

47 **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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49 President White noted that Item 11.2 of the agenda, concerning the 54th St Streambank
50 Investigation, would be pulled from the agenda as noted in the Operations and Programs
51 Committee report. *It was moved by Manager Olson, seconded by Manager Miller to*
52 *approve the Agenda with this revision. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried 7-0 as*
53 *follows:*

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

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63 **CONSENT AGENDA**

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65 *It was moved by Manager Olson, seconded by Manager Miller, to approve the Consent*
66 *Agenda consisting of approval of the April 22, 2021 Board minutes.*

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

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

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

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80 President's Report: President White reported that she recently participated in Manager
81 Sando's orientation and a meeting of the 325 Blake Road liaisons.

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83 Operations and Programs Committee Report: Manager Loftus reported that the
84 committee met earlier and received a staff briefing on the Lake Nokomis Groundwater
85 and Surface Water Evaluation, a three-year, multi-agency study. The staff reviewed the
86 draft white paper which will undergo third party review and be finalized in the next few
87 months. Manager Loftus also noted that the Committee added to its agenda the
88 discussion of the proposed contract for 54th Street Streambank Investigation, and the
89 Committee directed that the staff reframe this project as a pilot demonstration of the
90 Responsive Model and bring it back for future board consideration. Manager Loftus

91 further noted that the first quarter financial report was generally uneventful, but that more
92 discussion may be warranted upon receiving the second quarter report.

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

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97 **ACTION ITEMS**

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99 Resolution 21-034: Authorization to Execute Contract for Six Mile Marsh Prairie Trail
100 and Interpretation Design

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102 Ms. Laura Domyancich-Lee appeared before the Board of Managers and reviewed the
103 request for board action. She noted that the District received eight proposals and
104 interviewed three firms. Staff recommends the selection of Damon Farber for the reasons
105 set forth in the staff memo.

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107 *It was moved by Manager Sando, seconded by Manager Hejmadi to adopt Resolution*
108 *21-034 as follows:*

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110 ***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Minnehaha Creek***
111 ***Watershed District Board of Managers hereby authorizes the***
112 ***District Administrator, on advice of Counsel, to enter into a contract with***
113 ***Damon Farber Landscape Architects for design, engineering, and***
114 ***communications services for the design of the Six Mile Marsh Prairie Trail and***
115 ***Interpretation, in an amount not to exceed the amount set forth in the proposal,***
116 ***and authorizes the Administrator to execute change orders in his discretion up***
117 ***to an additional 10 percent of the contract amount.***

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119 Upon a question from Manager Miller, Ms. Domyancich-Lee note that no board walks
120 are intended for this project as the trail will be located entirely on upland. ***Upon roll call***
121 ***vote, the motion carried, 7-0 as follows:***

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123 Hejmadi: Aye

124 Loftus: Aye

125 Sando: Aye

126 Miller: Aye

127 Olson: Aye

128 Maxwell: Aye

129 White: Aye

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132 Resolution 21-036: Authorization to Execute a Contract with Stantec for Outreach
133 Support

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135 Mr. James Wisker reviewed the request for board action, noting that will staff transition,
136 additional support for outreach services is needed and Stantec is able to provide the
137 described services.

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139 *It was moved by Manager Olson, seconded by Manager Hejmadi to adopt Resolution*
140 *21-036 as follows:*

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142 ***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Minnehaha Creek***
143 ***Watershed District Board of Managers hereby authorizes the District***
144 ***Administrator, on the advice of counsel, to execute a contract with Stantec to***
145 ***provide outreach services in an amount not to exceed \$48,703.***

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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 **BOARD DISCUSSION ITEMS**

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159 Mr. Trevor Born appeared before the Board of Managers to review recommendations on
160 realignment of the work of the Citizens Advisory Committee. He noted that this is the
161 fourth phase of review of the CAC's work, focusing on operational considerations based
162 on the CAC's value proposition. He reviewed each recommendation concerning scope of
163 work, meeting frequency and schedule, content planning, preparation materials, and
164 information flow between the CAC and the Board of Managers.

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166 Upon a question from Manager Hejmadi, Mr. Born noted that input and advice from the
167 CAC could be memorialized and included in the Board's meeting packet. Upon a
168 question from Manager Maxwell, Mr. Born explained the thought behind trying a CAC
169 meeting time of 4 p.m. Managers noted with approval the idea of staggering two year
170 terms for CAC members. Upon a question from Manager Hejmadi, Mr. Born noted plans
171 for specific outreach to BIPOC communities. The managers thanked Mr. Born for his
172 work and wished him good luck in his adventures ahead.

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174 **STAFF UPDATES**

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176 325 Blake Road Listening Session Findings and Developer Engagement Update

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178 Mr. Gabe Sherman and Mr. Michael Hayman appeared before the Board of Managers to
179 provide an update on the listening session findings and engagement to date with potential
180 site developers. Mr. Sherman reviewed the listening session findings in detail. Upon a
181 question from Manager Loftus, Mr. Sherman and Mr. Hayman reviewed the removal of
182 some trees from the site related to light rail transit construction.

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184 Mr. Hayman reviewed the process to date in requesting proposals from developers; five
185 proposals were received. Manager Loftus expressed a hope that selection would consider
186 the “triple bottom line” of social, economic and environmental considerations. Upon a
187 question from Manager Sando, Mr. Sherman noted that groundbreaking is expected in
188 2022. Managers Maxwell and Miller expressed their thanks and support for the thorough
189 staff work to date. Manager Loftus expressed her appreciation for the dual track
190 approach to consider private and public development on parallel tracks.

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192 Administrator’s Report

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194 Mr. Wisker reported on the following items:

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196 1. The Gray’s Bay dam is open, but with a dry forecast, flow from the dam is likely
197 to be low.
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199 2. The alum treatment a Lake Wassermann began today.
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201 3. Work on the strategic review project continues. Mr. Smith is working on the
202 history research for development of the first white paper.
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204 4. Mr. Wisker is working on planning for return to work as the pandemic subsides.
205 Current plans are for staff to work through a hybrid model through the summer
206 months, with some in office work that involves masks and social distancing.
207 Discussions will continue for the CAC, which currently prefers to meet remotely,
208 and plans for returning to in person board meetings.

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210 Adjournment

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212 There being no further business, President White declared the meeting of the Board of
213 Managers adjourned at 9:44 p.m.

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215 Respectfully submitted,

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219 Eugene Maxwell, Secretary