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3 **MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF**  
4 **THE MINNEHAHA CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT**  
5 **BOARD OF MANAGERS**  
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7 **March 12, 2015**  
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9 **CALL TO ORDER**

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11 The regular meeting of the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District Board of Managers was called  
12 to order by President Sherry White at 6:45 p.m. at the District offices, 15320 Minnetonka  
13 Boulevard, Minnetonka, Minnesota 55345.  
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15 **MANAGERS PRESENT**

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17 Sherry Davis White, Brian Shekleton, Richard Miller, Jeff Casale, Jim Calkins, and William  
18 Olson.  
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20 **MANAGERS ABSENT**

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22 Pam Blixt.  
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24 **OTHERS PRESENT**

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26 Lars Erdahl, District Administrator, James Wisker, District Planning and Projects Director,  
27 David Mandt, District Operations and Support Services Director; Telly Mamayek, District  
28 Communications and Education Director; Michael Hayman, District Planner-Project Manager;  
29 Craig Dawson, District Research and Monitoring Director; Eric Fieldseth, District AIS Program  
30 Manager; Kelly Dooley, District Water Quality Manager; Darren Lochner, District Education  
31 Program Manager; Chris Meehan, District Consulting Engineers and Louis Smith, District  
32 Counsel.  
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34 **MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR**

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36 None.  
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38 **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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40 *It was moved by Manager Miller, seconded by Manager Casale, to approve the agenda as*  
41 *distributed. It was moved by Manager Shekleton, seconded by Manager Miller, to amend the*  
42 *agenda to add Item 10.6, Correspondence from Hennepin County Board Chair. Upon vote, the*  
43 *motion on the amendment carried, 6-0. Upon vote, the motion to adopt the agenda as amended*  
44 *carried, 6-0.*  
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47 **CONSENT AGENDA**

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49 *It was moved by Manager Miller, seconded by Manager Calkins, to approve the consent*  
50 *agenda, consisting of the minutes of February 26, 2015. Upon vote, the motion carried, 6-0.*  
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52 **REGULAR AGENDA**

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54 **BOARD, COMMITTEE, AND TASK FORCE REPORTS**

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56 President White reported on her attendance at a meeting for the kickoff of the District's  
57 Comprehensive Planning Process on March 3; testifying before the Minnesota House  
58 Environment and Natural Resources Committee concerning Aquatic Invasive Species on March  
59 5; a meeting with the Victoria City Council on March 9; and a meeting about gardening for water  
60 quality with the Wild One's organization on March 11.

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62 Manager Olson reported on the meeting of the Operations and Planning Committee that included  
63 discussion of cost share for a Nokomis project, boat inspections for aquatic invasive species,  
64 agreements with the Freshwater Scientific and Bluewater Science on testing for aquatic invasive  
65 species, and grant opportunities.

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67 Manager Casale reported on the Citizens Advisory Committee which included consideration of  
68 cost share grants, an update on the comprehensive planning process and the CAC's role in that  
69 process; and outreach to developers and cities for early engagement in this planning process.

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71 President White noted upcoming meetings would include a meeting of the Executive Committee  
72 on March 26 and a meeting of the Metropolitan Chapter of the Minnesota Association of  
73 Watershed Districts on April 21.

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75 **Public Hearings and Presentations: Six Mile Creek Carp Assessment Annual Report**

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77 Mr. James Wisker appeared before the Board of Managers and reviewed the District's efforts in  
78 the Six Mile Creek Subwatershed. He explained that as part of understanding the external and  
79 internal nutrient loading in this subwatershed, the staff has identified carp as a potential problem  
80 warranting further investigation. Mr. Eric Fieldseth appeared before the Board of Managers and  
81 explained the annual carp assessment performed by the University of Minnesota, which began in  
82 June 2014 and includes results through February 2015. Mr. Fieldseth introduced Dr. Peter  
83 Sorensen, Justine Koch and Reid Swanson from the University of Minnesota to present the  
84 report.

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86 Ms. Koch presented the findings from the carp assessment, with key information including that  
87 there are multiply subpopulations or management units of the carp in the Six Mile Creek  
88 Subwatershed; there is variable abundance and biomass at the various lakes assessed; there are  
89 winter aggregations in most lakes; and juvenile carp are restricted to just a few locations and a  
90 few year classes. Ms. Koch stated that these early findings suggest that there is a way forward to

91 manage and reduce the carp population in this subwatershed. The managers thanked Dr.  
92 Sorensen, Ms. Koch, and Mr. Swanson for this report.

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94 Resolution to Accept 2014 MCWD Brand Manual Updates

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96 Ms. Telly Mamayek appeared before the Board of Managers and reviewed proposed changes to  
97 the District Brand Manual. *Following discussion, it was moved by Manager Casale, seconded  
98 by Manager Calkins, to advance approval of the resolution to the March 26 consent agenda.  
99 Upon vote, the motion carried, 6-0.*

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101 Resolution to Authorize Agreement with Terramark

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103 Ms. Telly Mamayek and Mr. Darren Lochner appeared before the Board of Managers to review a  
104 proposed contract with Terramark for the Development of a continuing education course for  
105 realtors on the role of property owners in protecting water quality. Ms. Mamayek explained that  
106 this concept is part of supporting the District's Balance Urban Ecology policy framework. Mr.  
107 Mark Kaltsas of Terramark appeared before the Board of Managers and reviewed the process for  
108 developing this continuing education course. *Following discussion, it was moved by Manager  
109 Casale, seconded by Manager Miller, to place approval of this resolution on the consent  
110 agenda of the March 26 Board meeting. Upon vote, the motion carried, 6-0.*

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112 Resolution to Award Contract for 2015 Stormwater Pond Sediment Surveys

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114 Ms. Laura Domyancich appeared before the Board of Managers and reviewed the request for  
115 board action. *Following discussion, it was moved by Manager Shekleton, seconded by  
116 Manager White, to place approval of this resolution on the consent agenda for the March 26  
117 Board meeting.* Manager Calkins asked about the role of stormwater utilities and the questions  
118 of fairness for taxpayers in the maintenance of stormwater ponds. Ms. Domyancich explained  
119 that these proposed surveys are only of ponds constructed by the District. *Upon vote, the motion  
120 carried, 6-0.*

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122 Resolution to Authorize Cooperative Agreement with the Minneapolis Park and Recreation  
123 Board for Meadowbrook Golf Course

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125 Mr. James Wisker appeared before the Board of Managers and reviewed the request for board  
126 action to authorize a cooperative agreement with the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board for  
127 conceptual planning of improvements to Minnehaha Creek and the Meadowbrook Golf Course.  
128 He noted that the request also included authorization to execute a contract with Wenck  
129 Associates for related professional services. Mr. Wisker introduced Mr. Michael Schroeder of  
130 the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board who expressed his appreciation for this cooperative  
131 undertaking.

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133 *Following discussion, it was moved by Manager Miller, seconded by Manager Shekleton, to  
134 adopt resolution 15-019, authorizing the execution of a cooperative agreement with the*

135 ***Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board for a conceptual planning of improvements to***  
136 ***Minnehaha Creek and Meadowbrook Gold Course, and authorization to execute a contract***  
137 ***with Wenck Associates for associated professional services. Upon vote the motion carried 6-0.***  
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139 **BOARD DISCUSSION ITEMS**

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141 **Amendment of Work Plan on Lake Nokomis Water Quality Improvement Efforts: 2015**  
142 **Bio-manipulation Project**

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144 Ms. Kelly Dooley appeared before the Board of Managers and reviewed the request for board  
145 action. She explained that a carp survey conducted in August 2014 on Lake Nokomis revealed a  
146 significant carp population which threatens the ecological sustainability of the lake. This  
147 information caused the staff to recommend shifting away from walleye stocking to management  
148 of carp. Accordingly, the staff has amended the proposed work plan.

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150 ***Following discussion, it was moved by Manager Olson, seconded by Manager Shekleton, to***  
151 ***place acceptance of the amended work plan on the consent agenda of the March 26 board***  
152 ***meeting. Upon vote, the motion carried, 6-0.***

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154 **Correspondence from Hennepin County Board Chair**

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156 Manager Shekleton referred to correspondence received from Commissioner Jan Callison, Chair  
157 of the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners, responding to actions and correspondence by  
158 Managers Blixt and Olson. ***It was moved by Manager Shekleton, seconded by Manager Miller,***  
159 ***to accept this correspondence and refer it to the Executive Committee for guidance and***  
160 ***response. Upon vote, the motion carried, 6-0.***

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162 **Administrator's Report**

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164 Mr. Erdahl reported that the staff is reviewing public notice procedures and will bring  
165 recommendations to the April workshop. He noted a request for information about the District's  
166 multiyear capital improvement program and reported that this is typically revised in June of each  
167 year and will be presented at this year's May workshop meeting.

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169 Mr. Erdahl reported that he met recently with a number of representatives from various cities in  
170 the District, including Edina, Medina, Victoria, Hopkins, and Minnetonka. He also attended the  
171 Association of District Administrators events with the Minnesota Association of Watershed  
172 Districts. He noted a great deal of appreciation for the work the District is doing on aquatic  
173 invasive species.

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175 Mr. Erdahl also congratulated the District staff on a thorough and clean report from the District  
176 audit. He noted that the audit report is being finalized and will be presented to the Board of  
177 Managers at its next meeting. Finally, Mr. Erdahl noted an upcoming event on Lake Minnetonka  
178 sponsored by the Lake Minnetonka Conservation District on March 19.

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179 **ADJOURNMENT**

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181 There being no further business, the regular meeting of the Board of Managers was adjourned at  
182 8:24 p.m.

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184 Respectfully submitted,

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188 Jeffery Casale

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