

MEETING DATE: August 13, 2015

TITLE: Authorization to apply for grant funding through BWSR Clean Water Fund and Hennepin County Natural Resources

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 15-068

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REVIEWED BY: Administrator Counsel Program Mgr. (Name): _____
 Board Committee Engineer Other

WORKSHOP ACTION:

<input type="checkbox"/> Advance to Board mtg. Consent Agenda.	<input type="checkbox"/> Advance to Board meeting for discussion prior to action.
<input type="checkbox"/> Refer to a future workshop (date): _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Refer to taskforce or committee (date): _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Return to staff for additional work.	<input type="checkbox"/> No further action requested.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): <u>Requesting approval on August 13, 2015 Consent Agenda</u>	

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.

