

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

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5                                   May 22, 2014  
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7                                   **CALL TO ORDER**  
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9                                   The regular meeting of the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District Board of Managers was  
10                                   called to order by President Sherry White at 6.55 p.m. in the District offices, 15320  
11                                   Minnetonka Boulevard, Minnetonka, Minnesota 55345.  
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13                                   **MANAGERS PRESENT**  
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15                                   Sherry White, Brian Shekleton, Richard Miller, Jeffrey Casale.  
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17                                   **MANAGERS ABSENT**  
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19                                   Pam Blixt, James Calkins, William Olson.  
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21                                   **OTHERS PRESENT**  
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23                                   David Mandt, Interim District Administrator; Renee Clark, District Program Manager;  
24                                   James Wisker, District Director of Planning, Project and Land Conservation Programs;  
25                                   Becky Houdek, District Planning Specialist; Brett Eidem, District Cost Share Specialist;  
26                                   Chris Meehan, District Engineer/Interim Regulatory Manager; Michael Welch, Assistant  
27                                   District Counsel.  
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29                                   **MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR**  
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31                                   Jim Grotz, 5513 Park Place, Edina, appeared before the Board of Managers and stated  
32                                   that he is on record with the Edina City Council representing that builders in the city are  
33                                   ducking watershed permitting requirements and engaging in questionable construction  
34                                   site-management practices that are leading to erosion problems and sedimentation, which  
35                                   may be causing pollution of water resources. Mr. Grotz said that Edina has no civil  
36                                   engineer on staff and is the location of roughly 200 tear down and reconstruction projects  
37                                   each year. Mr. Grotz went on to assert that watershed organizations elsewhere in the  
38                                   metropolitan area are more actively engaged in working with cities to ensure projects are  
39                                   constructed in compliance with watershed rules and best practices for erosion  
40                                   management. He encouraged the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District managers to  
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43                                   James Wisker said that he has been looking into the issues Mr. Grotz describes and stated  
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45                                   District permits and has discovered that some projects triggering District rules appear not  
46                                   to be compliant with District permitting requirements. He said he has been working with