1 2 3 4	MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MINNEHAHA CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT BOARD OF MANAGERS
5	May 23, 2019
6 7 8 9 10 11	CALL TO ORDER The regular meeting of the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District Board of Managers was called to order by President Sherry White at 7:10 p.m. at the District office, 15320 Minnetonka Boulevard, Minnetonka, Minnesota.
12	MANAGERS PRESENT
13 14	Sherry White, William Olson, Richard Miller, Kurt Rogness, Arun Hejmadi (arrived 7:11 p.m.), and Jessica Loftus (arrived 7:18 p.m.).
15	MANAGERS ABSENT
16	Eugene Maxwell (designate).
17 18 19	DISTRICT STAFF AND CONSULTANTS PRESENT
20 21 22 23 24	James Wisker, Administrator; Tom Dietrich, Permitting Program Manager; Telly Mamayek, Communications and Education Manager; Sarah Bhimani, Communications Coordinator; Janna Jonely, Project and Land Management Technician; Anna Brown, Planner-Project Manager; Cathy Reynolds, Operations Manager; Tiffany Schaufler, Project and Land Manager; Chris Meehan, District Consulting Engineer; and Louis Smith, District Counsel.
25 26	MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR
27 28 29	None.
30 31 32	APPROVAL OF AGENDA President White noted that items 11.1, Resolution 19-059: Authorization to Execute a Contract
33 34 35	for Strategic Communications and Engagement Plan, would be pulled from the agenda at staff request. It was moved by Manager Miller, seconded by Manager Olson, to approve the agenda with this change. Upon vote, the motion carried, 4-0.
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39	It was moved by Manager Rogness, seconded by Manager Miller, to approve the Consent
40	Agenda, consisting of approval of the May 9, 2019 Board minutes; approval of the Check
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\$207,221.20; and electronic fund withdrawals – surety checking totaling \$10.00; for total
 expenses of \$869,203.70; and approval of Resolution 19-058: Authorization to Contract with
 City of Edina and Hamline University Center for Global and Environmental Education on
 Implementation of an Adopt a Drain Program:

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District Board of Managers authorizes the District Administrator to contract with the city of Edina and Hamline University's Center for Global and Environmental Education on implementation of the Adopt-a-drain program.

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Upon vote, the motion carried, 4-0.

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REGULAR AGENDA

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Board, Committee and Task Force Reports

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Manager Hejmadi arrived at this point in the meeting (7:11 p.m.).

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<u>President's Report</u>: President White noted the upcoming Board retreat on June 20, and the summer tour for the Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts on June 26-27, which would conflict with the regularly scheduled Board meeting. *It was moved by Manager Olson*, seconded by Manager Hejmadi, to move that meeting to Tuesday, June 25 at 7:00 p.m. Upon vote, the motion carried, 5-0.

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<u>Policy and Planning Committee Meeting Report</u>: President White noted that the Committee received presentations on the 2020 budget priorities, a Six Mile Creek Halsted Bay program update, and compliance review of the Woodland Cove development.

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<u>Staff Introduction</u>: Tom Dietrich introduced Ms. Grace Barlow as a new permitting technician. The managers welcomed Ms. Barlow to the District.

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ACTION ITEMS

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Resolution 19-060: Authorization to Award Contract for Website Redesign Consultant

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- Ms. Telly Mamayek and Ms. Sarah Bhimani appeared before the Board of Managers to review
- 79 the request for board action. Manager Loftus arrived at this point in the meeting (7:18 p.m.).
- 80 Ms. Mamayek reviewed the background and purpose of the website redesign, and introduced Ms.
- 81 Kathy Van Kirk of Vendi Advertising, the firm staff recommended for the redesign contract.
- 82 Manager Miller expressed concern about access to reviewing the various proposals, and asked
- questions about some of the work performed by Vendi Advertising. Manager Olson stated that
- 84 he found Vendi's work compelling and interesting, and felt this work would be helpful in
- pursuing the District's strategic communications goals. It was moved by Manager Olson,

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seconded by Manager Rogness, to approve Resolution 19-060: Authorization to Award
 Contract for Website Redesign Consultant. Upon vote, the motion carried, 5-1, with Manager
 Miller voting against the motion. Upon a question from Manager Miller, Ms. Mamayek
 reviewed the next steps and opportunities for Board review in an iterative process.

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Resolution 19-061: Authorization to Execute a Contract with Wenck for Laketown 9th Wetland Equipment Installation, Monitoring and Reporting

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Ms. Janna Jonely appeared before the Board of Managers to review the request for board action. She reviewed the project history which involved a partnership effort to restore a significantly greater area of wetland than required by MCWD Rules, and provided for the MCWD to monitor the site for five years. It was moved by Manager Miller, seconded by Manager Olson, to approve Resolution 19-061: Authorization to Execute a Contract with Wenck for Laketown 9th Wetland Equipment Installation, Monitoring and Reporting. Upon vote, the motion carried, 6-0.

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Resolution 19-062: Authorization to Accept a Conservation Easement at 555 Bushaway Road, Wayzata

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Ms. Tiffany Schaufler appeared before the Board of Managers to review the request for board action. She reviewed the District's land conservation program, and past Board discussion of this opportunity to receive a donated conservation easement. It was moved by Manager Miller, seconded by Manager Rogness to adopt Resolution 19-062: Authorization to Accept a Conservation Easement at 555 Bushaway Road. Mr. David Baer, representative of the property owner, appeared before the Board of Managers. He expressed appreciation for the helpful working relationship with Ms. Schaufler. Upon vote, the motion carried, 6-0.

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113 Resolution 19:063: Authorization to Execute Cooperative Agreement for Wasserman West
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- 116 Ms. Anna Brown appeared before the Board of Managers to review the request for board action.
- She reviewed the history of the project, and recent developments and project planning with the
- 118 City of Victoria. She noted that this project would be a key demonstration of the value of
- integrating land use and water resource planning. It was moved by Manager Olson, seconded by
- 120 Manager Loftus, to adopt Resolution 19-063: Authorization to Execute Cooperative
- 121 Agreement for Wasserman West Lakeside Park. Upon a question from Manager Miller, Ms.
- Brown reviewed the easements that would be retained by the District. *Upon vote, the motion*
- carried, 6-0. Mr. Wisker expressed his thanks to Ms. Brown, President White and Manager
- Olson for their work to advance this project. Manager Hejmadi thanked Ms. Brown for her command of detail and clear presentation.

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129	BOARD DISCUSSION ITEMS
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131	Spring 2019 Water Level Update
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133	Ms. Tiffany Schaufler appeared before the Board of Managers and reviewed the most recent
134	water level and flow monitoring data, and the latest precipitation forecast. She reviewed the
135	national spring flooding outlook and noted that local precipitation year to date is 13.74 inches,
136	which is 5.03 inches over normal. Upon a question from Manager Olson, Ms. Schaufler
137	reviewed that the District has no discretion in the Zone 7 scenario of the Gray's Bay dam
138	operating plan. She noted that the staff will be exploring some potential changes to the operating
139	plan in winter conditions in order to maximize the opportunity to manage flow conditions. The
140	managers thanked Ms. Schaufler for her report.
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142	STAFF UPDATES
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144	Administrator's Report
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146	Mr. Wisker reported that Eric Fieldseth had accepted a position with Carp Solutions to continue
147	his work with invasive species management. He expressed his appreciation for Mr. Fieldseth's
148	service to the District.
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150	Manager Rogness thanked Mr. Wisker for the communications materials on the high water
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153	<u>ADJOURNMENT</u>
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155	There being no further business, the meeting of the Board of Managers was adjourned at 8:36
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