



**MINNEHAHA CREEK**  
WATERSHED DISTRICT  
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**Meeting:** Board of Managers  
**Meeting date:** 10/8/2020  
**Agenda Item #:** 12.1  
**Discussion and Request for Board Action**

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**Title:** Appointing Board Liaisons to Public Improvement Project at 325 Blake Road

**Resolution number:** 20-080

**Prepared by:** Name: Manager Richard Miller

**Summary:**

The attached resolution, for Board consideration, designates Managers Loftus, Olson and Rogness to serve as liaisons to the 325 Blake Road Regional Stormwater and Greenway restoration project.



**RESOLUTION**

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WHEREAS, the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District acquired 325 Blake Road in 2011 as a key piece of the Minnehaha Creek Greenway, which will provide 109 acres of a connected corridor of restored creek and habitat through St. Louis Park and Hopkins; the MCWD and other public partners have made substantial investments in the preparation and planning of the site to date; the driving vision of the project is to create a uniquely water-centric redevelopment of a formerly industrialized segment of the Minnehaha Creek corridor; the project will provide layered ecological and societal benefits and will serve as a centerpiece of the larger Minnehaha Creek Greenway restoration;

WHEREAS, the MCWD and the City of Hopkins have entered into a cooperative agreement to guide the coordinated planning, improvements and redevelopment of the site, focusing on approximately 11-13 acres for transformation into a transit-oriented neighborhood; the MCWD will retain ownership of approximately four – six acres to treat polluted stormwater that flows into the creek from approximately 270 acres of surrounding area and to restore more than 1,000 feet of creek frontage; the MCWD is combining the planning for this later portion of the site with three accompanying parcels bordering the creek for the 325 Blake Road Regional Stormwater and Greenway and Cottageville Park Phase II Riparian Restoration Project; this project the construction of stormwater facilities, open space amenities, stream and riparian restoration and a trail network;

WHEREAS, the Board of Managers has appointed President White and Manager Maxwell to serve as liaisons to the City of Hopkins to promote strong alignment of purpose and coordination with the City of Hopkins in the potential redevelopment of the 11-13 acre portion of the site designated for redevelopment; given the substantial investment in the public improvements to the four – six acre portion of the site, along with three neighboring parcels, it would be productive and helpful for designated managers to serve as liaisons for the public improvement project so as to assure strong policy alignment in project planning, design and implementation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District Board of Managers hereby designates Managers Olson, Rogness and Loftus to serve as liaisons to the 325 Blake Road Regional Stormwater and Greenway and Cottageville Park Phase II Riparian Restoration Project; these three managers will be available to meet with staff on key phases of the project and report to the Board of Managers with recommendations on critical milestones or policy questions that arise in project planning, design, or implementation.

Resolution Number 20- 080 was moved by Manager \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by Manager \_\_\_\_\_. Motion to adopt the resolution \_\_\_ ayes, \_\_\_ nays, \_\_\_ abstentions. Date: 10-8-20

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Secretary Date: \_\_\_\_\_