



MINNEHAHA CREEK
WATERSHED DISTRICT
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Meeting: Board of Managers
Meeting date: 10/8/2020
Agenda Item #: 11.1
Request for Board Action

Title: Recognition of Hennepin County Commissioner Callison's Service

Resolution number: 20-077

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Recommended action: Adopt the resolution recognizing Commissioner Callison's service

Summary:

Hennepin County Commissioner Jan Callison has announced that she will complete her service upon the fulfillment of her current term.

The attached resolution recognizes Commissioner Callison's service and expresses the appreciation and gratitude of the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District Board of Managers.



RESOLUTION

Resolution number: 20-077

Title: Expressing Appreciation for Service of Hennepin County Commissioner Jan Callison

WHEREAS, Hennepin County Commissioner Jan Callison was first elected in 2008 as commissioner for District 6, the majority of which is located in the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District, and was re-elected in 2012 and 2016, and served as Chair of the Hennepin County Board from 2015-2019; Commissioner Callison has announced that she will complete her service upon the fulfillment of her current term;

WHEREAS, Commissioner Callison has been a steadfast advocate and supporter of watershed districts and watershed management, affirming the value of sound science and the role of watershed districts as a trusted source of scientific data and analyses that provide the foundation for wise decisions; Commissioner Callison affirmed this commitment at the District’s celebration of its 50th anniversary, noting her admiration for the watershed law, which provides for nonpolitical, hydrological jurisdiction and non-elected managers;

WHEREAS, Commissioner Callison, as Chair of the Hennepin County Board in 2014 stood by the authority of the Board of Managers to make central governance decisions, even in the face of controversy; Commissioner Callison has been the only county commissioner to regularly attend District meetings for an annual check-in and report; she has consistently been knowledgeable, a thoughtful and open-minded listener, and willing to offer wise counsel in numerous meetings with other governmental representatives concerning watershed matters;

WHEREAS, Commissioner Callison also served as Chair of Southwest Community Works, where she provided strong leadership and fostered a spirit of partnership among local units of government to pursue successful transit-oriented development for the Southwest Light Rail Transit line; she has been especially supportive of the District’s decision to acquire 325 Blake Road as a site to demonstrate that successful, sustainable, livable communities are built on a foundation of true partnership and integrated planning – planning that recognizes communities as living organisms and takes into balanced consideration all components of the urban ecology;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District Board of Managers hereby expresses its deepest gratitude and appreciation for the service of Commissioner Callison, and wishes her the very best of happiness, health and wellbeing in all of her next pursuits and adventures.

Resolution Number 20- 077 was moved by Manager _____, seconded by Manager _____. Motion to adopt the resolution ___ ayes, ___ nays, ___abstentions. Date: 10-8-20

Secretary Date: _____