

43 Shekleton thanked the board and staff, and explained that his basement was flooded and he
44 needed to depart the meeting.

45 **CONSENT AGENDA**

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47 *It was moved by Manager Miller, seconded by Manager Loftus to approve the items on the*
48 *Consent Agenda, consisting of the Minutes of January 24, 2019 and February 28, 2019, and*
49 *Resolution 19-024: Approval of Contract with SafeAssure, as follows:*

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51 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Minnehaha Creek Watershed**
52 **District, Board of Managers hereby approves the contract with SafeAssure to**
53 **provide mandatory staff training and OSHA compliance consulting for the**
54 **period April 1, 2019 to March 31, 2020.**

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56 *Upon vote, the motion carried, 4-0.*

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58 **REGULAR AGENDA**

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

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61 President's Report: President White reported that last Friday she, along with Manager Becker,
62 Mr. Wisker, Ms. Schaufler, Minneapolis Park Commissioner Stephanie Musich, Representative
63 Jean Wagenius, and Senator Patricia Torres Ray met to review the high water conditions in south
64 Minneapolis. The MCWD's staff presentation was very well received, especially by Senator
65 Torres Ray.

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67 Operations and Program Committee:

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69 Manager Olson reported that the Operations and Programs Committee met tonight and reviewed
70 planning for the regulatory program and staff benefits.

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72 Citizens Advisory Committee:

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74 Manager Miller attended the most recent Citizens' Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting, which
75 reviewed the District's proposed responsive program, and offered constructive suggestions on
76 both language and policy orientation.

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78 President White reviewed upcoming meetings as shown on the agenda.

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80 **Action Items**

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82 Resolution 19-025: Authorization to Release RFP for Strategic Communications and
83 Engagement Plan

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85 Ms. Telly Mamayek appeared before the Board of Managers and reviewed the request for board
86 action. ***It was moved by Manager Miller, seconded by Manager Olson, to adopt Resolution 19-***
87 ***025 authorizing release of the RFP for the strategic communications and engagement plan.***
88 ***Upon vote, the motion carried, 4-0.***
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90 Resolution 19-026: Authorization to Release RFP for Website Redesign
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92 Ms. Telly Mamayek and Ms. Sarah Bhimani appeared before the Board of Managers to review
93 the request for board action. ***It was moved by Manager Miller, seconded by Manager Olson, to***
94 ***adopt Resolution 19-026 authorizing release of the RFP for web site design. Upon vote, the***
95 ***motion carried, 4-0.***
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97 Resolution 19-027: Authorization for 2019 National American Planning Association Attendance
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99 Mr. Michael Hayman appeared before the Board of Managers to review the request for board
100 action. ***It was moved by Manager Miller, seconded by Manager Loftus, to adopt Resolution***
101 ***19-027, authorizing three staff to attend the conference for a cost not to exceed \$7,500 for***
102 ***registration, travel, and accommodations. Upon vote, the motion carried, 4-0.***
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104 Resolution 19-028: Conveyance of Temporary Easement for Southwest Light Rail Transit
105 Construction
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107 Mr. Michael Hayman appeared before the Board of Managers to review the request for board
108 action, and explained that the request is to convey a temporary construction easement on the
109 District's 325 Blake Road parcel to the Metropolitan Council for construction activities
110 associated with the Southwest Light Rail Transit line. The proposed action authorizes the District
111 administrator to execute the easement, on advice of counsel, conveying the temporary
112 construction easement for an area of approximately 9,500 square-feet along the southern parcel
113 boundary. ***It was moved by Manager Miller, seconded by Manager Olson, to adopt Resolution***
114 ***19-028, authorizing the District Administrator to convey the proposed temporary easement on***
115 ***the 325 Blake Road parcel to the Metropolitan Council for construction activities associated***
116 ***with the Southwest LRT line, with non-material changes and on advice of counsel. Upon vote,***
117 ***the motion carried, 4-0.***
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119 Resolution 19-029: Approval of Orono Local Water Management Plan
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121 Ms. Renae Clark appeared before the Board of Managers to review the request for board action.
122 ***It was moved by Manager Olson, seconded by Manager Miller, to adopt Resolution 19-029,***
123 ***approving the City of Orono Local Surface Water Management Plan. Upon vote, the motion***
124 ***carried, 4-0.***
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126 Resolution 19-030: Extending Deadline for City of Chanhassen to Adopt Local Ordinance
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128 Mr. Tom Dietrich appeared before the Board of Managers to review the request for board action.
129 *It was moved by Manager Miller, seconded by Manager Olson, to adopt Resolution 19-030,*
130 *extending the deadline for the City of Chanhassen to adopt the local ordinance pursuant to*
131 *Resolution 18-094 to September 7, 2019. Upon vote, the motion carried, 4-0.*
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133 **Board Discussion Items**

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135 **Zumbra Lake Project Report**

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137 Mr. Chris Meehan appeared before the Board of Managers. He noted that at its February 28
138 meeting, the Board requested that the engineer and attorney review the Three Rivers Park
139 District project to determine that it does not cause any adverse downstream effects and is
140 properly permitted. Mr. Meehan reviewed the project and the area hydrology to explain that
141 there will be no adverse effect. The managers thanked Mr. Meehan for his presentation. Mr.
142 Wisker noted that legal counsel would provide a report on this project at a future meeting.

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144 **Spring Flooding Potential Briefing**

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146 Ms. Tiffany Schaufler appeared before the Board of Managers to brief the Board on the potential
147 for spring flooding and update the Board on internal preparatory measures the District has taken
148 to prepare for potential flooding. In addition to internal coordination, the District has also been
149 coordinating with the National Weather Service, Hennepin County Emergency Management, and
150 all 29 of the District's communities to gather information and share information on flooding
151 potential. After the historic 2014 flooding across the watershed, the District memorialized
152 protocols and procedures to implement during a future flood event. The District has begun to
153 implement these procedures based on the National Weather Service's latest projection which
154 shows a high flood risk across the state.

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156 **STAFF UPDATES**

157 **Administrator's Report**

158 Mr. Wisker reported on the following items:

- 159 1. Mr. Wisker, the Leadership Team and the Operations Manager met with the auditor this
160 week; the audit will be forthcoming at March 28 Meeting. The auditor identified no
161 substantive issues;
- 162 2. The MCWD has been invited to present to Sensible Land Use Coalition in April, and a
163 Minneapolis Real Estate Journal panel discussion regarding MCWD's Balanced Urban
164 Ecology Approach;
- 165 3. Administrator working with President White on the onboarding plan for (pending) newly
166 appointed managers;

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- 167 4. At the meeting with Senator Torres Ray and others reported by President White, the
168 District staff provided an overview of technical information available regarding Hiawatha
169 Nokomis surface-groundwater issues.

170 Closed Session: Personnel Matter

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172 *It was moved by Manager Miller, seconded by Manager Olson, to move into closed session to*
173 *receive attorney-client privileged advice concerning a personnel matter. Upon vote, the motion*
174 *carried, 4-0.* The Board of Managers moved into closed session at 8:52 p.m. to receive advice
175 from Ms. Julie Fleming Wolfe.

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177 The Board returned to open session at 9:21 p.m.

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179 **ADJOURNMENT**

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181 There being no further business, the regular meeting of the Board of Managers was adjourned at
182 9:21 p.m.

183 Respectfully submitted,

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187 Kurt Rogness, Secretary

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