

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

4
5 **May 26, 2022**

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7 **CALL TO ORDER**
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9 The regular meeting of the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District was called to order by
10 President Sherry White at 7:11 p.m. on May 26, 2022. President White noted that this
11 meeting was convened electronically through Zoom, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes
12 13D.021, due to the COVID-19 pandemic and her determination that it is not prudent for
13 the Board of Managers, or any committee thereof, to meet in person, and it is not feasible
14 to provide for any member of the Board, or of the public, to meet at the regular meeting
15 location. For this reason, until this determination is withdrawn by the District’s presiding
16 officer, chief legal counsel or chief administrative officer, the meetings of the Board and
17 its committees will be convened by telephone or other electronic means as the presiding
18 officer determines appropriate. All such meetings will be noticed and conducted in
19 accordance with §13D.021 and all other applicable terms of the Open Meeting Law.
20 President White noted that, pursuant to §13D.021, all votes will be by roll call.

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22 President White called the roll to note attendance:

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24 Hejmadi: Present
25 Loftus: Present
26 Sando: Connected to meeting but unable to use audio or visual to comment or
27 vote due to technical difficulties.
28 Miller: Present
29 Olson: Present
30 Maxwell: Present
31 White: Present
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33 **DISTRICT STAFF AND CONSULTANTS PRESENT**

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35 James Wisker, Administrator; Helen Schnoes, Outreach Manager; Becky Christopher,
36 Policy Planning Manager; Meehan, Consulting Engineer; and Louis Smith, District
37 Counsel.
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39 **MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR**

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41 None.
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44 **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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46 *It was moved by Manager Maxwell, seconded by Manager Loftus to approve the*
47 *Agenda as distributed. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried 6-0-1 as follows:*

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49 Hejmadi: Aye
50 Loftus: Aye
51 Sando: Absent for vote
52 Miller: Aye
53 Olson: Aye
54 Maxwell: Aye
55 White: Aye

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57 **CONSENT AGENDA**

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59 *It was moved by Manager Miller, seconded by Manager Hejmadi, to approve the*
60 *Consent Agenda consisting of approval of the May 12, 2022 Board minutes; the*
61 *General Checking Account consisting of checks 41899 through 41927 in the amount of*
62 *\$251,179.41; electronic funds withdrawals in the amount of \$31,324.84; manager per*
63 *diems and reimbursement direct deposits in the amount of \$1,391.38; employee*
64 *reimbursements - direct deposits in the amount of \$2,518.80; and payroll direct*
65 *deposits in the amount of \$136,618.54; for Total General Checking expenses of*
66 *\$423,032.97; the surety checking account checks 2135 – 2137 and bank service charge*
67 *of \$30.00 for a total of \$11,690.00; the wires check register for payments to Hennepin*
68 *County for debt finance payments 2013B \$53618.75 and 2020A for \$89,500.00 for a*
69 *total of \$143,118.75; and the following resolution:*

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71 *Resolution 22-033: Approval of Employee Sick and Vacation Time Donation Policy*

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73 *NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Minnehaha Creek*
74 *Watershed District Board of Managers hereby adopts the*
75 *MCWD Employee Sick and Vacation Time Donation Policy.*

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77 *Upon roll call vote, the motion carried, 6-0-1 as follows:*

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79 Hejmadi: Aye
80 Loftus: Aye
81 Sando: Absent for vote
82 Miller: Aye
83 Olson: Aye
84 Maxwell: Aye
85 White: Aye

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

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89 Policy and Planning Committee Report: Manager Miller reported that the committee met
90 earlier and received a further briefing on the 2023 budget, along with staff changes and
91 realignment.

92 Citizens Advisory Committee Report: Manager Olson reported that the CAC reviewed
93 the design directions for the updated District website and provided valuable feedback.

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95 President White noted the upcoming meeting schedule set forth in the agenda.

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97 **BOARD DISCUSSION ITEMS**

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99 Design Directions For Updated Website

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101 Ms. Helen Schnoes and Mr. Steve Wright of Love Communications provided a detailed
102 report on the design directions for the updated website. The managers expressed their
103 appreciation for this work. Ms. Schnoes noted that a further report would come in
104 September.

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106 Update on Stakeholder Engagement Plan for Land and Water Partnership Initiative

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108 Ms. Becky Christopher appeared before the Board of Managers and provided a report on
109 the stakeholder engagement plan for the Land and Water Partnership Initiative. The
110 managers thanked Ms. Christopher for her report.

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112 **STAFF UPDATES**

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114 Administrators Report

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116 Mr. Wisker reported on the following items:

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- 118 1. Water levels: Lake Minnetonka is currently at an elevation of 929.1; Minnehaha
119 Creek is currently flowing at 29 cubic feet per second; and precipitation for the
120 year to date is 11.2 inches, 1.6 inches above normal;
- 121 2. The District is continuing to seek approval of its grant application to the
122 Legislative Citizens Commission on Minnesota Resources;
- 123 3. The District will join in a Townhall Meeting about Lake Nokomis water levels on
124 May 31 at 7:30 p.m.;
- 125 4. Mr. Wisker noted the passing of Norm Wenck, the founder and principal of
126 Wenck Engineering, a long-standing advisor to the District.

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130 **Adjournment**

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132 There being no further business, President White declared the meeting of the Board of
133 Managers adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

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135 Respectfully submitted,

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139 Eugene Maxwell, Secretary

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