## Minnehaha Creek Watershed District

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

MEETING DATE:	August 13, 2015						
<b>TITLE</b> : Authoriza Natural Resource		unding thr	ough B\	VSR Clean Wate	er Fund and Hennepin Cou	nty	
RESOLUTION N	<b>UMBER:</b> 15-068						
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REVIEWED BY:	☐Administrator ☐ Board Committee	□ Coun □ Engir		_ 0	r. (Name):		
WORKSHOP AC	TION:						
☐ Advance to Board mtg. Consent Agenda.				☐ Advance to Board meeting for discussion prior to action.			
☐ Refer to a future workshop (date):				☐ Refer to taskforce or committee (date):			
☐ Return to staff for additional work.			☐ No further action requested.				
☑ Other (specify): _Requesting approval on August 13, 2015 Consent Agenda							

#### **PURPOSE or ACTION REQUESTED:**

Authorization to apply for FY 2016 grant funding through BWSR Clean Water Fund Competitive Grant and Hennepin County Natural Resources Grant for the Meadowbrook Golf Course project.

### PROJECT/PROGRAM LOCATION:

Meadowbrook Golf Course - St. Louis Park, Hopkins and Edina

#### **PROJECT TIMELINE:**

BWSR grant applications due August 28, 2015

#### PROJECT/PROGRAM COST:

Estimated project cost - \$2,500,000

#### **PAST BOARD ACTIONS:**

March 12, 2015 – Res. 15-019: Authorization to execute cooperative agreement with MPRB for conceptual planning of improvements to Minnehaha Creek and Meadowbrook Golf Course, and authorization to execute a contract with Wenck Associates for associated professional services

### **SUMMARY:**

Each year, staff evaluates the District's Capital Improvement Plan to determine which projects are well positioned to apply for grant funding. For 2016, staff recommends applying for grant funding for the Meadowbrook Golf Course project through both the Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) Clean Water Fund and Hennepin County Natural Resources Opportunity Grant.

Both grants are available to local government units for projects that protect, enhance, and restore water quality and natural areas. The application period for the BWSR grant closes on August 28, 2015. Applications for the Hennepin County grant are accepted year-round.

Pursuant to the cooperative agreement executed in March 2015, the District and Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) have been working to collaboratively develop a master plan for Minnehaha Creek and Meadowbrook Golf Course to improve flood resilience, golf operations, ecological integrity and connectivity. Project construction is anticipated in 2016.

Staff will coordinate with BWSR, Hennepin County, and the MPRB to draft the applications and determine the amount of funding requested to ensure that the applications are competitive.

# **RESOLUTION**

RESOLUTIO	N NUMBER: <u>15-068</u>						
TITLE:	Authorization to apply for BWSR Clean Water Fund Competitive Grants						
WHERAS,	the MCWD Board requested that they be notified of grant opportunities and, when time allows, authorize staff to apply for grants; and						
WHEREAS,	the Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) offers Clean Water Fund Competitive Grants for projects and practices that protect, enhance, and restore water quality; and						
WHEREAS,	Hennepin County offers Natural Resource Opportunity Grants for projects that improve water quality or preserve, establish or restore natural areas; and						
WHEREAS,	staff has reviewed the District's Capital Improvement Plan for 2016 to determine which projects are eligible for grant funding and recommends applying for grant funds through BWSR and Hennepin County for the Meadowbrook Golf Course project;						
NOW, THERE	EFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District Board of Managers authorizes staff to apply for FY 2016 grant funds through the BWSR Clean Water Fund Competitive Grant and Hennepin County Natural Resource Opportunity Grant for the Meadowbrook Golf Course project.						
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Motion to ado	umber 15-068 was moved by Manager, seconded by Manager  ppt the resolution ayes, nays,abstentions. Date:						
	Date:						
Secretary							