

47 Miller: Aye
48 Olson: Aye
49 Maxwell: Aye
50 White: Aye

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52 **NEW EMPLOYEES INTRODUCTION**

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54 Ms. Kayla Westerlund introduced new members of the permitting staff: Trey Jonas, Ben
55 Rolland, and Lily Hock. The managers welcomed them to the District.

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57 **MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR**

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61 **CONSENT AGENDA**

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63 *It was moved by Manager Hejmadi, seconded by Manager Sando, to approve the items*
64 *on the Consent Agenda consisting of approval of the April 28, 2022, Board meeting*
65 *minutes.*

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

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69 Hejmadi: Aye
70 Loftus: Aye
71 Sando: Aye
72 Miller: Aye
73 Olson: Aye
74 Maxwell: Aye
75 White: Aye

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

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80 Operations and Programs Committee: Manager Loftus reported that the committee
81 received an update on the Taft Legion project. An alum treatment and polymer
82 replacement are two actions intended to improve the project's performance. The staff
83 will provide an update again at the end of the summer.

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85 President's Report: President White reported on the recent Minneapolis Water Summit
86 meeting, which she attended along with Managers Miller and Hejmadi. The meeting
87 included review of preparations for a town hall meeting on Lake Nokomis area
88 groundwater and surface water issues, and a grounding discussion to explore a renewed
89 partnership with the City of Minneapolis, Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board, and the

90 MCWD. Manager Hejmadi added that he appreciated the extensive staff preparation for
91 the meeting, as well as the insights of Minneapolis Public Works Director Margaret
92 Anderson Kelliher. Manager Miller stated that he appreciated the staff preparation for
93 the Nokomis meeting and counsel’s background for the partnership discussion.
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95 Return to In-Person Meetings: President White noted the recent preference survey of
96 managers, as well as public health data. A majority of managers prefer returning to in-
97 person meetings; the District will not have adequate equipment to provide for hybrid
98 meetings. Managers commented on their preferences and health concerns. Mr. Wisker
99 will investigate the air filtration capability of the Board room, as well as other
100 precautionary measures such as masking. President White noted that she would continue
101 to monitor this matter and inform the Board of her decision.
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103 Upcoming Meeting and Event Schedule: President White directed the managers to the
104 meetings listed on the agenda.
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106 **DISCUSSION ITEMS**
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108 Six Mile Marsh Prairie Trail Interpretive Plan
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110 Mr. Michael Hayman appeared before the Board of Managers to follow up on the
111 Board’s direction to explore alternatives to the “sky loungers” in the April 14 contract
112 award for the Six Mile Marsh Prairie Trail. He noted that staff also followed up on
113 Manager Miller’s question about security fencing around the barn. In 2013, the Board
114 adopted a motion to preserve the barn and adjacent silo and authorized the staff to
115 investigate the structural integrity of the barn and silo and identify necessary maintenance
116 and repairs. A consultant condition review and assessment report provided
117 recommendations to improve security, and on a staff recommendation the Board voted in
118 May 2013 not to install fencing but adopt other security measures and repairs. These
119 measures were implemented in the summer of 2013.
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121 Mr. Hayman reviewed alternatives to the sky loungers, including simple Adirondack
122 chairs, wood sun bench, timber bench, or limestone blocks. Following discussion of
123 these alternatives, five managers affirmed support for the sky loungers, and Managers
124 Miller and Loftus stated that they would prefer other options.
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126 **STAFF UPDATES**
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128 Administrator’s Report
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130 Mr. Wisker reported on the following items:
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Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Minnehaha Creek Watershed District
Board of Managers
5-12-22

132 1. Meeting date changes: Mr. Wisker recommended moving the June 30 meeting to
133 June 23, and the August 25 meeting to August 22, still at the same times. *It was*
134 *moved by Manager Hejmadi, seconded by Manager Olson to approve these*
135 *changes to the regular meeting schedule. Upon roll call vote, the motion*
136 *carried 7-0 as follows:*

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138 Hejmadi: Aye
139 Loftus: Aye
140 Sando: Aye
141 Miller: Aye
142 Olson: Aye
143 Maxwell: Aye
144 White: Aye
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147 2. Water levels have increased with above normal Spring precipitation. Minnehaha
148 Creek was flowing at 35 cfs, but increased to 314 cfs following the recent storm.
149 Lake Minnetonka is at 929.12, and the dam will be closed through next week.
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151 3. The purchase and sale agreement with Alatus for 325 Blake Road has been
152 signed. Alatus targets a summer closing for Phase 1. The MCWD's project 90%
153 design will be coming for Board review soon. Staff are working on exploring
154 other partnerships and are planning a site visit with public officials.
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156 4. A meet and greet event with the Citizens Advisory Committee is planned for June
157 6 at 4 p.m. at Arden Park.
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159 5. The Research and Monitoring Program has developed a new partnership with the
160 University of Minnesota at no cost to the MCWD for assessment of aquatic
161 vegetation at Wassermann Lake.
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163 **Adjournment**

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165 There being no further business, President White declared the meeting of the Board of
166 Managers adjourned at 8:26 p.m.
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168 Respectfully submitted,
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172 Eugene Maxwell, Secretary