



47 **CONSENT AGENDA**

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49 Manager White listed the items on the consent agenda. Michael Welch stated that the  
50 District Governance Manual is on the consent agenda for approval shows changes made  
51 pursuant to board direction. The policies also include changes that respond specifically to  
52 new legislation or other updated information. He said the resolution rescinds any policies  
53 not included in the manual, including the Communications Policy, the principal  
54 components of which have been integrated into the Governance Policies. *Manager*  
55 *Miller moved, seconded by Manager Calkins, to approve the consent agenda,*  
56 *consisting of approval of the November 13, 2014, minutes of the meeting of the Board*  
57 *of Managers; approval of the check register for the surety account and the general*  
58 *checking account, the latter including checks 35041 through 35134 for a total of*  
59 *\$548,203.63, payroll direct deposits totaling \$211,349.89 and electronic fund*  
60 *withdrawals totaling \$842,830.02 for a total expense amount for the period October 24*  
61 *through November 2, 2014 of \$1,602,383.54; acceptance of the 325 Blake Road*  
62 *checking account report; and adoption of the following:*

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64 **Resolution 14-094, Authorization to Demolish Identified Structures at 8251 State**  
65 **Highway No. 7, Minnetrista**

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67 *NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Minnehaha Creek*  
68 *Watershed District Board of Managers hereby awards the demolition contract*  
69 *to Dale's Contracting in the amount of \$12,500 and authorizes the Interim*  
70 *Administrator to execute a construction contract for the demolition and site*  
71 *restoration; and*

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73 *BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED, that the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District*  
74 *Board of Managers authorize the Interim Administrator, on advice from*  
75 *District Counsel to take all actions required to accomplish demolition and*  
76 *removal of identified structures at 8251 State Hwy No. 7, Minnetrista,*  
77 *including, but not limited to, entering into agreement(s) and expenditure of*  
78 *funds with a total not-to-exceed amount of \$13,750.*

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80 **Resolution 14-096, Authorization to contract with Wenck Associates, Inc. for**  
81 **Consulting Services for the Ecosystem Evaluation Program for January 1, 2015 –**  
82 **June 30, 2016**

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84 *NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the MCWD Board of Managers*  
85 *authorize the District Administrator to execute a contract with Wenck*  
86 *Associates, Inc. for the development of the Ecosystem Evaluation Program for*  
87 *January 1, 2015-June 30, 2016 not to exceed \$230,000.*

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89 **Resolution 14-090, Authorization to Renew the Contract with Freshwater Society**  
90 **for the Watershed Association Initiative**

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***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District Board of Managers authorizes the District Administrator to enter into a contract not to exceed \$31,500 with Freshwater Society to continue the Watershed Association Initiative;***

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District Board of Managers authorizes the District Administrator to reimburse funds, not to exceed a total of \$5,000 to citizen groups according to the parameters set in the Watershed Association Initiative Mini Grant Program;***

***BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the District Administrator is authorized to sign necessary documents to carry out the Watershed Association Initiative, pending approval of form and execution by the District counsel.***

**Resolution 14-097, Board of Managers Action on Video Taping of Board Meetings**

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District Board of Managers approve the recommendation to begin videotaping Board Meetings in December of 2014 by using the You Tube option for a cost not to exceed \$5,500 and then evaluate the process as part of the 2015 workplan and budget process.***

**Resolution 14-098, Building Project Close out and Remaining Issue Delegation**

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District Board of Managers approve the closeout of the Building Project and that the remaining work to be delegated to the Acting District Administrator, upon recommendation from the Owners Representative, to complete the remaining building issues including the authorization of the expenditures from the contingency fund.***

**Resolution 14-099, Adoption of Update Amendments to District Governance Policies and Comprehensive Governance Manual**

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District Board of Managers adopts the attached policies, as amended, and Governance Manual, and consolidates any and all District governance materials therein and rescinds adoption of any board governance documents not included therein; directs the District administrator to ensure the manual is maintained, updated in accordance with its terms and applicable state law and readily available to District managers, staff and consultants;***

134           ***THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Managers***  
135           ***directs the administrator, on advice of counsel, to make such administrative***  
136           ***changes as necessary to finalize the manual and to take such further steps***  
137           ***necessary and required to comply with state law governing the filing, review***  
138           ***and approval of District governance documents and schedules.***  
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140           **Resolution 14-091, Authorization to Terminate Contract with Barr Engineering for**  
141           **Professional Services to Develop Interpretive Signage for the Reach 20 Education**  
142           **Area**

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144           ***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Minnehaha Creek***  
145           ***Watershed District Board of Managers authorizes the District Administrator to***  
146           ***terminate a contract with Barr Engineering for professional services to develop***  
147           ***interpretive signage for the Reach 20 education area.***  
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149           **Resolution 14-092, Authorization to Execute Contract with DogTooth Design for**  
150           **Professional Services to Develop Interpretive Signage for the Reach 20 Education**  
151           **Area**

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153           ***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Minnehaha Creek***  
154           ***Watershed District Board of Managers authorizes the District Administrator to***  
155           ***execute a contract for professional design services with DogTooth Design for***  
156           ***an amount not-to-exceed \$12,400 to develop interpretive signage for the Reach***  
157           ***20 education area.***  
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159           ***Upon vote, the motion carried 6-0.***

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161           **REGULAR AGENDA**

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

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165           Manager White reported that the 2015 meeting schedule included in the packet is for the  
166           managers' review and consideration; the schedule will be finalized and approved in  
167           December. Manager White noted that there are three months in which there is a fifth  
168           Thursday in 2015 and these could be used for board retreats. Manager Blixt stated that it  
169           is important to have the Legislative Committee meet in time for the Minnesota  
170           Association of Watershed Districts' legislative meeting in the early spring.

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172           Manager White reviewed the upcoming meeting and event schedule, noting no changes  
173           to the schedule included in the agenda.  
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175 **Public Hearings and Presentations**

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177 **Public Comment Period on Purpose Budget and Levy**

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179 Jeff Spartz stated that the managers have a couple of options with regard to the budget  
180 and levy. If there are no comments this evening from the public, the managers could go  
181 ahead with the budget and levy as finalized in September. If there are comments, the  
182 managers could adopt a revised resolution lowering the levy at a meeting in December. In  
183 response to questions from the managers, Mr. Spartz noted that the public comment  
184 opportunity has been on the District agenda since early November. In response to a  
185 question from Manager Blixt, Mr. Welch explained that the public comment period has  
186 been added to the District's annual schedule to respond to a change to the Truth in  
187 Taxation Law. The District finalized its budget and levy in September in accordance with  
188 watershed law, and if no further action is taken to lower the levy, that is the levy that will  
189 be implemented by the counties. Manager Blixt wondered whether the public has an  
190 expectation of an opportunity to comment on the budget and levy. Mr. Welch stated that  
191 since this is a new requirement and a new aspect of state law, it may be that the public  
192 has not yet developed an expectation that it would apply to watershed districts.

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194 There were no public comments on the District's budget and levy.

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196 **Action Items**

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198 **Reach 14 Construction Contract**

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200 Laura Domyancich explained to the Board of Managers that because of the very high  
201 water along the creek in the summer of 2014, many of the plants the District planted as  
202 part of the Reach 14 stabilization project did not survive. She stated that the project  
203 contingency budget was sufficient to provide for emergency reseeding in October, but  
204 additional funds are needed to grow replacement plants over the winter for planting in the  
205 spring. She said there also will be additional mobilization costs because Minnesota  
206 Native Landscapes, which is under contract to the District for the work on Reach 14, will  
207 need to get back out to the site in the spring. She said the item is on for action tonight  
208 because Minnesota Native Landscapes would like to start growing plants to maturity for  
209 better survival rates in the spring. ***Manager Shekleton moved, seconded by Manager  
210 Miller, to adopt Resolution 14-093, authorizing the administration to execute an  
211 amendment to the construction contract with Minnesota Native Landscapes for the  
212 Reach 14 Streambank Stabilization project for a total not to exceed \$58,576, and to  
213 establish an additional construction budget in the amount of \$64,434. Upon vote, the  
214 motion carried, 6-0.***

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216 **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

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218 Arden Park Neighborhood Partnership Proposal

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220 Becky Christopher presented a discussion of a funding opportunity in the Arden Park  
221 neighborhood in Edina. Ms. Christopher explained that the city adopted a policy in 2013  
222 of balancing the needs of motorists, bicyclists, pedestrians and transit riders to provide  
223 general improvements to safety and community. She stated that as part of the  
224 reconstruction of the streets in the area, the city has an opportunity to install some  
225 significant stormwater management features. The work could result in a total of 14 acre  
226 feet of retained stormwater, reduction of 11.6 pounds of phosphorous in runoff and  
227 reduction of 6,538 pounds of total suspended solids. She stated that the project, because it  
228 reduces street widths throughout the area, is not subject to the District's stormwater rule.  
229 She explained the three elements of the project: a subsurface infiltration trench under  
230 Halifax Avenue, a new and innovative pervious paver system in Jay Place, and the  
231 placement of sump manholes at three different locations within the neighborhood. She  
232 said this would all be in addition to the improved stormwater management resulting from  
233 the city's reduction of the road widths.

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235 Ms. Christopher said that if the managers favor the concept, staff will return with further  
236 details, including a proposed not-to-exceed amount of cost-share funding. That amount,  
237 she said, would be reduced if the Clean Water Legacy grant funding that the city and  
238 District applied for comes through. She explained that the city will hold a hearing on the  
239 overall project prior to review by the District's Citizens Advisory Committee on  
240 December 10. She anticipated that the project could come back to the managers for a  
241 public hearing, consistent with District policy and state law and approval of funding in  
242 January. She added that the District will know whether or not state grant funding has  
243 been received at the end of January, and the work should be implemented in summer  
244 2015.

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246 Manager Miller stated that he is impressed with the way staff has been able to engage  
247 citizens in the project and notes that this area flows directly to the creek, therefore he  
248 supports the request. In response to a question from Manager Miller, Ms. Christopher  
249 stated that District staff is anticipating a request for funding of 50 percent of the project  
250 costs, roughly \$88,000. If the Clean Water Legacy grant is received, that request would  
251 be diminished. In response to questions from Manager Blixt about long-term  
252 maintenance of the features, Ms. Christopher and Mr. Welch explained that with any  
253 agreement to provide cost-share funding, the District incorporates maintenance  
254 requirements in the funding agreement. In response to a question from Manager Calkins,  
255 Ms. Christopher stated that not all of the infrastructure in the area will need to be  
256 reconstructed, and she will have to follow up with city staff to determine exactly how  
257 much of the area will be included. In response to a further question from Manager  
258 Calkins, Ms. Christopher stated that the District and city looked at options for using  
259 public space adjacent to the creek for additional stormwater treatment, but high

260 groundwater in the area is a limiting factor. Manager Calkins stated that he believes the  
261 project presents an opportunity to maximize stormwater management in this area.  
262 ***Manager Miller moved, seconded by Manager Casale, to direct staff to prepare and***  
263 ***present a request for funding for the Arden Park neighborhood project.*** In response to a  
264 question from Manager Blixt about sidewalks in the redevelopment, Mr. Welch noted  
265 that sidewalks bordered downgradient by pervious surfaces are exempt from the  
266 District's stormwater rule. ***Upon vote, the motion carried 6-0.***

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268 Presbyterian Homes – Wayzata Bay Center

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270 James Wisker and Chris Meehan appeared before the Board of Managers with John  
271 Mehrkens of Presbyterian Homes to review the history and present future plans for the  
272 redevelopment of the Wayzata Bay Center area for purposes of possible District cost-  
273 share funding. Mr. Wisker reviewed the history of the redevelopment plans and  
274 implementation of those plans at the property on Superior Boulevard in Wayzata. He  
275 stated that Gleason Creek, which runs through the area, has long been encased in an  
276 underground pipe. The Presbyterian Homes organization and its designer, LHB  
277 architects, approached the District in 2007 with a concept for managing the entirety of the  
278 100-year storm event on site through implementation of variety of best management  
279 practices. The Wayzata City Council approved the plan implementing this concept under  
280 planned unit development approval at the time.

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282 The site proved to be more challenging than anticipated, with subsidence issues, high  
283 groundwater and historic wetland deposits. Presbyterian Homes engaged a number of  
284 entities, including District staff, in a peer review of plans and all parties involved agreed  
285 that management of the 100-year storm was not feasible, and the one-year storm was  
286 probably more realistic. Three basins were proposed to handle the bulk of the stormwater  
287 management. As the project progress, the stormwater pond in the southeast corner of the  
288 area was reintegrated into the plans, consistent with city approval.

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290 The District sent a letter to Presbyterian Homes and LHB indicating that the project was  
291 consistent with the District's low-impact development cost share-funding program in  
292 September 2011, and the board reviewed the project at a meeting in April 2012. The  
293 board directed that cost-share funding be allocated for the project, contingent on review  
294 by the Citizens Advisory Committee and finalization by the Board of Managers in light  
295 of that review. The project and funding proposal, however, have not come back to the  
296 board until tonight.

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298 An agreement for funding was never entered and the developers went ahead with phases I  
299 and II of the redevelopment. Phase III, Mr. Wisker explained, has not yet commenced.  
300 He added that the portions of the redevelopment that have been completed to date include  
301 a number of practices consistent with the District's interest in innovative approaches to  
302 stormwater management, including the integration of a geothermal system for melting  
303 snow along with infiltration galleries and a pretreatment vault. Mr. Wisker showed

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304 pictures of a number of the stormwater features on the property during construction. In  
305 response to questions from the managers, Mr. Wisker stated that the filtration system  
306 implemented along Mill Street in the redevelopment is approximately 40 by 200 feet and  
307 receives runoff from a 5-acre catchment. The facility is constructed over engineered fill.  
308 Mr. Wisker pointed out that the east block pond included in the project plans will be  
309 underground and will take 10 acres of stormwater runoff. The project also includes green  
310 roofs and the geothermal system for melting snow reduces contribution of chloride to  
311 Wayzata Bay and subsequently Minnehaha Creek. Mr. Wisker stated that the project  
312 exemplifies the District's holistic approach to water quality improvement.

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314 Mr. Wisker stated that at the April 2012 meeting, the managers approved \$585,000 in  
315 funding for phase I, then amended the motion to include funding up to \$1 million over  
316 two years for the first two phases contingent on CAC review. The CAC raised questions  
317 with regard to the financing of the project. Mr. Wisker stated that for reasons that he is  
318 not entirely clear on, the project was never brought back to the board for review again  
319 after April 2012.

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321 Mr. Mehrkens stated that he agreed with Mr. Wisker's description of the events. He  
322 stated that at the meeting in April 2012 pursuant to the board direction, the CAC was  
323 disappointed that the 100-year storm event would not be treated and expressed some lack  
324 of confidence that the second and third phases of the project would happen. Presbyterian  
325 Homes decided to go ahead with the first phase to show its dedication to the project.

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327 In response to a question from Manager Miller, Mr. Wisker confirmed that the project has  
328 not been reviewed by the board since 2012 and that the applicant only raised the idea of  
329 funding again after it had started the second phase. At that time, Presbyterian Homes  
330 discussed options for funding with Steve Christopher and Eric Evenson-Marden, both of  
331 whom are no longer with the District. In response to the meeting with District staff, the  
332 Presbyterian Homes folks dedicated some space in the redevelopment project to  
333 education and demonstration of the stormwater facilities, and made space available for  
334 meetings and other educational forums about stormwater management. In September  
335 2013, Mr. Mehrkens reported, he received a letter stating that the project was no longer  
336 eligible for funding from the District. After several months staff responded to inquires  
337 about why the project was not eligible for funding any more with an indication that staff  
338 was re-reviewing the project for possible funding. Mr. Mehrkens stated that Presbyterian  
339 Homes meanwhile went ahead and started the second phase of the project.

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341 Mr. Wisker stated that when the matter was brought to him, he met with the District  
342 engineer, Chris Meehan, to analyze the performance of the stormwater-management  
343 system against requirements in the Stormwater Management Rule that the District  
344 updated in June 2011. Mr. Wisker said that the stormwater management performance was  
345 not a factor in the city's approval of the PUD for the redevelopment. He said that the city  
346 exercises sole regulatory authority for stormwater, but that under the city council's  
347 approval of the project, stormwater management specifics in keeping with city code were



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348 left to staff. He said that the requirement was 60 to 65 percent phosphorus removal from  
349 all new hard cover. In other words, the city ordinances did not require anything beyond  
350 the District's rule.

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352 Mr. Wisker stated that tonight staff would like direction from the managers on where to  
353 go with a proposal for District funding of the project. He said the District's low impact  
354 development program is structured to reimburse partners for prospective work once that  
355 work is completed. He said that the phase III work Presbyterian Homes is to undertake  
356 will provide 0.6 pounds of phosphorus removal beyond what would be required under the  
357 District rule, along with 0.9 pounds per year of phosphorus reduction from runoff from  
358 off-site. The project would also reduce chloride in runoff and provide volume  
359 management. Mr. Wisker stated that staff reviewed prior LID funding projects and found  
360 that generally the District has paid around \$50,000 a pound for phosphorus removal. Mr.  
361 Wisker added that if the District funded the future work at the Wayzata Bay Center  
362 redevelopment, it would achieve this \$50,000 per pound phosphorus removal rate, at a  
363 funding level of \$125,000 to \$135,000. Mr. Wisker emphasized that he is looking  
364 primarily for direction from the managers as to whether they wish to fund only future  
365 work and also whether they want to look at analysis beyond dollars per pounds of  
366 phosphorus removal in considering funding of the work. He added that whatever the  
367 board's direction, staff's next step will be to refine the recommendation and analysis and  
368 present a draft resolution for funding work on the project. In keeping with District policy  
369 and state law on cost-share funding, the District will need to notice and conduct a public  
370 hearing because the proposed funding exceeds \$50,000, so the earliest the matter could  
371 be undertaken again would be at the December 18 meeting.

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373 Mr. Meehan stated that in the interest of full disclosure he wished to notify the managers  
374 that Norm Wenck from Wenck Associates is likely to be appointed to the Presbyterian  
375 Homes board in January.

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377 Manager Miller stated that he is more excited than ever about the project and believes  
378 that the work completed already has accomplished more than the managers even  
379 anticipated or expected. He said that while District dedication of funding to phases I and  
380 II would appear to be retroactive, he noted that the Board of Managers actually approved  
381 funding several years ago. In response to a question from Manager Casale, Mr. Wisker  
382 stated that the District stormwater rule was revised and updated in June 2011. He does  
383 not know, however, when the city last updated its relevant ordinances.

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385 In response to a question from Manager Blixt about the basis for past District dedications  
386 of funding under the LID program, Mr. Wisker explained that the basis for awards has  
387 been something of a moving target. Manager Blixt noted that consideration should be  
388 given to the precedent that would be set by the funding the District provides to the  
389 already constructed portions of this particular project, if any. Manager Shekleton stated  
390 that his view is the board's intent with regard to this project in 2012 was clear and he  
391 does not wish to ignore the April 2012 motion. He said he is willing to fund up to 50

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392 percent of the phase II work done. Manager Miller stated that there were technical issues  
393 that created problems in the history of this project and the reality is that there was no  
394 agreement to provide funding. He said the project is complicated and includes many  
395 elements, none of which were brought to the board after the April 2012 meeting. He does  
396 not wish to be reckless with funding, but believes the District has obligations that should  
397 be honored. In response to a question from Manager Calkins, Mr. Meehan said that the  
398 project will provide 1.55-acre feet of retention on site, above the 1.2 acre feet that would  
399 be required under the District rule. He said that the filtration system counts toward  
400 volume reduction at a 50 percent rate, per the District rule. Manager Calkins notes that  
401 the chloride reduction achieved is terrific, but it is not a benefit to the creek because the  
402 runoff enters the lake too far away from the creek. But, he said, it does serve well as a  
403 demonstration. He also said that he wants staff to look into pursuing movie theater  
404 trailers as an option for education on the project. He expressed interest in seeing some  
405 data on how the District has valued phosphorus reduction, and wants the analysis coming  
406 back to the board to recognize that the education and demonstration values of a project go  
407 away over time. Finally, he noted that while green roofs are valuable to developers, they  
408 really don't provide substantial water quality improvement.

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410 Manager Casale said that he noted the 2012 approval was based on the board's  
411 understanding that the 100-year stormwater event would be retained on the property, but  
412 nonetheless he supports staff working with the applicant to put together a proposal that  
413 acknowledges all of the work completed on the Wayzata Bay Center redevelopment.  
414 Manager Blixt agreed. She wants to see a very strong statement supporting the District's  
415 commitment of funding, including the identification and analysis of what elements of the  
416 project go above and beyond District regulatory requirements. Manager Miller said staff  
417 also should account for offsite drainage treated on the site. Mr. Wisker noted that the  
418 offsite drainage management on this property was required by the city. Manager  
419 Shekleton noted the importance of the minutes of the April 2012 meeting at which the  
420 project was discussed and directed staff to ensure that that discussion and those minutes  
421 are included in the record supporting the forthcoming proposal. Manager Calkins  
422 encouraged staff to work with Presbyterian Homes to look at the treatment of stormwater  
423 from the neighborhood to the north and opportunities in Superior Street for additional  
424 stormwater management.

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426 In response to a request from Mr. Wisker, Manager Miller said he'd be willing to approve  
427 up to \$585,000 for the project. Mr. Mehrkens stated that Presbyterian Homes could  
428 structure the reimbursement over two years, if that helps. ***Manager Miller moved,***  
429 ***seconded by Managers Shekleton, to direct staff to prepare a recommendation and***  
430 ***resolution consistent with the board discussion for consideration at a future meeting.***  
431 ***Upon vote, the motion carried 6-0.***  
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433 Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts Resolutions

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435 Manager White said that four resolutions have been advanced with recommendations  
436 from the MAWD Resolutions/Policy Committee for consideration at the MAWD  
437 conference the first week of December. She wanted the managers to weigh in on the  
438 resolutions.

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440 The first, sponsored by the Prior Lake-Spring Lake Watershed District, seeks support for  
441 PLSLWD's efforts to seek funding to cover costs to repair flood damage to the Prior  
442 Lake channel and outlet that are not covered by federal dollars. Manager Calkins said that  
443 he served on the MAWD resolutions committee, and noted that PLSLWD also would  
444 contribute funding for the repairs. The managers expressed support for the resolution.

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446 Another resolution from PLSLWD would require the Department of Natural Resources to  
447 issue a license and assign more than one commercial fisherman per lake to remove carp.  
448 The managers expressed interest in the proposed action, but wanted its delegates to the  
449 conference to hear from DNR on the underlying policy.

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451 Manager White said the third resolution directs MAWD to work more closely with  
452 districts in developing and implementing a legislative agenda, with accompanying social  
453 media strategy. The managers concurred that the approach is logical.

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455 Finally, the Sauk River Watershed District is seeking support for a resolution to allow a  
456 reduction in property valuation for the purposes of taxation for conservation restriction  
457 and water-quality easements. The managers noted some confusion in the wording of the  
458 summary of the resolution, but supported the intent as they understand it.

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460 Manager Calkins said two other resolutions came late to the committee – one regarding  
461 appointments to watershed district boards and another on leasing of lands purchased with  
462 bond obligation dollars – and will be discussed at the conference.

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464 Manager Blixt, White, Miller and Calkins indicated that they would be attending the  
465 conference. ***Manager White moved, seconded by Manager Shekleton, to authorize  
466 Managers White and Blixt as delegates from the District to the conference, with  
467 Managers Olson and Miller as alternates. Upon vote, the motion carried 6-0.***

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469 STAFF UPDATES

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471 Administrator's Report

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473 Mr. Spartz stated that in cooperation with the Department of Natural Resources, the  
474 District is seeking a permit from the Environmental Protection Agency to use potassium  
475 chloride in Christmas Lake to control zebra mussels. In its possible that the potassium

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476 chloride will need to be applied through the ice, but staff and DNR are confident it will  
477 work.

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479 Mr. Spartz introduced a memo, responding to a recent email sent to staff by Manager  
480 Blixt, before providing the memo to the managers. He reviewed the memo, concluding  
481 with his strong recommendation that the managers take affirmative steps to resolve the  
482 rifts among board members related to the dismissal of the former administrator. **Manager**  
483 **Shekleton moved, seconded by Manager Miller, to hire the Office of Collaboration and**  
484 **Dispute Resolution to develop a list of recommended mediators for the District.** The  
485 managers discussed the cost that would be allocated for the work, agreeing that between  
486 \$5,000 and \$10,000 has been previously identified. In response to a question from  
487 Manager Blixt about whether mediation with the Citizens Advisory Committee also  
488 would be included, the makers of the motion indicated that they did not intend to include  
489 that in the motion. The managers agreed that the scope is to identify the issues that need  
490 to be resolved among the managers and identify mediator candidates. Mr. Spartz  
491 recommended that if the board wishes to work with the CAC, it undertake that separately  
492 from their work with the mediator on board issues. **Upon vote, the motion carried 5-1,**  
493 **Manager Calkins voting against.**

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495 **ADJOURNMENT**

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497 There being no further business, the regular meeting of the Minnehaha Creek Watershed  
498 District Board of Managers adjourned at 9:09 p.m.

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500 Respectfully submitted,

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505 Jeff Casale

506 Secretary

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