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3 **MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF**
4 **THE MINNEHAHA CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT**
5 **BOARD OF MANAGERS**
6

7 July 30, 2015
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9 **CALL TO ORDER**

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11 The regular meeting of the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District Board of Managers was called
12 to order by President Sherry White at 6:45 p.m., at the District offices, 15320 Minnetonka
13 Boulevard, Minnetonka, Minnesota 55345.
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15 **MANAGERS PRESENT**

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17 Sherry White, Brian Shekleton, Richard Miller, Kurt Rogness, Pamela Blixt, Jim Calkins,
18 William Olson.
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20 **MANAGERS ABSENT**

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22 None.
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24 **OTHERS PRESENT**

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26 Lars Erdahl, District Administrator; Becky Christopher, District Lead Planner-Project Manager;
27 Renae Clark, District Planner-Project Manager; Laura Domyancich, District Project and Land
28 Technician; Anna Brown, District Planner-Project Manager; Chris Meehan, District Consulting
29 Engineer; Chuck Holtman, District Counsel.
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31 **MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR**

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33 None.
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35 **INTRODUCTION OF STAFF**

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37 Katherine Sylvia introduced herself as a new District staff member. Ms. Sylvia will serve as lead
38 permitting staff. The managers welcomed her.
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40 **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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42 *It was moved by Manager Shekleton, seconded by Manager Miller to approve the agenda with*
43 *the addition of an aquatic invasive species (AIS) update as item 9.1 and a Powell Road project*
44 *update as item 13.1. Upon vote, the motion carried 5-0.*
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46 Manager White referenced the information item on the agenda as well as letters received from
47 Senator Klobuchar and Representative Ellison regarding the Reach 20 project opening.

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49 Managers Blixt and Olson arrived at this time.

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51 **CONSENT AGENDA**

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53 *It was moved by Manager Miller, seconded by Manager Shekleton to approve the consent*
54 *agenda except for the July 9, 2015 Board minutes, consisting of the check register*
55 *encompassing check numbers 35759 through 35857 in the amount of \$737,239.15; payroll*
56 *direct deposits in the amount of \$150,099.94; and electronic fund withdrawals in the amount*
57 *of \$81,460.69; the surety account and the 325 Blake Road checking account; adoption of*
58 *Resolution 15-063, Watershed Heroes Nominations, providing as follows:*

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60 *NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Minnehaha Creek Watershed*
61 *District Board of Managers hereby recognizes the following individuals and groups for*
62 *their outstanding contributions to watershed management:*

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64 *Excellence in Development Award*
65 *Presbyterian Homes - Promenade of Wayzata*

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67 *Innovation in Government Award*
68 *City of Minnetrista*

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70 *Outstanding Partner Award*
71 *MN Department of Natural Resources, MN AIS Research Center, City of Shorewood,*
72 *Christmas Lake Homeowners Association*

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74 *Youth Naturalist Award*
75 *No award*

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77 *Citizen Engagement Award*
78 *Master Water Stewards Program of the Freshwater Society*

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80 *Outstanding Contribution Award*
81 *Florian and Linda Mae Kerbers, Dr. Glen Nelson*

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83 *Lifetime Stewardship Award*
84 *John Barten*

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86 *BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the District Administrator is authorized to*
87 *purchase appropriate awards to be given to the award recipients at a ceremony on*
88 *October 1, 2015.*

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90 *and adoption of Resolution 15-064, 2016 Master Water Stewards Program, providing as*
91 *follows:*

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93 ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Minnehaha Creek Watershed***
94 ***District Board of Managers authorizes the District Administrator to execute an***
95 ***agreement with the Freshwater Society to administer the Master Water Stewards***
96 ***program for three years for an amount not to exceed \$112,500.***

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

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100 **REGULAR AGENDA**

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102 **President’s Report**

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104 Manager White reported that she attended the Metro Minnesota Association of Watershed
105 Districts meeting, the District’s creek cleanup, the NEMO “Workshop on the Water” event and
106 the District’s ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Reach 20 project. She thanked staff for its
107 excellent work on the two District events. Manager Miller complimented Ms. Mamayek on her
108 superb organizational skills.

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110 **Metro MAWD Report**

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112 Manager Olson reported that Melissa Wenzl, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, gave an
113 interesting stormwater talk. She offered that the District is the “gold standard” for its education
114 program as an MS4 permittee. The Department of Natural Resources representative also
115 recognized the District’s effort to control invasive species on Christmas Lake. Ray Bohn spoke
116 with the group about the legislative session.

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118 Manager Calkins reported that he is serving on the Minnesota Invasive Species Advisory
119 Council and he distributed a document prepared by the Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species
120 Research Center titled “Priorities for New Research-2015.” He noted two regional invasive
121 species conferences being hosted in the Twin Cities in the coming weeks and encouraged folks
122 to consider those conferences.

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124 Manager White referenced the upcoming meeting and event schedule as listed on the agenda.

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126 **July 9, 2015 Minutes**

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128 Manager White distributed a paragraph of text that she would like to be substituted for the
129 concluding paragraph of the draft minutes to provide a closer summary of her comments
130 regarding Board of Managers mediation. ***It was moved by Manager White, seconded by***
131 ***Manager Miller to approve the minutes as amended. Upon vote, the motion carried 7-0.***

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133 Resolution 15-065, Contract with Wenck Associates for Engineering Services Concerning
134 Stormwater Pond Maintenance
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136 Ms. Domyancich presented proposed Resolution 15-065 authorizing Wenck to provide
137 engineering services for sediment removal at Gleason Lake Ponds 2 and 3. She noted that the
138 Steiger Wetland Pond also requires maintenance however staff are reviewing alternative options
139 for maintenance and ongoing management of that pond and will report back to the Board.
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141 *It was moved by Manager Miller, seconded by Manager Calkins to adopt the proposed*
142 *resolution providing as follows:*
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144 ***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Minnehaha Creek***
145 ***Watershed District Board of Managers authorizes the District Administrator to***
146 ***execute a contract with Wenck Associates for the not to exceed amount of***
147 ***\$19,209 for facilitation of the bidding process and construction observation;***
148 ***and hereby***
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150 ***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District***
151 ***Board of Managers hereby authorizes staff to solicit bids for maintenance of***
152 ***Gleason Lake Ponds 2 and 3.***
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154 *Upon vote, the motion carried 7-0.*
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156 Resolution 15-066, Revised Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)
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158 Ms. Christopher reported that the District's 2016 CIP was sent out to the counties and
159 municipalities for comment. She reviewed the four comments received and the District's
160 responses. No changes to the CIP are proposed based on the comments.
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162 *It was moved by Manager Rogness, seconded by Manager Miller to adopt the proposed*
163 *resolution providing as follows:*
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165 ***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the MCWD Board of Managers***
166 ***approves the revised CIP.***
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168 Manager Blixt asked for clarification about the response to the City of Minneapolis
169 comment suggesting no immediate intent by the District to move forward on partnered
170 projects. Ms. Christopher replied that the City is not moving forward at this time and the
171 District therefore has advised the City that it is prepared to do so when the City is.
172 Manager Blixt noted that the City is engaged in an extensive surface water modeling
173 exercise using the Atlas 14 data, which could take a couple of years. She hopes that this
174 does not mean a similar delay for programmed projects. Ms. Christopher replied that
175 there is a partnership agreement regarding work on the site of the Hiawatha Golf Course
176 and that District staff just met with City and Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board staff

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177 on project development. She said that the District also is moving forward with the City
178 and the Federal Emergency Management Agency on flood damage repair work on
179 Minnehaha Creek.

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

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183 Manager Miller asked Mr. Erdahl as to the status of the report on resolutions. Mr. Erdahl
184 replied that he and District counsel have been prepared but that he wanted to wait for a
185 meeting at which all managers would be present. Presently it is scheduled for the August
186 13 workshop.

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188 Powell Road Project Update

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190 Ms. Clark reported that intense rainfall very recently had demonstrated the constrained
191 capacity of existing storm drainage conveyances on and adjacent to the parcels where the
192 District is doing its work. As a result, staff had the District engineer review and revise the
193 infrastructure plan to help relieve this constraint for the property owners at no additional
194 cost to the District. This will involve diverting some site runoff to a new outfall to
195 Minnehaha Creek further upstream on the District property at 325 Blake Road. The
196 discharge will be concealed and energy dissipation will be used. The piping will be
197 removed when the regional stormwater management facility on the District site comes on
198 line. Ms. Clark is not asking for Board action but is keeping the Board informed.

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200 Manager Shekleton asked if the infrastructure would affect or complicate the District's
201 redevelopment of the 325 Blake Road site. Ms. Clark replied that the area in question is
202 part of the planned green corridor and, as noted, the infrastructure will be removed.

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204 ADJOURNMENT

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206 There being no further business, the regular meeting of the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District
207 Board of Managers was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

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209 Respectfully Submitted,

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213 Kurt Rogness, Secretary