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

**July 12, 2018**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District Board of Managers was called to order by President Sherry White at 7:14 p.m. at the District office, 15320 Minnetonka Boulevard, Minnetonka, Minnesota.

**MANAGERS PRESENT**

Sherry White, Brian Shekleton, Richard Miller, Kurt Rogness, William Olson, Jessica Loftus, William Becker.

**MANAGERS ABSENT**

None.

**DISTRICT STAFF AND CONSULTANTS PRESENT**

James Wisker, Administrator, Katherine Sylvia, Permitting Program Manager; Elizabeth Showalter, Permitting Technician; Michael Hayman, Senior Project Planner; Eric Fieldseth, Aquatic Ecologist; Janna Jonely, Project and Land Management Technician; Brian Beck, Research & Monitoring Program Manager; Chris Meehan, Consulting Engineer; Louis Smith, Counsel.

**MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR**

Ms. Katherine Sylvia appeared before the Board of Managers and noted that she is moving out of state and concluding her employment with the District. She thanked James Wisker for his leadership and dedication, and thanked the Board for its support of staff, and fostering a healthy working culture. The managers thanked Ms. Sylvia for her service to the District.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mr. Smith noted that legal counsel is requesting that Item 12.1, 325 Blake Road – Minnesota Ice Lease Claim, be addressed in closed session. *Manager Miller moved and Manager Rogness seconded approval of the agenda as presented. Upon vote, the motion carried 7-0.*

44 **CONSENT AGENDA**

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46 *It was moved by Manager Miller, seconded by Manager Rogness, to approve the consent*  
47 *agenda, consisting of the June 28, 2018 meeting minutes. Upon vote, the motion carried, 7-0.*

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49 **REGULAR AGENDA**

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

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53 President White noted the upcoming meeting of the Metropolitan Chapter of the Minnesota  
54 Association of Watershed Districts, and that Manager Rogness would be attending this meeting.

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56 Manager Becker reported on the recent Citizens Advisory Committee meeting, which included a  
57 good discussion of District planning priorities, and an update on 325 Blake Road planning with  
58 Michael Hayman.

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60 Manager Shekleton reported that he attended a meeting of the Minneapolis Park and Recreation  
61 Board on July 1. The Board's Planning Committee voted to recommend that the future planning  
62 for Hiawatha golf course only explore scenarios with reduced groundwater pumping. The full  
63 Board will consider this matter in two weeks.

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65 President White noted the upcoming meeting schedule as indicated on the agenda, as well as an  
66 upcoming tour of the Kraus Anderson development in Minneapolis on July 18.

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68 **Permits Requiring a Variance or Discussion**

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70 **Permit 18-273: 825 Old Crystal Bay Road, Orono**

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72 Ms. Elizabeth Showalter appeared before the Board of Managers and reviewed the permit and  
73 variance application. She explained that the application is for a permit under the Stormwater  
74 Management, Erosion Control, and Wetland Protection rules for a subdivision of three existing  
75 lots into four lots and the construction of one new home. The applicant has applied for a  
76 variance from the minimum buffer width requirement as it relates to retaining an existing  
77 driveway between two wetlands, and also proposes to provide additional buffer on a portion of  
78 the wetland and other wetlands on the site where buffer would not otherwise be required. Ms.  
79 Showalter recommended that the Board of Managers consider the variance and delegate the  
80 authority to staff to issue permits under the remaining rules.

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82 *Following discussion, it was moved by Manager Shekleton, seconded by Manager Miller to*  
83 *approve the variance requested based on the findings and recommendations in the staff report,*  
84 *and delegate the authority to staff to issue the permit upon satisfaction of the rule*  
85 *requirements. Upon vote, the motion carried, 7-0.*

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87 **ACTION ITEMS**

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89 **Resolution 18-065: Authorization to Contract with Wenck for 2018/2019 Stormwater Pond**  
90 **Maintenance Engineering Services; Authorization to Solicit Bids**

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92 Ms. Janna Jonely appeared before the Board of Managers and reviewed the request for board  
93 action. She reviewed the proposed scope of services and also noted that the District is  
94 developing a cooperative agreement with the City of Edina to address maintenance of Pamela  
95 Park Pond 1. ***Following discussion, it was moved by Manager Miller, seconded by Manager***  
96 ***Shekleton, to adopt Resolution 18-065 as recommended by staff. Upon vote, the motion***  
97 ***carried, 7-0.***

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99 **Resolution 18-066: Resolution of Support for the Long Lake Creek Subwatershed Partnership**

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101 Mr. Wisker noted that this item had been inadvertently omitted from the meeting materials and  
102 had been distributed at the meeting. Upon inquiry from President White, the Board of Managers  
103 concurred in proceeding with the presentation of this item. Mr. Eric Fieldseth appeared before  
104 the Board of Managers and reviewed the request for board action. He noted that the District has  
105 been invited to collaborate with the cities of Medina, Long Lake and Orono and the Long Lake  
106 Waters Association, and that the District's role would be to provide technical support through  
107 ongoing monitoring and diagnostics and to provide facilitation and communication.

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109 ***Following discussion, it was moved by Manager Olson, seconded by Manager Becker, to adopt***  
110 ***Resolution 18-066 as presented. Upon vote, the motion carried, 7-0.***

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112 **Resolution 18-067: Authorization to Execute Contract with St. Croix Watershed Research**  
113 **Station for Wasserman Lake Sediment Analysis**

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115 Mr. Brian Beck appeared before the Board of Managers to review the request for board action.  
116 He explained that this project would serve as a pilot to gain further understanding about the  
117 relationship of external pollutant loading, carp control, and alum treatments. ***Following***  
118 ***discussion, it was moved by Manager Olson, seconded by Manager Rogness to adopt***  
119 ***Resolution 18-067 as presented. Upon vote, the motion carried, 7-0.***

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121 **Staff Updates – Administrator's Report**

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123 Mr. Wisker reported on the following items:

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- 125 1. The District staff will be meeting with City of Minneapolis representatives on July 24 to  
126 discuss the final design of proposed FEMA repairs in the Lynnhurst area;
- 127 2. The FEMA repair work at the cattle crossing on the Johnson property was successfully  
128 completed recently;

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- 129           3. On July 18, District representatives will be meeting with Target’s volunteer council to  
130           plan creek clean up in the Knollwood and Minnehaha Preserve area; the Board of  
131           Managers will meet with Hopkins city council members to tour the Kraus Anderson  
132           development in downtown Minneapolis;  
133           4. On July 20, President White and Mr. Wisker will be meeting with Hennepin County  
134           Commissioner Peter McLaughlin and Representative Jean Wagenius to discuss high  
135           water problems in south Minneapolis;  
136           5. Mr. Wisker’s 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter review will occur on July 26.

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138 Closed Session: 325 Blake Road – Minnesota Ice Lease Claim

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140 Upon the recommendation of Mr. Smith, *it was moved by Manager Shekleton, seconded by*  
141 *Manager Rogness to move into closed session for the purpose of receiving legal advice on the*  
142 *response to the Minnesota Ice claim. Upon vote, the motion carried, 7-0.*

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144 The Board of Managers went into closed session at 8:04 p.m.

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146 ADJOURNMENT

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148 There being no further business, the meeting of the board of managers was adjourned at 8:14  
149 p.m.

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151 Respectfully submitted,

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155 Kurt Rogness, Secretary  
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