

MEETING DATE: May 9, 2016

TITLE: Authorization to Hire Joel Carlson for District Lobbyist in 2016-2017

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 16-045

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REVIEWED BY: Administrator Counsel Program Mgr. (Name): _____
 Board Committee Engineer Other

WORKSHOP ACTION:

<input type="checkbox"/> Advance to Board mtg. Consent Agenda.	<input type="checkbox"/> Advance to Board meeting for discussion prior to action.
<input type="checkbox"/> Refer to a future workshop (date): _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Refer to taskforce or committee (date): _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Return to staff for additional work.	<input type="checkbox"/> No further action requested.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): <u>Approval</u>	

PURPOSE or ACTION REQUESTED:

Approve the selection of Joel Carlson to provide Lobbyist services to the MCWD for 2016-2017

SUMMARY:

Under Minnesota Statute 103B, the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District, is required to conduct a bi-annual review of its need for Government Relations services and the most effective way of meeting those needs.

A Request for Qualifications (RFQ) that described the role of Lobbyist (Government Relations) for the District and the scope of services was prepared and posted on our website. A notice was published in the newspaper.

Joel Carlson was the only one to respond to our RFQ; he has also been representing the District in Government Relations since 1995. Staff recommends continuing with Joel Carlson as the District's Lobbyist.

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WHEREAS, every two years Minnesota Statutes require watershed districts to review and appoint consultant Government Relations service providers; and

WHEREAS, a Request for Qualifications for consultant Government Relations and Lobbyist was duly noticed, sent to qualified firms in the Metropolitan area and posted to the District's website; and

WHEREAS, a Statement of Qualifications was received from Joel Carlson; and

WHEREAS, the Board of managers received copies of all documents submitted for the RFQ to review; and

WHEREAS, Staff reviewed the Statements of Qualifications received and recommend selection of Joel Carlson; and

WHEREAS, Joel Carlson has provided the MCWD with excellent Lobbyist services since 1995; and

WHEREAS, Joel Carlson is fully qualified to provide the Government Relations and Lobbyist services needed by the MCWD; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District Board of Managers; hereby appoints Joel Carlson to represent the District in Government Relations as the Lobbyist for MCWD for 2016 -2017.

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED, that the District Administrator is authorized to negotiate and execute the Government Relations agreement.

Resolution Number 16-XXX was moved by Manager _____, seconded by Manager _____.
Motion to adopt the resolution ___ ayes, ___ nays, ___ abstentions. Date: _____.

Secretary

Date: _____