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**MINUTES OF THE
MINNEHAHA CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING OF**

January 26, 2017

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CALL TO ORDER

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The regular meeting of the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District Board of Managers was called to order by President Sherry White at 6:50 p.m. on January 26, 2017, at the District office, 15320 Minnetonka Boulevard, Minnetonka, Minnesota 55345.

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MANAGERS PRESENT

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Sherry White, Richard Miller, Pamela Blixt, William Olson, Kurt Rogness, Brian Shekleton and William Becker.

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MANAGERS ABSENT

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None.

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DISTRICT STAFF AND CONSULTANTS PRESENT

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Lars Erdahl, Administrator; James Wisker, Planning and Projects Director; Rachel Workin, Permitting Technician; Darren Lochner, Education Program Manager; Louis Smith, District Counsel.

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MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR

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None.

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APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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It was moved by Manager Rogness, seconded by Manager Becker, to approve the agenda as distributed. Upon vote, the motion carried, 7-0.

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CONSENT AGENDA

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Manager Miller requested that item 6.2, Surety Account, and item 6.3, 325 Blake Road checking account be pulled from the Consent Agenda. *It was moved by Manager Becker, seconded by Manager Shekleton, to approve the remaining items on the Consent Agenda as follows: approval of the minutes of the January 12, 2017 meeting; check registers, approval of the general checking account and check numbers, 37203 through 37290 for a total of \$800,856.83; approve payroll direct deposits of \$143,220.49; and approve electronic fund withdrawals totaling \$185,531.58; for total expenses of \$1,129,608.90.*

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48 *Upon on vote, the motion carried, 7-0.*

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50 **REGULAR AGENDA**

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52 **Board, Committee, and Task Force Reports**

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54 President's Report:

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56 President White reported that she attended the recent meeting of the Six Mile/Halsted
57 Bay Partnership meeting. The meeting focused on project development updates, a draft
58 purpose statement, and an overview of the structure of the plan for this subwatershed.

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60 President White also stated that she had been working to prepare the Administrator's
61 performance review.

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63 Metro MAWD:

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65 President White reported that she attended the recent meeting of the Metropolitan
66 Chapter of the Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts. Presentations included the
67 Minnesota Stormwater Research Council, an expression of concerns by the Minnesota
68 Department of Transportation about permitting of highway projects in multiple watershed
69 districts; watershed districts recommended that MN DOT follow the strictest standards;
70 discussion of the most recent buffer map; source water protection grants from the
71 Minnesota Department of Health; and an update on strategic planning for MAWD.

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73 Policy and Planning Committee:

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75 Manager Miller noted that six of the managers had been present at the meeting earlier,
76 with Manager Blixt absent. He noted that the Committee reviewed a complete draft
77 report on the strategic program planning process and preparation for the upcoming board
78 retreat to review these issues in greater detail. He noted that anyone with any questions or
79 suggestions should contact Louis Smith in preparation for the upcoming retreat.

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81 Permits Requiring a Variance or Discussion

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83 Permit 16-631: Woodridge Church, Medina

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85 Ms. Rachel Workin appeared before the Board of Managers noting that the permit
86 application requested a variance from the District's stormwater requirement. Ms. Workin
87 explained that due to site constraints, including poor soil, existing infrastructure, and low
88 grades, the new impervious surface area cannot be routed to a treatment system. Instead,
89 the applicant proposes to direct the runoff from the new impervious surface area into an
90 existing storm sewer system, and that a filtration system sized to provide 1,693 cubic feet

91 of abstraction would be installed to capture runoff from an existing, untreated parking lot
92 that would otherwise drain to the west wetland Ms. Workin explained that the wetlands to
93 the east and west of the site meet and may be reasonably considered the same resource of
94 concern. ***Following discussion, it was moved by manager Olson, seconded by Manager***
95 ***Rogness, to approve the variance for the reasons set forth in the staff report, and***
96 ***approve the permit application with the conditions recommended by staff. Upon vote,***
97 ***the motion carried, 7-0.***
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99 **ACTION ITEMS**

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101 **Resolution 17-006 Renewal of Contract for the Watershed Association Initiative with**
102 **Freshwater Society**

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104 Mr. Darren Lochner appeared before the Board of Managers and reviewed the proposed
105 continued work with the Freshwater Society for the Watershed Association Initiative. He
106 described the program assessment and work of this Initiative over the past 10 years, and
107 then introduced Ms. Jen Kader of the Freshwater Society. Ms. Kader reviewed the past
108 work of the Fresh Water Society and this Initiative, and new focus in continued work to
109 build local capacity, peer to peer learning, and integration and alignment with all MCWD
110 programs. ***It was moved by Manager Becker, seconded by Manager Blixt to adopt***
111 ***Resolution 17-006 authorizing renewal of the contract with the Freshwater Society:***
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113 ***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Minnehaha Creek***
114 ***Watershed District Board of Managers authorizes the District***
115 ***Administrator to enter into a contract not to exceed \$25,000 with***
116 ***Freshwater Society to continue the Watershed Association Initiative;***
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118 ***BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the District Administrator is***
119 ***authorized to sign necessary documents to carry out the Watershed***
120 ***Association Initiative, pending approval of form and execution by the***
121 ***District counsel.***
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123 ***Upon vote, the motion carried, 7-0.***
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125 **Items Removed From Consent Agenda**

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127 **Surety Account and 325 Blake Road Checking Account**

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129 Manager Miller stated that he now had the opportunity to review these items and
130 recommended approval. ***It was moved by Manager Miller, seconded by Manager***
131 ***Shekleton, to approve check numbers 1449 and 1450 totaling \$13,533.15 for the surety***
132 ***account, and acceptance of the 325 Blake Road checking account.***
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134 ***Upon vote, the motion carried 7-0.***

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136 Administrator's Report

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138 Mr. Erdahl reported on the following items:

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- The 2016 Audit is underway;
- The 3rd meeting of the Six Mile/Halsted Bay planning Partnership was convened;
- President White, Manager Olson and Mr. Erdahl also met with the new Mayor of Victoria to discuss this initiative;
- The Board of Water and Soil Resources has approved the extension of the deadline for the District Plan to December 31, 2017;
- The District has prepared a summary of activities to share with legislators;
- The District will host a meeting on the state of the Mississippi River on March 8;
- Staff will hold an annual retreat on February 3;
- Seining of carp on Wasserman Lake was very successful, removing 19,000 pounds today.

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151 **ADJOURNMENT**

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153 There being no further business, the meeting of the Board of Managers adjourned at
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160 Kurt Rogness, Secretary