MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF 1 2 THE MINNEHAHA CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT **BOARD OF MANAGERS** 3 4 5 November 21, 2019 6 7 **CALL TO ORDER** 8 The regular meeting of the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District was called to order by President 9 Sherry White at 7:04 p.m. on November 21, 2019, at the District offices, 15320 Minnetonka 10 Boulevard, Minnetonka, Minnesota. 11 12 13 MANAGERS PRESENT 14 Sherry White, William Olson, Richard Miller, Kurt Rogness, Jessica Loftus, Arun Hejmadi and 15 Eugene Maxwell. 16 **MANAGERS ABSENT** 17 18 19 None. 20 DISTRICT STAFF AND CONSULTANTS PRESENT 21 22 23 James Wisker, Administrator; Chris Meehan, Consulting Engineer; Louis Smith, Counsel. 24 APPROVAL OF AGENDA 25 26 27 It was moved by Manager Miller, seconded by Manager Maxwell to approve the agenda as distributed. Upon vote, the motion carried 7-0. 28 29 30 **CONSENT AGENDA** 31 32 At President White's request, Items 5.1, 6.1 and 6.2 were pulled from the Consent Agenda, as 33 well as a new Item 6.3, Debt Service Payment Approval. It was moved by Manager Olson, seconded by Manager Maxwell, to approve the remaining items on the Consent Agenda 34 consisting of the following resolutions: 35 36 **Resolution 19-098: Amend the Manager Per Diem and Expense Policy and Authorize an Increase in the Manager Per Diem Rate** 37 38 39 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District Board of Managers amends the first sentence in the 40 Manager Per Diem and Expense Policy to read; "Pursuant to Minnesota 41 Statues section 103D.315, subdivision 8, managers are eligible to receive 42 43 compensation of up to \$125 per day" in accordance with Minnesota Statute. 44

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District Board of Managers authorizes the increase in the per diem rate paid to managers in accordance with the above referenced policy to \$125 per day effective January 1, 2020.

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Resolution 19-099: Approve Attendance at 2019 American Geophysical Union Conference

- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District Board of Managers authorize one staff member to attend the 2019 American Geophysical Union conference for a cost not to exceed \$2,200 for registration, travel, and accommodations
- 57 Upon vote, the motion carried, 7-0.

59 **<u>REGULAR AGENDA</u>**

BOARD, COMMITTEE AND TASK FORCE REPORTS

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- 63 <u>President's Report:</u>
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65 President White reported that she recently attended a meeting with Manager Olson and Mr.

66 Wisker to review the District's work with the Carver County Board of Commissioners. She

- 67 noted that approximately \$1.9 million in project funding has been leveraged in Carver County,
- 68 and the commissioners were very pleased with the work of the District. She noted Carver
- 69 County's ongoing interest in inspections for aquatic invasive species, and an upcoming
- 70 stakeholder meeting.
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- 72 Policy and Planning Committee Report
- 7374 Manager Miller reported that the Committee had a presentation and good discussion of the plans

for the responsive model for externally-initiated projects, and the Committee plans for further

- 76 discussion on this topic.
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- 78 Citizens Advisory Committee Report
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80 President White reported that she attended the recent CAC meeting, which included a good

- discussion of the strategic communications insights. She noted the CAC will have ten returning
 members, and the District will be posting for the open positions.
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84 ACTION ITEMS

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- 86 Appoint Representatives for MAWD Annual Meeting
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It was moved by Manager Miller, seconded by Manager Rogness, to appoint Managers White 88 and Olson as the District's delegates to the annual meeting of the Minnesota Association of 89 Watershed Districts. Upon vote, the motion carried, 7-0. 90 91 Approval of the November 7, 2019 Board Minutes 92 93 President White noted that Lines 79-80 should be revised to read, "She also participated as Board 94 95 Liaison with Managers Miller and Loftus on strategic communications planning." It was moved by Manager Miller, seconded by Manager Olson, to approve the Minutes of November 7 with 96 97 this revision. Upon vote, the motion carried, 7-0. 98 Debt Service Payment Approval 99 100 Manager Miller noted a recent meeting that President White, Mr. Wisker, Ms. Reynolds, and he 101 participated in to review the transition to Bremer Bank. He thanked President White for her 102 103 leadership and command of details. Manager Miller recommended that as a part of improving District process and in the interest of transparency, large debt service payments should be 104 approved by Board resolution to document the Board's monitoring of these obligations. He 105 106 noted a payment on the agenda to Hennepin County as one example. It was moved by Manager Miller, seconded by Manager Loftus, to approve the payment of \$854,809.38 to Hennepin 107 County as a lump payment of three bond obligations. Upon vote, the motion carried, 7-0. 108 109 Approval of Check Register 110 111 It was moved by Manager Miller, seconded by Manager Maxwell, to approve the Check 112 Register consisting of checks 40030 through 40071 totaling \$471,726.06; payroll direct 113 deposits totaling \$143,742.32; electronic fund withdrawals- general checking totaling 114 \$33,735.55; wire transfer of \$78,239.49; for total expenses of \$727,443.42; and Surety 115 Account checks 1588 and 1589 totaling \$25,510.00. Upon vote, the motion carried, 7-0. 116 117 **Board Discussion Items** 118 119 Wayzata Lake Effect – Request for Letter of Support 120 121 Mr. Wisker noted that the Wayzata Lake Effect Conservancy has requested the District be 122 included on a letter of support to the Commissioner of the Minnesota Management and Budget, 123 for the City of Wayzata's Lake Effect Project. He reviewed the plans for the Wayzata effort and 124 also noted that the District has been clear about its regulatory role for the project throughout the 125 planning process. President White noted that she had served on the Lake Effect advisory 126 committee, and believed that the proposed letter reflects a partnership and collaborative effort. It 127 128 was moved by Manager Maxwell, seconded by Manager Rogness, to authorize signature of the 129 proposed letter of support. Upon vote, the motion carried, 7-0. 130

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132 <u>MAWD Summer Tour Planning</u>

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134 Mr. Wisker reviewed the initial preliminary plans for the District hosting the Summer Tour of

- the Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts June 17-19, 2020. The managers expressedsupport and appreciation for this planning.
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- 140 <u>Administrator's Report</u>141
- 142 Mr. Wisker reported on the following items:
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 1. The Victoria City Council voted 4-1 to approve the Wasserman Lake Park 60% design, and 90% boardwalk design and authorization to solicit bids for boardwalk construction.
 146 The city will hold a further finance committee meeting to discuss the park budget on November 25, and take up the project again at its December 9 council meeting, so that the Board of Managers will have a clear understanding of the City's actions by its meeting on December 19;
 - 2. Staff is planning a meeting on December 3 to prepare for the 2019 audit.

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154 ADJOURNMENT

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- There being no further business, the meeting of the Board of Managers was adjourned at 8:11p.m.
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- 163 Kurt Rogness, Secretary