1	MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF
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3 4	THE MINNEHAHA CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT
5	BOARD OF MANAGERS
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7	July 21, 2016
8 9	CALL TO ODDED
10	CALL TO ORDER
11 12	President Sherry White called the special meeting of the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District Board of Managers to order at 6:45 p.m. at the District offices,
13 14	15320 Minnetonka Boulevard
15	Minnetonka, MN 55345
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17	MANAGERS PRESENT
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19 20	Bill Becker, Bill Olson, Dick Miller, Kurt Rogness, Pam Blixt, and Sherry Davis White.
21 22	MANAGER ABSENT
23 24	Brian Shekleton.
25	MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR
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27	None.
28 29	DISTRICT STAFF AND CONSULTANTS PRESENT
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31	Becky Christopher, Lead Planner-Project Manager;
32	Craig Dawson, Director of Research & Monitoring;
33	Dave Mandt, Director of Operations & Support Services;
34	James Wisker, Director of Planning & Projects;
35	Lars Erdahl, Administrator;
36	Maddie Johnson, Technical Support Services Specialist;
37	Matthew Cook, Planning Assistant;
38 39	Telly Mamayek, Director of Communications & Education.
40	APPROVAL OF AGENDA
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42	Manager Blixt asked to amend the agenda to include her report concerning the July 19 th
43	Metro MAWD meeting. The amended agenda was approved.
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REGULAR AGENDA

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Board, Committee, and Task Force Reports

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- 51 Manager Blixt stated that MAWD provided an update on the results of their Education &
- 52 Training and Strategic Planning online surveys. She noted that Ray Bohn of MAWD
- would be retiring in fall of 2016, and that MAWD was anticipating organizational
- 54 changes associated with Mr. Bohn's retirement. Manager Blixt stated that in September,
- 55 the MAWD Board will discuss dues structure and staffing options for the organization.
- 56 She explained that recommendations concerning structure and staffing would be
- 57 considered at another MAWD meeting in December.

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- 59 Manager Blixt stated that a groundwater study near White Bear Lake was discussed at the
- 60 MAWD meeting. She added that updates were given by representatives from BWSR,
- DNR, PCA, and Met Council. Manager Blixt noted that MDH announced its grant
- 62 program for wellhead protection at the meeting.

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- Manager Blixt stated that the Executive Director of BWSR would be hosting a series of
- listening sessions in the coming weeks. She added that BWSR is holding a number of
- regional workshops to discuss the state buffer law, related policy, and implementation.

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Manager Blixt noted that the Met Council was in the process of digitizing aerial photos from the 1950s in an attempt to make the images publicly available.

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71 Review of Comments on BWSR Buffer Law Policies

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- Ms. Christopher recalled that at the MCWD Board workshop the previous week, the
- Managers discussed the state buffer program and draft policies that are out for comment.
- 75 She explained that the Board had yet to decide on whether or not the District would take
- on an enforcement role as allowed for in the state buffer law, but had until March of 2017
- 77 to make such a determination. Ms. Christopher noted that the Board wished to provide
- 78 comments and request clarification on the exemption of MS4s, regardless of the District's
- 79 eventual role.

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- Ms. Christopher stated that Smith Partners has developed a draft comment letter that
- 82 focuses on policy 3 MS4 exemption. The letter requests clarification regarding the
- 83 following areas:

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- Comments 1 and 2 Meaning of "riparian" protection
- Comments 3, 4, and 5 Meaning of "consistent" riparian protection and how would that be decided
 - Comment 6 Projects with comparable water quality benefit

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- Comment 7 Implications for potential loss of grant eligibility
 - Comment 8 How policies would be applied in the event of a legal dispute, and with what weight

Manager Blixt suggested that staff inquire as to the availability of funding to mitigate costs of local enforcement. Manager White noted that the policies in question do not concern enforcement and enforcement funding. Ms. Christopher added that BWSR is focusing on the application of the law before enforcement matters.

Manager Miller moved and Manager Olson seconded authorization for the District Administrator to submit the comment letter to BWSR. Upon vote, the motion carried 6-0.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the special meeting of the Board of Managers adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

