

45 **Resolution 20-001: Appointment of the 2020 Depository of District Funds**

46 *NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Minnehaha Creek*
47 *Watershed District Board of Managers hereby names Bremer Bank as the 2020*
48 *official depository of District funds.*

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50 **Resolution 20-002: Approval of the 2020 District Official Newspaper**

51 *NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Minnehaha Creek*
52 *Watershed District Board of Managers hereby names the Star Tribune as the*
53 *official newspaper of the District for 2020.*

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55 **Resolution 20-003: Approval of the 2020 Fee Schedule**

56 *NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Minnehaha Creek*
57 *Watershed District Board of Managers hereby approves the following 2020 fee*
58 *schedule.*

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60 **2020 District Fee Schedule**

61	<i>District professional staff*</i>	<i>\$ 65.51</i>
62	<i>District administrative staff*</i>	<i>\$ 46.69</i>
63	<i>Consulting Engineer/Technician</i>	<i>\$ Contracted Rate</i>
64	<i>District Counsel</i>	<i>\$ Contracted Rate</i>
65	<i>Permit Application Fee</i>	<i>\$ 10.00</i>
66	<i>B&W Copy Costs (8/12 x 11 page)</i>	<i>\$ 0.25 + actual staff time</i>
67	<i>Color Copy (8 1/2 x 11 page)</i>	<i>\$ 1.00 +actual staff time</i>
68	<i>Electronic Records</i>	<i>\$ cost of production</i>

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70 *District expenses for postage, mailing labels, contracted services, and other*
71 *miscellaneous services will be billed at cost. The “Application Fee” applies to*
72 *all permits, including fast track permits.*

73 **Blended/burdened professional rate.*

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75 **Resolution 20-004: Authorization to Close Alerus Bank Accounts**

76 *NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Minnehaha Creek*
77 *Watershed District Board of Managers hereby authorizes staff to close the four*
78 *accounts maintained at Alerus bank when all checks and obligations clear the*
79 *accounts and zero balances are achieved. The four accounts authorized to be*
80 *closed are:*

- 81 • *Surety Savings (3370)*
- 82 • *Surety Checking (7509)*
- 83 • *General Fund Checking (8557)*
- 84 • *ICS Sweep General Fund (8557)*

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86 **Resolution 20-005: Authorization to Execute a Contract for Government Relations Services**

87 *NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Minnehaha Creek*
88 *Watershed District Board of Managers hereby selects Joel Carlson as the*

89 *government relations consultant and authorizes the District Administrator to*
90 *execute a contract with an termination date of December 31, 2022, on advice of*
91 *counsel and with any non-material changes, for government relations services*
92 *on retainer for an annual amount not to exceed \$28,000 or \$56,000 for the term*
93 *of the contract.*

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95 *Upon vote, the motion carried, 7-0.*

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97 **REGULAR AGENDA**

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99 **Board, Committee and Task Force Reports**

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101 President White reported that she, James Wisker, and Michael Hayman met with
102 Hennepin County Commissioner Marion Greene and Commissioner Jan Callison to
103 discuss planning for disposition of 325 Blake Road. The meeting went very well.

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105 Manager Loftus reported from the meeting of the Operations and Programs Committee
106 earlier in the evening, noting that the committee also received a report on the plan for
107 disposition of the District's property at 325 Blake Road, as well as a report on the
108 interpretive plan for Wasserman Lake Park.

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110 President White stated that the upcoming schedule of meetings is as noted in the agenda
111 and that Manager Olson is the liaison for the next Citizens Advisory Committee meeting.
112 Manager Hejmadi will be attending the next Metro Minnesota Association of Watershed
113 Districts meeting.

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115 **Action Items**

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117 **Election of Board Officers and Appointment of Committee Assignments**

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119 *Manager Miller moved and Manager Maxwell seconded the nomination of Sherry*
120 *White as president. Upon vote, the motion carried 7-0.*

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122 *Manager Miller moved and Manager Maxwell seconded nomination of Manager*
123 *Olson as vice president. Upon vote, the motion carried 7-0.*

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125 *Manager Miller moved and Manager White seconded nomination of Manager Loftus*
126 *as treasurer. Upon vote, the motion carried 7-0.*

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128 *Manager Miller moved and Manager Maxwell seconded nomination of Manager*
129 *Rogness to continue to serve as secretary. Upon vote, the motion carried 7-0.*

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131 Big Island Nature Park Improvement Update

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133 Janna Jonely and Laura Domyancich presented an update emanating from the 80 percent
134 plans for the upgrade and improvement of Big Island Nature Park. Ms. Jonely started
135 with some history of the District's involvement in the property, noting that the District
136 purchased a conservation easement on Big Island in 2006 that is has owned ever since.
137 She stated that the District's involvement in the redevelopment planning and
138 implementation currently being pursued is under the District's project maintenance and
139 land management program. Ms. Jonely reviewed the 80 percent design plans, noting that
140 in the natural area of the park Americans With Disability Act-compliant trails would be
141 constructed. No trees would be removed. Removable bollards would be installed to
142 prevent vehicle access to the natural area. She said signs in the area would be replaced
143 and provided an example of the type of signage that would be installed. In the
144 recreational area of the park she stated that an ADA trail would be installed and signage
145 would be upgraded. She also said that one or two vault toilets would be installed. A shade
146 structure is planned, with a picnic table underneath. In response to a question from
147 Manager Maxwell, she stated that the picnic table will be made of concrete and therefore
148 will not be movable.

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150 She concluded by advising that staff will document the District's feedback to the City of
151 Orono on these 80 percent plans and provide it to the City for its review. Then, when the
152 95 percent plans are completed, staff will again conduct an analysis and provide a report
153 to the managers in early February. She stated that the project will go to the Orono City
154 Council for approval on February 24.

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156 Administrator's Report

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158 James Wisker stated that Manager Miller has obtained a number of copies of a City of Edina
159 magazine that has a very nice article about Arden Park that includes numerous quotes from Ms.
160 Domyancich. He stated that in September of last fall Ms. Domyancich briefed the board on the
161 drawdown of the stormwater facilities in the park. Those facilities remain off line but have
162 received some sediment from the construction activities. Wenck is preparing a plan for removing
163 the sediment.

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165 He reported that the Gray's Bay dam was closed December 23, which is the latest that it has ever
166 been closed. He said that Tiffany Schaufler is working with city and county staff and others on
167 preparing an analysis of spring flooding risk. He said that he and President White will be
168 meeting with Hennepin County Commissioner Irene Fernando to provide her with an update on
169 District's programs and projects. He said that the City of Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board
170 is conducting next week citizen advisory committee meeting number 11 for the Minnehaha
171 Parkway redesign and reconstruction; this is meant to be the final such meeting.

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173 Mr. Wisker reported that he and Tiffany Schaufler are presenting to the City of St. Louis Park on
174 January 28 from 6 to 8p.m. on the Twin Lakes area and the District's involvement in

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175 management of that resource. He said neighbors around Twin Lakes have concerns about lily
176 pads, which inhibit recreational use. Options for management will be discussed. Finally, Mr.
177 Wisker reported that Ms. Schaufler is presenting as part of the climate adaptation conference
178 January 22.

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180 **Adjournment**

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182 There being no further business, the meeting of the Board of Managers adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

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184 Respectfully submitted,

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