

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

4
5 **July 14, 2022**

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7 **CALL TO ORDER**

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9 The regular meeting of the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District was called to order by
10 President Sherry White at 7:24 p.m. on July 14, 2022.

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12 **MANAGERS PRESENT**

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14 Sherry White, William Olson, Jessica Loftus, Eugene Maxwell, Richard Miller, and
15 Stephen Sando.

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17 **MANAGER ABSENT**

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19 Arun Hejmadi.

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21 **DISTRICT STAFF AND CONSULTANTS PRESENT**

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23 James Wisker, Administrator; Michael Hayman, Project Planning Manager; Chris
24 Meehan, District Consulting Engineer; and Louis Smith, District Counsel.

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26 **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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28 *It was moved by Manager Olson, seconded by Manager Sando to approve the Agenda*
29 *as distributed. Upon vote, the motion carried 5-0 (Manager Hejmadi absent from*
30 *meeting and Manager Maxwell absent from this vote, arriving 7:25 p.m.).*

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32 **MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR**

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34 None.

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36 **INFORMATION ITEMS/CORRESPONDENCE**

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38 President White acknowledged that the new outreach engagement coordinator Samantha
39 Maul, and the new planner-project managers Michelle Lincoln and Daniel Mock were
40 introduced earlier at the Operations and Programs Committee meeting.

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42 **CONSENT AGENDA**

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44 *It was moved by Manager Miller, seconded by Manager Olson, to approve the items on*
45 *the Consent Agenda consisting of approval of the June 23, 2022, Board meeting*
46 *minutes, and the following resolution:*

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Resolution 22- 041: Approve Programmatic Maintenance Agreement with the City of Tonka Bay:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District Board of Managers hereby authorizes the Board President, on advice of counsel, to execute a programmatic maintenance agreement with the City of Tonka Bay.

Upon vote, the motion carried 6-0.

BOARD, COMMITTEE AND TASK FORCE REPORTS

President’s Report: President White reported that she was pleased to execute the documents for the closing of the first phase of the 325 Blake Road transaction with Alatus.

Operations and Programs Committee Report: Manager Loftus reported that the Committee received another briefing on the 2023 annual budget and levy. A 2% levy increase will be proposed and considered at the public hearing on August 22. The Committee also received a staff briefing on the revised draft of the capital improvement plan (CIP) and initial work on multi-year CIP and budget forecasting.

Upcoming Meeting and Event Schedule: President White directed the managers to the meetings listed on the agenda.

ACTION ITEMS

Resolution 22-042: Authorization to distribute Capital Improvement Plan for annual review and comment

Mr. Michael Hayman appeared before the Board of Managers to present the request for board action, noting that he was standing in for Anna Brown, who was unable to attend the meeting. He reviewed the purpose of the annual update to the multi-year CIP, and the value of annual community input.

It was moved by Manager Miller, seconded by Manager Maxwell to adopt Resolution 22-042 as follows:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District Board of Managers authorizes staff to distribute the Draft CIP for 30-day review and comment.

90 Manager Maxwell asked whether there are proactive steps undertaken for outreach to
91 cities for feedback on the CIP. Mr. Hayman affirmed that such steps are being taken in
92 conjunction with the Land & Water Partnership program. President White commented
93 that she liked the new materials for outreach to communities.

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95 *There being no further discussion, upon vote, the motion carried 6-0 (Manager*
96 *Hejmadi absent).*

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98 **STAFF UPDATES**

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100 **Administrator's Report**

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102 Mr. Wisker reported on the following items:

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104 1. The draft annual budget will be shared with the upcoming meeting of the Citizens
105 Advisory Committee for review and comment.

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107 2. Water levels are declining and will likely continue to do so due to below normal
108 precipitation. Lake Minnetonka is at 928.72, near the runout elevation, and the
109 control structure is open, releasing at 12 cubic feet per second. Minnehaha Creek
110 is flowing at Hiawatha at 12 cubic feet per second. Staff will likely close the
111 Gray's Bay control structure next week.

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113 3. Staff have received positive comments on the Land & Water Partnership Initiative
114 mailing sent last week.

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116 4. MCWD received two recent collaboration requests, one concerning a possible
117 study of wake boats, and other concerning carp management. Staff will evaluate
118 these requests and report back to the Board on any significant developments.

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120 **Adjournment**

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122 There being no further business, President White declared the meeting of the Board of
123 Managers adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

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125 Respectfully submitted,

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129 Eugene Maxwell, Secretary