

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

February 24, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District was called to order by President Sherry White at 7:00 p.m. on February 24, 2022. President White noted that this meeting was convened electronically through WebEx, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 13D.021, due to the COVID-19 pandemic and her determination that it is not prudent for the Board of Managers, or any committee thereof, to meet in person, and it is not feasible to provide for any member of the Board, or of the public, to meet at the regular meeting location. For this reason, until this determination is withdrawn by the District's presiding officer, chief legal counsel or chief administrative officer, the meetings of the Board and its committees will be convened by telephone or other electronic means as the presiding officer determines appropriate. All such meetings will be noticed and conducted in accordance with §13D.021 and all other applicable terms of the Open Meeting Law. President White noted that, pursuant to §13D.021, all votes will be by roll call.

President White called the roll to note attendance:

Hejmadi:	Present
Loftus:	Present
Sando:	Present
Miller:	Present
Olson:	Present
Maxwell:	Present
White:	Present

DISTRICT STAFF AND CONSULTANTS PRESENT

James Wisker, Administrator; Janna Jonely, Project and Land Management Technician; Michael Hayman, Project Planning Manager; Gabe Sherman, Planner-Project Manager; Chris Meehan, Consulting Engineer; and Louis Smith, District Counsel.

MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR

None.

INFORMATION ITEMS/UPDATES

Ms. Janna Jonely appeared before the Board of Managers to share the news that she had accepted another position with Landbridge Ecological, a local landscape and ecology

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management firm. She expressed her gratitude to the District and the managers thanked her for her service.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved by Manager Olson, seconded by Manager Hejmadi to approve the Agenda as distributed. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried 7-0 as follows:

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

CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Manager Maxwell, seconded by Manager Hejmadi, to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of approval of the February 10, 2022 Board minutes; the General Checking Account consisting of checks 41815 through 41841 in the amount of \$148,759.08; electronic funds withdrawals in the amount of \$28,033.15; manager per diems and reimbursement direct deposits in the amount of \$3,102.41; employee reimbursements - direct deposits in the amount of \$72.30; and payroll direct deposits in the amount of \$153,817.69; for Total General Checking expenses of \$333,784.63; and the surety checking account check 2133 in the amount of \$5,000 and a bank service charge of \$30.00.

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

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

BOARD, COMMITTEE AND TASK FORCE REPORTS

President's Report: President White reported that she recently met with Hennepin County Commissioners Conley and LaTondresse, and met with Managers Miller and Hejmadi for a briefing as Minneapolis liaisons.

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Policy and Planning Committee Report: Manager Miller reported that the committee met earlier and received a staff briefing on the Minnehaha Creek Greenway subwatershed capital improvement plan. The staff presentation facilitated a robust discussion of setting priorities and options for the District's posture in various project opportunities.

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

ACTION ITEMS

Resolution 22-010: Approval of 60% Design for 325 Blake Road Restoration and Redevelopment

Mr. Gabe Sherman appeared before the Board of Managers and reviewed the request for board action. He reviewed the design process and community engagement, including informational sessions and preference surveys, as well as engagement with youth at Hopkins West Junior High School. Mr. Sherman and Mr. Michael Hayman discussed the various components of the project design with the managers.

Following discussion, it was moved by Manager Miller, seconded by Manager Hejmadi to adopt Resolution 22-010 as follows:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District Board of Managers approves the 60% design submittal for the 325 Blake Road Restoration and Redevelopment project produced by HDR, Inc., with Board comments on the 60% design to be incorporated at the 90% design phase.

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

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

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STAFF UPDATES

Administrator's Report

Mr. Wisker reported on the following items:

1. Staff have been participating in professional conferences, including Ms. Kailey Cermak's recent presentation to the American Public Works Association.
2. Staff is working with partner agencies to plan sharing of the white paper on Lake Nokomis area water issues.

Administrator's Annual Performance Review

It was moved by Manager Sando, seconded by Manager Hejmadi to move into closed session for the purpose of discussing the Administrator's annual performance review.

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

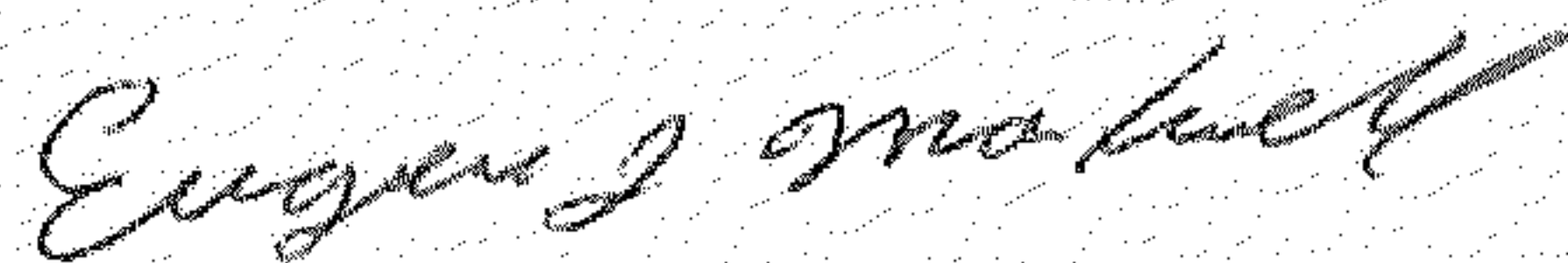
Hejmadi:	Aye
Loftus:	Aye
Sando:	Aye
Miller:	Aye
Olson:	Aye
Maxwell:	Aye
White:	Aye

Whereupon the Board of Managers moved into closed session. The Board of Managers returned to open session.

Adjournment

There being no further business, President White declared the meeting of the Board of Managers adjourned at 10:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Eugene Maxwell, Secretary