

1                               **MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF**  
2                               **THE MINNEHAHA CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT**  
3                               **BOARD OF MANAGERS**

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5   **February 24, 2022**

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7                               **CALL TO ORDER**

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9                               The regular meeting of the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District was called to order by  
10                              President Sherry White at 7:00 p.m. on February 24, 2022. President White noted that  
11                              this meeting was convened electronically through WebEx, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes  
12                              13D.021, due to the COVID-19 pandemic and her determination that it is not prudent for  
13                              the Board of Managers, or any committee thereof, to meet in person, and it is not feasible  
14                              to provide for any member of the Board, or of the public, to meet at the regular meeting  
15                              location. For this reason, until this determination is withdrawn by the District’s presiding  
16                              officer, chief legal counsel or chief administrative officer, the meetings of the Board and  
17                              its committees will be convened by telephone or other electronic means as the presiding  
18                              officer determines appropriate. All such meetings will be noticed and conducted in  
19                              accordance with §13D.021 and all other applicable terms of the Open Meeting Law.  
20                              President White noted that, pursuant to §13D.021, all votes will be by roll call.

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22                              President White called the roll to note attendance:

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24                              Hejmadi:           Present  
25                              Loftus:            Present  
26                              Sando:            Present  
27                              Miller:           Present  
28                              Olson:            Present  
29                              Maxwell:         Present  
30                              White:            Present

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32                              **DISTRICT STAFF AND CONSULTANTS PRESENT**

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34                              James Wisker, Administrator; Janna Jonely, Project and Land Management Technician;  
35                              Michael Hayman, Project Planning Manager; Gabe Sherman, Planner-Project Manager;  
36                              Chris Meehan, Consulting Engineer; and Louis Smith, District Counsel.

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38                              **MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR**

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42                              **INFORMATION ITEMS/UPDATES**

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44                              Ms. Janna Jonely appeared before the Board of Managers to share the news that she had  
45                              accepted another position with Landbridge Ecological, a local landscape and ecology

46 management firm. She expressed her gratitude to the District and the managers thanked  
47 her for her service.

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49 **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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51 *It was moved by Manager Olson, seconded by Manager Hejmadi to approve the*  
52 *Agenda as distributed. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried 7-0 as follows:*

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54 Hejmadi: Aye  
55 Loftus: Aye  
56 Sando: Aye  
57 Miller: Aye  
58 Olson: Aye  
59 Maxwell: Aye  
60 White: Aye

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62 **CONSENT AGENDA**

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64 *It was moved by Manager Maxwell, seconded by Manager Hejmadi, to approve the*  
65 *Consent Agenda consisting of approval of the February 10, 2022 Board minutes; the*  
66 *General Checking Account consisting of checks 41815 through 41841 in the amount of*  
67 *\$148,759.08; electronic funds withdrawals in the amount of \$28,033.15; manager per*  
68 *diems and reimbursement direct deposits in the amount of \$3,102.41; employee*  
69 *reimbursements - direct deposits in the amount of \$72.30; and payroll direct deposits in*  
70 *the amount of \$153,817.69; for Total General Checking expenses of \$333,784.63; and*  
71 *the surety checking account check 2133 in the amount of \$5,000 and a bank service*  
72 *charge of \$30.00.*

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74 *Upon roll call vote, the motion carried, 7-0 as follows:*

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76 Hejmadi: Aye  
77 Loftus: Aye  
78 Sando: Aye  
79 Miller: Aye  
80 Olson: Aye  
81 Maxwell: Aye  
82 White: Aye

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84 **BOARD, COMMITTEE AND TASK FORCE REPORTS**

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86 President's Report: President White reported that she recently met with Hennepin  
87 County Commissioners Conley and LaTondresse, and met with Managers Miller and  
88 Hejmadi for a briefing as Minneapolis liaisons.

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90 Policy and Planning Committee Report: Manager Miller reported that the committee met  
91 earlier and received a staff briefing on the Minnehaha Creek Greenway subwatershed  
92 capital improvement plan. The staff presentation facilitated a robust discussion of setting  
93 priorities and options for the District’s posture in various project opportunities.

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95 Upcoming Meeting and Event Schedule: President White directed the managers to the  
96 meetings listed on the agenda; all of the meetings to be noticed and held remotely.

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98 **ACTION ITEMS**

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100 Resolution 22-010: Approval of 60% Design for 325 Blake Road Restoration and  
101 Redevelopment

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103 Mr. Gabe Sherman appeared before the Board of Managers and reviewed the request for  
104 board action. He reviewed the design process and community engagement, including  
105 informational sessions and preference surveys, as well as engagement with youth at  
106 Hopkins West Junior High School. Mr. Sherman and Mr. Michael Hayman discussed the  
107 various components of the project design with the managers.

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109 *Following discussion, it was moved by Manager Miller, seconded by Manager Hejmadi*  
110 *to adopt Resolution 22-010 as follows:*

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112 ***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Minnehaha Creek***  
113 ***Watershed District Board of Managers approves the 60% design submittal for***  
114 ***the 325 Blake Road Restoration and Redevelopment project produced by HDR,***  
115 ***Inc., with Board comments on the 60% design to be incorporated at the 90%***  
116 ***design phase.***

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118 ***Upon roll call vote, the motion carried, 7-0 as follows:***

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- 120 Hejmadi: Aye
- 121 Loftus: Aye
- 122 Sando: Aye
- 123 Miller: Aye
- 124 Olson: Aye
- 125 Maxwell: Aye
- 126 White: Aye

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130 **STAFF UPDATES**

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132 **Administrator's Report**

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134 Mr. Wisker reported on the following items:

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136 1. Staff have been participating in professional conferences, including Ms. Kailey  
137 Cermak's recent presentation to the American Public Works Association.

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139 2. Staff is working with partner agencies to plan sharing of the white paper on Lake  
140 Nokomis area water issues.

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142 **Administrator's Annual Performance Review**

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144 *It was moved by Manager Sando, seconded by Manager Hejmadi to move into closed*  
145 *session for the purpose of discussing the Administrator's annual performance review.*

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147 *Upon roll call vote, the motion carried, 7-0 as follows:*

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149 Hejmadi: Aye

150 Loftus: Aye

151 Sando: Aye

152 Miller: Aye

153 Olson: Aye

154 Maxwell: Aye

155 White: Aye

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157 Whereupon the Board of Managers moved into closed session. The Board of Managers  
158 returned to open session.

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160 **Adjournment**

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162 There being no further business, President White declared the meeting of the Board of  
163 Managers adjourned at 10:16 p.m.

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165 Respectfully submitted,

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169 Eugene Maxwell, Secretary