

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

December 19, 2013

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District Board of Managers was called to order by President Jim Calkins at 6:50 p.m. in the District offices, 15320 Minnetonka Boulevard, Minnetonka, Minnesota 55345.

MANAGERS PRESENT

James Calkins, Richard Miller, Pam Blixt, Sherry Davis White, Jeffrey Casale, William Olson, Brian Shekleton.

MANAGER ABSENT

None.

OTHERS PRESENT

Eric Evenson-Marden, Administrator; Chris Meehan, Interim Regulatory Program Manager, Brandon Wisner, District Technician/ Compliance Officer; James Wisker, Director of Planning, Project and Land Conservation Programs; Michael Panzer, District Engineer; Michael Welch, Assistant District Counsel.

Introduction of New Staff

Brandon Wisner introduced new staff member Amanda Bedner, who has joined the Regulatory Department. The managers welcomed Ms. Bedner.

MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR

Gabriel Jabbour appeared before the managers to present and discuss efforts he has been involved in recently to promote redesigning boats to limit spaces wherein aquatic invasive species (AIS) can reside and proliferate. Mr. Jabbour stated that these efforts are consistent with the drive to shorten inspection times and to curtail the spread of AIS. Mr. Jabbour discussed support he is working to generate for boat redesign with the American Boat and Yacht Council and National Marine Manufacturers Association. He said there is also some discussion of research on a filter on ballasted water that would eliminate AIS. At this point, he says, his report is just an update on these efforts and he encourages the managers to stay tuned for further developments. Manager Olson commented that Mr. Jabbour has been critical in driving forward the idea of redesigning boats to minimize AIS spread. Manager Blixt said that the managers and the District owe Mr. Jabbour a great debt of gratitude for the critical support and efforts he has