

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

May 26, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District was called to order by President Sherry White at 7:11 p.m. on May 26, 2022. President White noted that this meeting was convened electronically through Zoom, 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 For this reason, until this determination is withdrawn by the District's presiding officer, chief legal counsel or chief administrative officer, the meetings of the Board and its committees will be convened by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:	Connected to meeting but unable to use audio or visual to comment or vote due to technical difficulties.
Miller:	Present
Olson:	Present
Maxwell:	Present
White:	Present

DISTRICT STAFF AND CONSULTANTS PRESENT

James Wisker, Administrator; Helen Schnoes, Outreach Manager; Becky Christopher, Policy Planning Manager; Meehan, Consulting Engineer; and Louis Smith, District Counsel.

MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR

None.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved by Manager Maxwell, seconded by Manager Loftus to approve the Agenda as distributed. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried 6-0-1 as follows:

Hejmadi: Aye
Loftus: Aye
Sando: Absent for vote
Miller: Aye
Olson: Aye
Maxwell: Aye
White: Aye

CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Manager Miller, seconded by Manager Hejmadi, to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of approval of the May 12, 2022 Board minutes; the General Checking Account consisting of checks 41899 through 41927 in the amount of \$251,179.41; electronic funds withdrawals in the amount of \$31,324.84; manager per diems and reimbursement direct deposits in the amount of \$1,391.38; employee reimbursements - direct deposits in the amount of \$2,518.80; and payroll direct deposits in the amount of \$136,618.54; for Total General Checking expenses of \$423,032.97; the surety checking account checks 2135 – 2137 and bank service charge of \$30.00 for a total of \$11,690.00; the wires check register for payments to Hennepin County for debt finance payments 2013B \$53618.75 and 2020A for \$89,500.00 for a total of \$143,118.75; and the following resolution:

Resolution 22-033: Approval of Employee Sick and Vacation Time Donation Policy

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District Board of Managers hereby adopts the MCWD Employee Sick and Vacation Time Donation Policy.

Upon roll call vote, the motion carried, 6-0-1 as follows:

Hejmadi: Aye
Loftus: Aye
Sando: Absent for vote
Miller: Aye
Olson: Aye
Maxwell: Aye
White: Aye

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BOARD, COMMITTEE AND TASK FORCE REPORTS

Policy and Planning Committee Report: Manager Miller reported that the committee met earlier and received a further briefing on the 2023 budget, along with staff changes and realignment.

Citizens Advisory Committee Report: Manager Olson reported that the CAC reviewed the design directions for the updated District website and provided valuable feedback.

President White noted the upcoming meeting schedule set forth in the agenda.

BOARD DISCUSSION ITEMS

Design Directions For Updated Website

Ms. Helen Schnoes and Mr. Steve Wright of Love Communications provided a detailed report on the design directions for the updated website. The managers expressed their appreciation for this work. Ms. Schnoes noted that a further report would come in September.

Update on Stakeholder Engagement Plan for Land and Water Partnership Initiative

Ms. Becky Christopher appeared before the Board of Managers and provided a report on the stakeholder engagement plan for the Land and Water Partnership Initiative. The managers thanked Ms. Christopher for her report.

STAFF UPDATES

Administrators Report

Mr. Wisker reported on the following items:

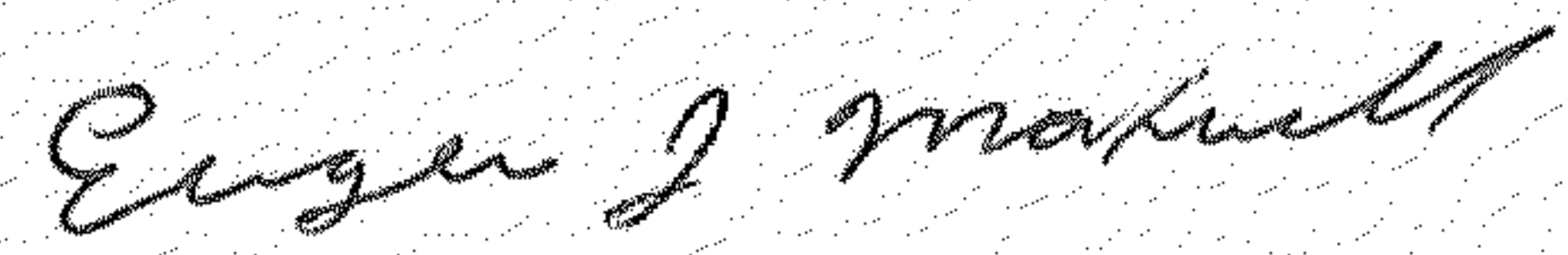
1. Water levels: Lake Minnetonka is currently at an elevation of 929.1; Minnehaha Creek is currently flowing at 29 cubic feet per second; and precipitation for the year to date is 11.2 inches, 1.6 inches above normal;
2. The District is continuing to seek approval of its grant application to the Legislative Citizens Commission on Minnesota Resources;
3. The District will join in a Townhall Meeting about Lake Nokomis water levels on May 31 at 7:30 p.m.;
4. Mr. Wisker noted the passing of Norm Wenck, the founder and principal of Wenck Engineering, a long-standing advisor to the District.

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Adjournment

There being no further business, President White declared the meeting of the Board of Managers adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Eugene Maxwell, Secretary