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48 ***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Minnehaha Creek***
49 ***Watershed District Board of Managers hereby authorizes the District***
50 ***Administrator to authorize the purchase of water monitoring equipment for the***
51 ***cost not-to-exceed \$14,301.***
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53 Mr. Smith noted as additional information for Resolution 17-072 that staff inquired for quotes on
54 the sampling equipment, and with limited suppliers of this equipment, the best price available
55 was obtained.
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57 ***Resolution 17-073, Authorization to Award a Contract to RMB Laboratories, Inc. for Water***
58 ***Quality Sample Analysis Services from January 2018 through December 2019, as follows:***
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60 ***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the MCWD Board of***
61 ***Managers; hereby authorizes the MCWD District Administrator to extend the***
62 ***agreement with RMB Environmental Laboratories, Inc. to provide water quality***
63 ***sample analysis services from January 2018 through December 2019 in***
64 ***accordance with RMB Environmental Laboratories, Inc. proposal at a total cost***
65 ***estimated to be \$85,970 per its November 30, 2017 quotation.***
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67 ***Upon vote, the motion carried, 5-0.***
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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 reported that she and Manager Olson attended the annual conference of the
76 Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts. The water reuse resolution was adopted; the
77 bylaws changes were not approved. President White was one of five new members elected to
78 MAWD's Board of Directors.
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80 **Operations and Programs Committee Meeting Report:**
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82 Manager Loftus reported that the Committee reviewed agenda priorities for coming meetings;
83 reviewed work on an IT Plan, and Manager Shekleton and Mr. Erdahl will continue to develop a
84 proposed approach to the IT Plan with budget and intended outcomes; and Mr. Erdahl reviewed
85 the status of implementing the HR Plan and will provide further detail at the December 21
86 meeting.
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88 Citizens Advisory Committee report:

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90 Manager Miller and Darren Lochner reported on the recent CAC meeting. Manager Miller
91 complemented Mr. Lochner on his work for the Committee. Mr. Lochner reported that the CAC
92 had a good discussion of its role and focus for the coming year.

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94 President White noted the upcoming meeting schedule printed in the Agenda.

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96 **PUBLIC HEARINGS AND PRESENTATIONS**

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98 Budget Public Comment:

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100 Mr. Erdahl noted that the meeting had been duly noticed to provide an opportunity for the public
101 to offer further comments on the 2018 budget and levy. No one appeared to offer comments.

102 Mr. Smith explained that pursuant to the watershed law, the Board of Managers had duly
103 adopted its 2018 budget and levy in September, and in response to a question from Manager
104 Loftus, confirmed that no further actions on the budget or levy are required.

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106 **ACTION ITEMS**

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108 Resolution 17-075: Approval of Medina Local Water Plan

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110 Ms. Becky Christopher appeared before the Board of Managers and reviewed the request for
111 board action. She explained that the new ten year plan provides for a shift in approach with local
112 water planning, where the primary focus is now on collaboration and incentives for integrated
113 land use and water resources planning. She also noted that the ten year plan is scheduled for
114 approval by the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources next week. She said that the
115 District hopes to realize much more responsiveness and coordination with municipal water
116 planning in the coming years. *Following discussion, it was moved by Manager Shekleton,*
117 *seconded by Manager Rogness, to adopt Resolution 17-075 as follows:*

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119 ***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the MCWD Board of Managers***
120 ***hereby approves the City of Medina Local Water Management Plan.***

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122 In response to a question from Manager Miller, Ms. Christopher and Mr. Wisker explained the
123 focus on creating policy and institutional changes to promote greater integration of land use and
124 water planning. *Upon vote, the motion carried, 5-0.*

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126 Resolution 17-076: Approval of 2018 Calendar

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128 Mr. Erdahl reviewed the proposed calendar. Manager Rogness noted that there had been
129 discussion of starting Board meetings at 7:00 p.m., given that committees would be meeting
130 prior to Board meetings and there would be no Board workshops. *Following discussion, it was*

131 *moved by Manager Miller, seconded by Manager Shekleton to adopt the 2018 Calendar, with*
132 *Board meetings to commence at 7:00 p.m. in 2018. Upon vote, the motion carried, 5-0.*
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134 **EMPLOYMENT SEPARATION AGREEMENT**

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136 *It was moved by Manager Loftus, seconded by Manager Rogness to approve the agreement as*
137 *distributed. Upon vote, the motion carried, 5-0.*
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139 **BOARD DISCUSSION ITEMS**

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141 Adoption of a Conservation Easement Stewardship Policy

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143 Ms. Tiffany Schaufler appeared before the Board of Managers and reviewed the draft policy.
144 She noted that the policy is only for review and discussion at this meeting, with adoption
145 scheduled for the December 21 meeting when Manager Becker will be in attendance. President
146 White stated that she found the policy well done and she appreciated Manager Becker's initiative
147 in proposing the policy. Manager Miller asked about the status of communication with the City
148 of Orono about Big Island. Mr. Erdahl noted that the District's letter was sent and its receipt has
149 been acknowledged by city staff. The managers thanked Ms. Schaufler for her work on the
150 policy.
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152 325 Blake Road Update and Right of Way Easement

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154 Mr. Michael Hayman appeared before the Board of Managers and provided an update on site
155 operations at the 325 Blake Road facility in preparation for demolition. He also reviewed the
156 timetable for the upcoming release of the request for qualifications for the redevelopment of the
157 site.
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159 **CLOSED SESSION**

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161 *It was moved by Manager Rogness, seconded by Manager Miller, to move into a closed session*
162 *for the purpose of discussing the potential terms of an offer to convey a right of way easement*
163 *at 325 Blake Road in Hopkins. Upon vote, the motion carried, 5-0.*
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165 *It was moved by Manager Rogness, seconded by Manager Miller, to move into a closed session*
166 *for the purpose of discussing an unemployment compensation claim with the Department of*
167 *Employment and Economic Development. Upon vote, the motion carried, 5-0.*
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169 Whereupon the Board of Managers went into Closed Session at 8:20 p.m. to discuss the two
170 above matters. The Board of Managers returned to Open Session at 8:51 p.m.
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172 **STAFF UPDATES**

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174 **Administrator's Report**

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176 Mr. Erdahl reported on recent discussions he had held with John Jaschke at the Board of Water
177 and Soil Resources concerning legislative interest in Lake Hiawatha and groundwater. He also
178 noted that the District received recognition for its 50th anniversary from the Minnesota
179 Association of Watershed Districts.

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181 **ADJOURNMENT**

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183 There being no further business, the meeting of the Board of Managers was adjourned at 8:53
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190 Kurt Rogness, Secretary

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