreased from prior years and led staff to decrease the maximum amount of
287 funding for any particular project to \$15,000. She stated that the District received
288 \$194,635 in requests and that the recommendation before the Board of Managers
289 includes full funding for two projects and funding for part of the work proposed by 13
290 other projects. **Manager Becker moved and Manager Blixt seconded to advance**
291 **adoption of Resolution 16-084, approving Cynthia Krieg Watershed Stewardship**
292 **Applications for 2017, to the consent agenda for the December 15 meeting.**

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294 Manager Blixt asked about a Freshwater Society program that is designed to educate and
295 influence city officials on climate-change preparedness. She stated that she works for the
296 City of Minneapolis and that her city is already working on climate change preparedness
297 and incorporating that into its comprehensive plan, drafting of which is already under
298 way. She wonders if the timing for the Freshwater project is correct. Ms. Fellows stated
299 that the target is city staff and that Freshwater Society is already working with other
300 watershed districts on the project. Mr. Lochner added that the process is not just for
301 comprehensive planning but also other planning practices that city staff engage in.

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303 Manager Shekleton stated that he is having a difficult time agreeing to the complete slate
304 of recommendations because it appears to him that the projects are funding educational
305 and experiential infrastructure for the various organizations proposing them, but he is not
306 sure that the experiences being provided are the best ones or experiences that the District
307 should be funding. Mr. Lochner pointed out that the projects have been reviewed by
308 individuals directed to do so by the Board of Managers and in accordance with the
309 process approved by the Board of Managers. Ms. Fellows noted that the District staff has
310 flexibility to direct funds to the portions of a proposed scope of work that the District
311 wants to fund. In response to a question from Manager Blixt, Ms. Fellows noted that in
312 the grant agreement the District is specific about the activities that the Cynthia Krieg
313 funds will support. Manager White noted that she is disinclined to rethink the
314 recommendations because staff is pursuing the process that the Board of Managers
315 directed it to pursue and the results of that process are in front of the managers.

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317 In response to specific questions about a project being pursued by the Lowry Hill East
318 Neighborhood Association, Mr. Lochner noted that the project is led by a master water
319 steward who has embraced the issue of chloride contamination and has become
320 something of a salt guru. He said the grant would go through the neighborhood
321 association because program policy is not to grant funds to individuals. **Manager Miller**
322 **moved, seconded by Manager Shekleton, to table the motion. Upon vote, the motion**
323 **failed, 3-3 – Manager Becker, Manager White and Manager Blixt voting against.**

324 Manager Becker stated that the recommendations are based on an approved process and
325 the District advertised the funding as available, and therefore the managers owe it to
326 themselves to follow through. Manager Shekleton underscored that this is not a question
327 of the competence of staff or the CAC, and he is not questioning the vetting process but
328 rather is uncomfortable because of the limited information he has. The managers
329 discussed that some were not able to access the complete applications, which were
330 available electronically. In response to a further question from managers, Mr. Lochner
331 noted that all of the questions the managers are asking are good ones and help staff frame
332 the presentation. Manager Rogness noted that he participated in the CAC process last
333 year reviewing these proposals and he believes that the process is quite solid. Manager
334 White suggested that the motion which has not been tabled should be to review the
335 proposals again on the action agenda next week for discussion, giving the managers a
336 chance to review the applications. The makers of the motion and all managers concurred.
337 **Upon vote, the motion carried 6-0.**

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339 2017 Citizens Advisory Committee Appointments

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341 Darren Lochner presented the slate of CAC applicants for 2017. Mr. Lochner stated that a
342 number of the current members have requested to continue and he has recommendations
343 on some of the new applicants, noting that Brad Coulthart, Elizabeth Crow, John Grams
344 and Linda Jahnke were particularly well qualified for the CAC. **Manager Miller moved**

345 ***and Manager Shekleton seconded to reappoint all of the existing CAC members who***
346 ***are seeking reappointment. Upon vote, the motion carried 6-0.***

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348 Manager White noted that she wished the managers would discuss the optimal size for
349 the CAC, then have discussion about who should fill out the roster. She noted that there
350 were 13 reappointed members. Manager Miller stated that it would be important in terms
351 of appointing new members to get representation from as many watershed cities as
352 possible. The managers discussed the reappointment of Steve Mohn to the CAC, noting
353 that he does not live in Eden Prairie but has a residence in Minnetonka. ***Manager Miller***
354 ***moved and Manager Blixt seconded to appoint the four new applicants recommended***
355 ***by staff. Upon vote the motion carried 6-0.*** The managers noted that this leaves the CAC
356 with 17 members. ***Manager Miller moved and Manager Becker seconded the***
357 ***appointment of Cassandra Ordway. Upon vote, the motion carried 6-0.*** The managers
358 discussed whether Ms. Ordway would have availability for the CAC, given her
359 significant other commitments. The managers agreed that if she applied for the CAC she
360 effectively is indicating her availability to attend meetings as necessary. ***Manager Blixt***
361 ***moved and Manager Miller seconded the appointment of Craig Wilson to the CAC.***
362 ***Upon vote, the motion carried 5-1, Manager White voting against.*** Manager White
363 explained that she voted against Mr. Wilson's appointment only because she believes
364 there are too many members on the CAC at this point.

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366 2017 Calendar of Meetings

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368 Mr. Erdahl presented the schedule for workshops and meetings of the Board of Managers
369 for 2017, noting that there are retreats in January and May, the schedules for which
370 remain to be finalized. ***Manager Miller moved and Manager Blixt seconded approval***
371 ***of the 2017 calendar of workshops and meetings. Upon vote, the motion carried 6-0.***

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373 Contract with KC Consulting for 50th Anniversary

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375 Ms. Mamayek reviewed the plan for events and activities celebrating the District's 50th
376 anniversary next year. She stated that the slate has been revised in response to input from
377 the Board of Managers. She showed graphic representation of the 50th anniversary t-shirt,
378 which provides participants with an opportunity to denote attendance at any of the several
379 events over the course of the year. She noted that the fall leaf cleanup event has been
380 relocated to Minnehaha Falls, and the canoeing event has been moved from the creek to
381 Lake Hiawatha. Finally, she noted that the gala has been revised and is now a celebration
382 to take place at the arboretum with an expected 300 people in attendance.

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384 Resolution 16-088 – Authorization to Enter Into a Construction Contract for Maintenance
385 of Minnehaha Preserve Enhancement Project

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387 Michael Hayman appeared before the Board of Managers and presented a request for
388 board action to authorize the administrator to enter into a contract not to exceed \$11,855
389 with Blackstone Contractors for maintenance of the stormwater facility on the Minnehaha
390 Creek Preserve property. Mr. Hayman provided background on the stormwater facility,
391 stating that the District took on maintenance in the exchange of responsibilities with Japs-
392 Olson for the enhancement of the Minnehaha Creek Preserve in conjunction with Japs-
393 Olson's redevelopment of its property on Excelsior Boulevard. Mr. Hayman explained
394 that the flow paths for runoff from the boardwalk and parking area go to this facility, and
395 higher than expected flows in 2016 led to scour around the outlet that needs to be
396 repaired. He stated that staff solicited quotes from three different contractors and received
397 two, and is recommending entering into an agreement with Blackstone for the work. Mr.
398 Hayman explained that there is a liner under the pond in question so there will be no
399 excavating and that instead a type of a shallow plunge pool would be created to dissipate
400 energy from runoff. ***Manager Shekleton moved and Manager Miller seconded adoption***
401 ***of Resolution 16-088, authorizing the administrator to enter into an agreement on***
402 ***advice and consent of counsel with Blackstone contractors in an amount not to exceed***
403 ***\$11,855 for the Minnehaha Preserve Enhancement project stormwater filtration basin***
404 ***maintenance, and establishing a budget for the work not to exceed \$13,040 and***
405 ***authorizing the administrator to issue change orders up to that amount. Upon vote, the***
406 ***motion carried 6-0.***

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408 Mr. Hayman retained the floor to describe for the managers plans for the Minnehaha
409 Creek Preserve boardwalk extension and parking area off Excelsior. He said that the
410 discussion is on the agenda this evening to collect managers' input on ideas for the
411 parking area. He said that the project will be back to the Board of Managers for approval
412 of final design and authorization to issue a request for bids in January. In analyzing
413 options for the parking area on the property, staff looked at the cost and opportunity for
414 utilizing pervious paving for the parking area. Mr. Hayman said staff generally found the
415 pervious systems cost to be between 20 and 50 percent more than standard concrete or
416 asphalt. He said maintenance is also an additional cost. The estimate for the staff
417 recommendation not to use pervious pavers is \$165,000 to \$200,000. Staff recommends
418 that the District utilize standard bituminous or concrete and put the funds that would go
419 into a stormwater friendly previous system into signage at this highly visible location. He
420 stated, however, that a bid alternate for a previous system could be prepared for the
421 managers' consideration. He noted that he expects construction to take place in the spring
422 and summer of 2017.

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424 Manager Miller stated his preference would be to spend the funding on signage given that
425 the runoff from the parking area goes to one of two stormwater facilities. Manager Blixt
426 stated that she believes that when the District does a project it is important for it to utilize

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427 the practices that it promotes. In this case, she said the District should look seriously at
428 installing a pervious paver system. In response to a question from Manager Shekelton,
429 Mr. Hayman explained that there is in fact a liner under the stormwater management
430 facility in the area, making it impossible to infiltrate without review and approval of
431 plans by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, which involves more logistics than
432 staff believes are warranted for the circumstances. Manager Shekleton noted that he
433 agrees the District should practice what it preaches, but that in this circumstance there is
434 no actual gain to be had from utilizing the pervious paver system. In response to a further
435 question from Manager Shekleton, Mr. Hayman stated that the parking area would not be
436 closed in the winter time but the boardwalk is not open. Manager Shekleton stated that it
437 would be important to identify the parking area to Japs-Olson as an area that should not
438 be plowed or salted during the winter. Mr. Hayman took note. Manager Blixt stated that
439 if the addition of a pervious paver system is not that much more expensive to design the
440 managers should review a design for the same and consider whether to include it in the
441 request for bids. In response to a question from Manager White, Mr. Hayman confirmed
442 that the existing design budget can accommodate preparation of designs and plans that
443 include a pervious paver system. Manager Becker said he tends to agree with Manager
444 Blixt and the District should get a bid alternate for consideration by the Board of
445 Managers. James Wisker stated that his view is that the programming of this particular
446 area is more important than the facility and recommends that a standard bituminous
447 system be used. Mr. Hayman stated that the next step in the process will be for the
448 managers to review a final design, and that given the discussion this evening it will be
449 presented with the opportunity to issue the request with a bid alternate for a pervious
450 paver system.

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452 Minnesota Association of Watershed District Annual Meeting Report

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454 Manager Blixt stated that among the key initiatives voted on at the annual meeting was a
455 change to state law to provide outstate watershed organizations with the same planning
456 and implementation levy that metro area watershed organizations have. Mr. Erdahl noted
457 that he presented with regard to the conservation easement tax consequences resolution
458 forwarded by the District several times and the resolution was adopted. Manager White
459 noted that the whole slate of resolutions from watershed districts was adopted, though
460 one authorizing an increase in the levy was folded into the resolution discussed by
461 Manager Blixt. She noted that the change to the MAWD bylaws to allow for affiliate
462 members was tabled, but the strategic plan for the organization was approved. Manager
463 Becker expressed his appreciation to Manager White and Manager Blixt for their
464 attentive work at the MAWD annual meeting.

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466 Administrator's Report

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468 Lars Erdahl noted that the minutes of the last two Policy and Planning Committee
469 meetings have been handed out. He stated that the District will soon issue a request for

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470 proposals for an employee health insurance benefit program. He noted a change in the
471 state law with regard to annual statements of economic interest from managers and
472 provided a handout from the Campaign Finance Board. He said that the new law clarifies
473 that managers must make annual reports even if nothing has changed from the prior
474 report. Mr. Erdahl noted that the Gray's Bay Dam has been closed. He said Ms. Becky
475 Christopher and staff at the District have held several subwatershed meetings which a
476 number of managers have attended and they have been very successful. He said there are
477 upcoming meetings next week with Mound, Minnetrista, Wayzata and Plymouth as well
478 as Victoria and Chanhassen. He stated that all meetings have been posted because of the
479 invitation to managers to attend. He said Mr. Wisker has been working with the
480 Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board on both the Hiawatha and Meadowbrook
481 projects and that there is a meeting with Superintendent Jayne Miller of the MPRB in
482 January.

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484 He stated that preliminary results indicate that the District will receive a \$260,000 grant
485 for the upgraded stormwater management facility in Victoria and a \$36,000 planning
486 grant related to the Federal Emergency Management Agency flood maps. Mr. Erdahl
487 shared pictures from a recent carp harvest on Lake Minnetonka wherein commercial
488 fishermen harvested 2,000 to 2,500 carp totaling 16,000 to 20,000 pounds. He stated that
489 the primary markets for the fish animals is for gefilte fish and eggs sold in the Chinese
490 market. Mr. Wisker advised the managers of a meeting with the Carver County
491 Commission on December 13 to present proposed financing of future District work.
492 Manager Blixt added that the Clean Water Council has forwarded recommendations for
493 the next funding round.

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495 **ADJOURNMENT**

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497 There being no further business, the regular meeting of the Board of Managers adjourned
498 at 9:25 p.m.

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504 Kurt Rogness
505 Secretary