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**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

President White proposed to switch the order of Items 12 and 13. *It was moved by Manager Miller, seconded by Manager Hejmadi to approve the Agenda with this change. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried 7-0 as follows:*

- Hejmadi: Aye
- Loftus: Aye
- Rogness: Aye
- Miller: Aye
- Olson: Aye
- Maxwell: Aye
- White: Aye

**CONSENT AGENDA**

*It was moved by Manager Rogness, seconded by Manager Maxwell, to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of approval of the August 27, 2020 Board minutes, and the following resolutions:*

***Resolution 20-068: Authorization to Execute Agreements with Great River Greening for Vegetation Management at Three Sites:***

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District Board of Managers authorizes the Administrator, on the advice of counsel, to execute agreements with Great River Greening to perform vegetation management at the District properties of Broin and Diercks and the conservation easement held over Methodist Hospital and to supply the local cost-share element for that work, not to exceed \$15,000.***

***Resolution 20-069: Selection and Authorization to Contract for Audit Services:***

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District Board of Managers hereby selects Redpath and Company as the audit services provider for fiscal years ending 2020 and 2021. AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District Board of Managers directs the District Administrator to enter into a contract with Redpath and Company with the review and assistance of legal counsel.***

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

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91 Hejmadi: Aye  
92 Loftus: Aye  
93 Rogness: Aye  
94 Miller: Aye  
95 Olson: Aye  
96 Maxwell: Aye  
97 White: Aye

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

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101 President's Report: President White reported that she and Manager Maxwell have  
102 continued their work as liaisons for the 325 Blake Road project, which will be discussed  
103 later in the agenda. She thanked everyone for continuing commitment to the District's  
104 mission through the challenge of COVID-19.

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106 Operations and Programs Committee Report: Manager Loftus reported that the  
107 Committee received detailed briefings from staff on the update of the District web site,  
108 and consideration of strategies for volunteer engagement.

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110 Citizens Advisory Committee Report: Manager Maxwell reported that the recent CAC  
111 meeting included an update on the web site design and a discussion of the CAC's  
112 schedule and strategies to keep members informed of District initiatives.

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

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117 **PERMITS REQUIRING A VARIANCE OR DISCUSSION**

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119 Permit 20-071: 4512 North Avenue, Edina; Resolution 20-062: Adopting Findings and  
120 Denying Floodplain Variance Request for 4512 North Ave, Edina

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122 Mr. Will Roach appeared before the Board of Managers and reviewed the request for  
123 board action. He noted that at the August 13, 2020 board meeting, a motion to adopt the  
124 staff recommendation to deny the requested variance had been tabled. The Board of  
125 Managers had directed the staff to continue discussions with the applicant to seek a  
126 project solution that involved less fill in the floodplain and some compensatory storage  
127 on the site. Mr. Roach noted that the initial proposal involved 24 cubic yards of fill in the  
128 floodplain; staff and the applicant now agreed on a project plan involving 16 cubic yards  
129 of fill, 6.7 cubic yards of compensatory storage on site, and net fill of 9.3 cubic yards.  
130 Staff now recommends approval of this requested variance with the findings and  
131 conditions noted in the staff memorandum, including payment of fees in the amount of  
132 \$2,963.57.

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134 Mr. Matt Pavек, engineer for the applicant appeared before the Board of Managers and  
135 thanked the staff for cooperation, noting that the current proposal is a good solution.  
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137 ***It was moved by Manager Olson, seconded by Manager Maxwell, to take up the***  
138 ***previous motion from the table. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried 7-0 as follows:***  
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140 Hejmadi: Aye  
141 Loftus: Aye  
142 Rogness: Aye  
143 Miller: Aye  
144 Olson: Aye  
145 Maxwell: Aye  
146 White: Aye  
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148 ***It was moved by Manager Rogness, seconded by Manager Hejmadi to amend and***  
149 ***substitute a motion to approve the variance based on the findings and conditions set***  
150 ***forth in the September 10 staff memorandum.***  
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152 Manager Miller stated that care should be taken to avoid downstream impacts from  
153 flooding. Manager Loftus thanked the staff and applicants' representative for working to  
154 minimize fill and maximize compensatory storage on site. Manager Maxwell expressed  
155 his appreciation to the staff in finding an alternative solution.  
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157 ***Upon roll call vote, the motion carried 5-2 as follows:***  
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159 Hejmadi: Aye  
160 Loftus: Aye  
161 Rogness: Aye  
162 Miller: Nay  
163 Olson: Aye  
164 Maxwell: Aye  
165 White: Nay  
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167 ***It was moved by Manager Rogness, seconded by Manager Maxwell to approve Permit***  
168 ***No. 20-071 with the conditions recommended by staff. Upon roll call vote, the motion***  
169 ***carried 5-2 as follows:***  
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171 Hejmadi: Aye  
172 Loftus: Aye  
173 Rogness: Aye  
174 Miller: Nay  
175 Olson: Aye  
176 Maxwell: Aye  
177 White: Nay

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**ACTION ITEMS**

**Adoption of the 2021 Budget and Certification of the 2021 Tax Levy**

Mr. Wisker appeared before the Board of Managers and reviewed the budget process, and the proposed budget of \$14,716,421 of expenditures, supported by a zero increase District levy of \$9,675,993. He noted that no comments were received at the public hearing or since the hearing was held on August 27.

*It was moved by Manager Miller, seconded by Manager Rogness to adopt Resolution 20-070, Adoption of the 2021 Budget and Workplan, and Notice of November 26, 2020 Public Meeting as follows:*

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District Board of Managers hereby adopts the 2021 budget of \$14,716,421, and associated workplans and fund transfers, presented to the Board of September 10, 2020.***

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District Board of Managers hereby announces a public meeting for further comment on the 2021 budget, scheduled for November 19, 2020.***

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

Hejmadi: Aye  
Loftus: Aye  
Rogness: Aye  
Miller: Aye  
Olson: Aye  
Maxwell: Aye  
White: Aye

*It was moved by Manager Miller, seconded by Manager Olson to adopt Resolution 20-071 Adoption of Certified 2021 Tax Levy, as follows:*

***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Secretary, in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, shall certify to the Auditors of Hennepin and Carver Counties, in amounts bearing the same proportion to the total levy as the net tax capacity of the area of county within the watershed bears to the net tax capacity of the entire watershed district, the following sums to be raised by a levy on all taxable property in the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District Number 3 for the year 2021 and the purposes noted below.***

222            ***2021 Levy: \$9,675,993 for the purpose of paying the cost of watershed***  
223            ***management and implementation as provided by Minnesota Statutes Sections***  
224            ***103B.241 and 103B.251.***

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

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228    Hejmadi:        Aye  
229    Loftus:            Aye  
230    Rogness:         Aye  
231    Miller:            Aye  
232    Olson:             Aye  
233    Maxwell:         Aye  
234    White:            Aye

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236    Resolution 20-072: Authorization to Submit a Letter to MPRB Regarding MCWD's  
237    Comments on the Draft Hiawatha Golf Course Area Master Plan

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239    Ms. Tiffany Schaufler appeared before the Board of Managers to review the request for  
240    board action. She reviewed the impact on the golf course from the 2014 flood event, the  
241    water management assessment, and the draft master plan. She noted the District's early  
242    coordination efforts in the master planning process, connection to the Minnehaha Creek  
243    corridor planning through the regional trail master plan, and the identification of the  
244    Hiawatha Golf Course Restoration Project in the District's 10-year capital improvement  
245    program. ***It was moved by Manager Rogness, seconded by Manager Miller to adopt***  
246    ***Resolution 20-072 as follows:***

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248            ***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Minnehaha Creek***  
249            ***Watershed District Board of Managers authorizes the Board President to***  
250            ***submit the attached letter to the MPRB which summarizes MCWD's comments***  
251            ***on the draft Hiawatha Golf Course Master Plan.***

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

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255    Hejmadi:        Aye  
256    Loftus:            Aye  
257    Rogness:         Aye  
258    Miller:            Aye  
259    Olson:             Aye  
260    Maxwell:         Aye  
261    White:            Aye

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266 **STAFF UPDATES**

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268 **Wassermann Lake Preserve Construction Update**

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270 Ms. Anna Brown appeared before the Board of Managers and reviewed the latest  
271 construction activity at the Wassermann Lake Preserve project. The managers thanked  
272 Ms. Brown for this update.

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274 **Administrator's Report**

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276 Mr. Wisker reported on the following items:

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- 278 1. The District is holding first round interviews with applicants for the outreach  
279 manager position;
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  - 281 2. President White, Manager Loftus and Mr. Wisker will be meeting with two  
282 Greenwood City Councilmembers on September 21 to discuss the city's  
283 comments on the District's capital improvement program.
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285 **BOARD DISCUSSION ITEMS**

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287 **325 Blake Road Financial Framework Dynamic Evaluation and Advisory Services**

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289 Mr. Michael Hayman and Mr. Gabe Sherman appeared before the Board of Managers to  
290 provide an update on the financial framework evaluation for the potential redevelopment  
291 of 325 Blake Road. They reviewed the status of the planning process, and the upcoming  
292 feasibility milestone pursuant to the cooperative agreement with the City of Hopkins.

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294 Mr. Jon Commers of Donjek and Ms. Mary Bujold of Maxfield Research and Consulting  
295 provided a brief overview of their work to advise the District on the financial realities of  
296 the site under a variety of market-based development scenarios.

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298 ***It was moved by Manager Maxwell, seconded by Manager Miller to move the meeting***  
299 ***into closed session for the purpose of discussing the development of possible terms of***  
300 ***an offer to sell real property at 325 Blake Road in Hopkins. Upon roll call vote, the***  
301 ***motion carried 7-0 as follows:***

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303 Hejmadi: Aye  
304 Loftus: Aye  
305 Rogness: Aye  
306 Miller: Aye  
307 Olson: Aye  
308 Maxwell: Aye  
309 White: Aye

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310 Whereupon the Board of Managers went into closed session.

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312 The Board of Managers returned to open session.

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314 **Adjournment**

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316 There being no further business, President White declared the meeting of the Board of  
317 Managers adjourned at 9:21 p.m.

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319 Respectfully submitted,

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323 Kurt Rogness, Secretary

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