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# RCWD BOARD OF MANAGERS WORKSHOP

**Monday, August 7, 2023, 9:00 a.m.**

**Rice Creek Watershed District Conference Room  
4325 Pheasant Ridge Drive NE, Suite 611, Blaine, Minnesota**

**or via Zoom Meeting:**

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## Agenda

### ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION (times are estimates only)

- 9:00 Budget, Property Market Value, & Levy Discussion
- 10:00 RCWD 2024 Draft Budget
- 11:00 RCWD- Minnesota Watersheds (MnWDs) Draft Resolution
- 11:30 MOBI Trac Sale Update
- Administrator Updates (If Any)

10:00 RCWD 2024 Draft Budget



## MEMORANDUM

### Rice Creek Watershed District

**Date:** August 2, 2023  
**To:** RCWD Board of Managers  
**From:** Nick Tomczik, Administrator  
**Subject:** RCWD 2024 Draft Budget

#### Introduction

The RCWD Board each year considers a draft District budget for the coming calendar year.

#### Background

Board meetings this year have included staff presentations and Board discussions on key components of the developing a Draft 2024 Budget (Budget); the Budget is written in consideration of those items. The Budget continues established District programs and includes planned projects. Staff have worked to provide an overall Budget which is transparent and clear with intended spending to meet District goals.

The total Budget is \$8.3 million, and the 2024 fund allocations are found on page 1 of the Budget. The details of the individual funds may be found on pages 5 through 13 of the budget attachment.

The general highlights for the Budget funds are as follows:

- Each Fund has a "00" sub-fund for general administration. These funds address the administrative needs of the fund program itself as well as the shared budget efforts of the District, such as rent. This year includes the funds for vehicle replacement/maintenance, continuation of human resource consultant services, completion of office cube space, includes all current district staff positions and implementation of the organizational chart's two additional staff positions.
- Fund 30 Communication and Outreach and its sub-funds focuses to address more outreach partnerships, such as requests to fund school projects and outreach components, a reduction in funding of the Minnesota Water Stewards Program, continuation of the Mini Grant Program, ensuring proper social media practices, and any necessary Watershed Management Plan (WMP) updates along with engineering support.
- Fund 35 Information Management and its sub-funds concludes the district boundary investigation and adjustment, annual maintenance and updating of the District Wide Model Project (DWMP), flood study assistance to cities, maintenance and upgrades of MS4Front database software, GIS informational tools maintenance and updating, and annual website hosting and maintenance.
- Fund 60 Restoration Projects and its sub-funds plan implementation of an in lake treatment for Centerville Lake, Clearwater Creek stabilization assessment, Committed \$100,000 match to the City of Fridley's Moore Lake project, Committed \$25,000 Storm Water Management (SW Mgmt) Grant U22-04 Bald Eagle Blvd SAFL, Hwy 61 pond retrofit study, Committed \$100,000 SW Mgmt Grant U22-02 New Brighton Flood mitigation, RCD 2, 3, & 5 project's further development of Hansen Park and Jones Lake project components, continuation of SW Mgmt Cost Share

## MEMORANDUM

### Rice Creek Watershed District

Program, Clear Lake shoreline stabilization project, stormwater planning opportunities, Hugo SW Reuse study, and municipal Capital Investment Project coordination.

- Fund 70 Regulatory and its sub-funds continues the regulatory permit program, provides for review and consideration of rule revision and associated guidance, assessment of fee/surety schedule effectiveness, continuation to address unresolved permit project, and county conservation district inspection service contracts.
- Fund 80 Ditch & Creek Maintenance and its sub-funds advances maintenance efforts for Anoka County Ditch 10-22-32 north of Pine St, Washington Judicial Ditch 2 west of Hwy 61 downstream/south of Cty Rd 4 to 165th Avenue, Ramsey Cty Ditch 1 historical review, Anoka County Ditch 53-62 Branch 5 & 6 plans and permitting, Clearwater Creek / Judicial Ditch 3 stabilization study, Ramsey County Ditch 4 Repair project, municipal partnership maintenance work, provides the opportunity potential participation in natural waterway management, public drainage system maintenance on Washington Judicial Ditch 5 and Washington Judicial Ditch 7, as needed ditch studies and reports, Anoka Washington Judicial Ditch 3 Branch 1, 2, & 4 repair, Anoka Washington Judicial Ditch 4 storage development, Anoka County Ditch 53-62 main trunk repair follow up, and Water Management District administration.
- Fund 90 Lake & Stream Management and its sub-funds includes inflation adjustment for the water quality grant county conservation district services, surface water monitoring including a new water quality monitoring database, continuation of the common carp management program as well as the curly leaf pondweed management program.
- Fund 95 District Facilities and its sub-funds address repair needs for the middle Rice Creek Meander facility, continue the District's inspection, operation and maintenance of facilities and provides for other potential repairs and decommission of select facilities.
- Fund 99 Project Anticipation has no budgeted expenditures.

The Budget, \$8.3 million, is currently close to the amount of the 2023 budget. At this time in development of the Budget, the District's fund balance remains sufficient at the close of 2024 to meet the 40% operating reserve fund balance policy, support the restricted funds deficit, address the committed and project anticipation fund needs of the District with a remaining \$2.6 million assigned fund balance. This balance is sufficient for a currently proposed 2024 fund balance spending of approximately \$1.6 million (\$2.1 million – 2023).

The Board should consider the levy implications to property holders. This information should be available soon. However anecdotally given the recent property value market and developing properties on the urban fringe, the resulting levy would seem likely to be flat or declining. The calculus for the Budget's impact on property owners has been challenging being allocated across four counties. There may be some minor increases or decreases in the estimated tax rate within certain counties or municipalities, or on specific parcels, as local market value adjustments can vary significantly from year to year. This is beyond the District's control. In general, property market values have continued to increase over the preceding year and so the proposed Budget will yield an increase in revenue from property tax commensurate with the increase in overall market value within the District. The overall market value across the District is pending release and staff's compilation. (Each individual properties' tax amount within the District is dependent on numerous factors (county, value change, other taxing authorities, etc.) and best assessed under broad conditions.)

**MEMORANDUM**  
**Rice Creek Watershed District**



The District has traditionally utilized both Mn Statute 103B and 103D as the foundation of its budget. Historically when there was just 103D, metropolitan watershed districts needed to utilize all of the various limited 103D levy authorities. The enactment of 103B provided metropolitan watershed districts under Mn Statute 103B.241 unlimited levy authority. The District should consider altering its customary levy structure (both 103B & 103D) and move to a single levy under Mn Statute 103B.241.

Mn Statute 103B.241 states “...to pay the increased costs of preparing a plan under sections 103B.231 and 103B.235 or for projects identified in an approved and adopted plan necessary to implement the purposes of section 103B.201.”

District counsel guides that in this sentence, “projects” has a broad meaning, referencing anything encompassed within the WMP. All watershed district work has its foundation in its WMP, this unlimited levy can be used for everything a watershed district spends money on. Therefore, there is only a need for a 103B.241 levy.

**Request for Board Discussion**

Staff requests Board discussion on the Budget, satisfaction with the Budget line items; use of fund balance and proposed establishment solely under Mn Statute 103B.241.

**Attachment**

Draft 2024 Budget (Budget)

## RCWD Proposed 2024 Budget

Fund No. & Sub-Account	Name	Classification of District Funds	2023 Budget	Projected 2023 Expenditures	Proposed 2024 Budget
<b>10</b>	<b>General Administration</b>	<b>40% Cash Flow Reserve</b>	<b>\$ 505,680</b>	<b>\$ 479,790</b>	<b>\$ 523,535</b>
	Salaries, Taxes, PERA, HSA, Benefits, Office Expenses		\$ 505,680	\$ 479,790	\$ 523,535
<b>30</b>	<b>Communication &amp; Outreach</b>		<b>\$ 231,081</b>	<b>\$ 223,081</b>	<b>\$ 254,068</b>
	Salaries, Taxes, PERA, Benefits, Office Expenses Etc.	<b>40% Cash Flow Reserve</b>	\$ 152,081	\$ 144,081	\$ 171,068
-02	Watershed Communication & Outreach		\$ 11,000	\$ 11,000	\$ 15,000
-03	Minnesota Water Steward Program		\$ 19,000	\$ 19,000	\$ 15,000
-04	Outreach Partnerships		\$ 28,000	\$ 28,000	\$ 32,000
-05	Mini-Grants Program		\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000
-06	Engineering & Technical Support		\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000
-08	Watershed Plan Maintenance		\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
<b>35</b>	<b>Information Management</b>		<b>\$ 317,679</b>	<b>\$ 308,752</b>	<b>\$ 271,146</b>
	Salaries, Taxes, PERA, Benefits, Office Expenses Etc.	<b>40% Cash Flow Reserve</b>	\$ 137,679	\$ 128,752	\$ 156,146
-03	Boundary Management Program		\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 5,000
-04	District Wide Model		\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000
-05	Databases (MS4 Front, Drainage DB), GIS Viewer		\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000	\$ 65,000
-15	District Website		\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 5,000
<b>60</b>	<b>Restoration Projects</b>		<b>\$ 2,037,423</b>	<b>\$ 1,153,380</b>	<b>\$ 2,165,193</b>
	Salaries, Taxes, PERA, Benefits, Office Expenses Etc.	<b>40% Cash Flow Reserve</b>	\$ 295,634	\$ 255,172	\$ 381,404
-01	Anoka Chain of Lakes Water Management Project		\$ 150,000	\$ 139,781	\$ 300,000
-02	Lower Rice Creek WMD (IDLE)	Restricted	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
-03	Lower Rice Creek Water Management Project		\$ 150,000	\$ 140,000	\$ 175,000
-04	Middle Rice Creek Water Management Project		\$ 50,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000
-05	Bald Eagle Lake WMD	Restricted	\$ 31,789	\$ 2,299	\$ 31,789
-06	Bald Eagle Lake Water Management Project		\$ 50,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 110,000
-07	RCD 2, 3 & 5 WMD (IDLE)	Restricted	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
-08	RCD 2, 3 & 5 Basic Water Management Project		\$ 250,000	\$ 208,361	\$ 200,000
-09	Silver Lake Water Management Project		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
-10	Golden Lake Water Management Project		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
-11	Regional Water Management Partnership Projects		\$ 50,000	\$ 36,991	\$ 50,000
-15	Stormwater Management Cost Share	Committed	\$ 785,000	\$ 293,447	\$ 632,000
-24	Southwest Urban Lakes Implementation		\$ 75,000	\$ 17,329	\$ 75,000
-29	Clear Lake Water Management Project		\$ 75,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 75,000
-33	Forest Lake Planning WMD (IDLE)	Restricted	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
-34	Columbus Planning WMD (IDLE)	Restricted	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
-35	Stormwater Master Planning		\$ 50,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 50,000
-36	Municipal CIP Early Coordination Program		\$ 10,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 10,000
-37	Groundwater Management & Stormwater Reuse Assessment Program		\$ 15,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 65,000
<b>70</b>	<b>Regulatory</b>		<b>\$ 1,422,713</b>	<b>\$ 1,392,434</b>	<b>\$ 1,590,761</b>
	Salaries, Taxes, PERA, Benefits, Office Expenses Etc.	<b>40% Cash Flow Reserve</b>	\$ 522,713	\$ 490,394	\$ 590,761
-01	Rule Revision / Permit Guidance		\$ 20,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 50,000
-03	Permit Review, Inspection and Coordination Program		\$ 880,000	\$ 897,040	\$ 950,000
<b>80</b>	<b>Ditch &amp; Creek Maintenance</b>		<b>\$ 2,036,181</b>	<b>\$ 1,437,425</b>	<b>\$ 1,741,000</b>
	Salaries, Taxes, PERA, Benefits, Office Expenses Etc.	<b>40% Cash Flow Reserve</b>	\$ 334,904	\$ 283,281	\$ 330,811
-01	Natural Waterway Management		\$ 10,000	\$ 2,500	\$ 10,000
-02	Ditch Maintenance		\$ 335,000	\$ 334,450	\$ 335,000
-03	Repair Reports & Studies		\$ 196,000	\$ 196,000	\$ 200,000
-04	ACD 10-22-32 WMD	Restricted	\$ 28,339	\$ 5,693	\$ 14,124
-05	ACD 31 WMD	Restricted	\$ 8,456	\$ 8,456	\$ -
-06	ACD 46 WMD	Restricted	\$ 45,971	\$ 45,971	\$ 39,710
-07	RCD 4 WMD	Restricted	\$ 97,138	\$ 86,944	\$ 145,000
-08	RCD 4 Repair		\$ 35,000	\$ 35,000	\$ 95,000
-09	ARJD 1 WMD (IDLE)	Restricted	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
-10	ARJD 1 Repair		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
-15	Municipal PDS Maintenance	Committed	\$ 50,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 50,000
-20	WJD 2 Branch 1/2 Repair		\$ -	\$ 27,730	\$ -
-21	AWJD 3 Repair		\$ 550,000	\$ 77,874	\$ 130,000
-22	ACD 15 / AWJD 4 WMD	Restricted	\$ 20,373	\$ 20,373	\$ 18,370
-23	ACD 15 & AWJD 4		\$ 30,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 230,000
-24	ACD 53-62 WMD	Restricted	\$ 177,000	\$ 176,510	\$ 42,985
-25	ACD 53-62 Repair		\$ 118,000	\$ 121,644	\$ 100,000
<b>90</b>	<b>Lake &amp; Stream Management</b>		<b>\$ 1,084,135</b>	<b>\$ 800,532</b>	<b>\$ 1,147,001</b>
	Salaries, Taxes, PERA, Benefits, Office Expenses Etc.	<b>40% Cash Flow Reserve</b>	\$ 319,135	\$ 284,044	\$ 370,001
-01	Water Quality Grant Program	Committed	\$ 280,000	\$ 124,489	\$ 287,000
-04	Surface Water Monitoring & Management Program		\$ 210,000	\$ 210,000	\$ 240,000
-26	Common Carp Management		\$ 225,000	\$ 170,000	\$ 200,000
-27	Curly Leaf Pondweed Management		\$ 50,000	\$ 12,000	\$ 50,000
<b>95</b>	<b>District Facilities</b>		<b>\$ 709,196</b>	<b>\$ 379,504</b>	<b>\$ 616,635</b>
	Salaries, Taxes, PERA, Benefits, Office Expenses Etc.	<b>40% Cash Flow Reserve</b>	\$ 260,196	\$ 183,459	\$ 221,635
-01	Long Lake Sediment Basin Maintenance (Inactive - Potential Projects under 60-04)		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
-02	Locke Lake Sediment Basin Maintenance (Inactive - Potential Projects Under 60-03)		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
-03	District Facilities Repair		\$ 155,000	\$ 155,000	\$ 275,000
-04	Inspection, Operation & Maintenance		\$ 294,000	\$ 41,045	\$ 120,000
<b>99</b>	<b>Project Anticipation</b>		<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
	Salaries, Taxes, PERA, Benefits, Office Expenses Etc.	Anticipation Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
-60	Restoration Project Anticipation	Anticipation Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
-80	Ditch & Creek Project Anticipation	Anticipation Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
-90	Lake & Stream Project Anticipation	Anticipation Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
-95	District Facility Project Anticipation	Anticipation Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 8,344,088</b>	<b>\$ 6,174,898</b>	<b>\$ 8,309,339</b>

Rice Creek Watershed District  
Fund Balance Estimation

2024 FUND BALANCE ESTIMATION

FUND BALANCE CASH FLOW OPERATING RESERVE					
REQUIRED 40% GENERAL FUND	REQUIRED 40% IMPLEMENTATION ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET	RESTRICTED FUND BALANCE 12/31/2024	COMMITTED FUND BALANCE 12/31/2024	PROGRAM/PROJECT ANTICIPATION FUND 12/31/2024	ASSIGNED FUND BALANCE 12/31/2024
\$ 209,414	\$ 888,731	\$ (158,723)	\$ 874,456	\$ 4,500,000	\$ 2,611,636

PROPOSED FUND TRANSFERS WITH 2024 BUDGET

FUND	PROPOSED TRANSFER	1/1/2024 FUND BALANCE
10 General Administration	\$ -	\$ 384,713
30 Communication & Outreach	\$ -	\$ 208,936
35 Information Management	\$ -	\$ 216,262
60 Restoration Projects	\$ -	\$ 1,917,661
70 Regulatory	\$ -	\$ 424,422
80 Ditch & Creek Maintenance	\$ -	\$ 1,370,716
90 Lake & Stream Management	\$ -	\$ 824,579
95 District Facilities	\$ -	\$ 713,396
99 Project Anticipation	\$ -	\$ 4,500,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$ -	\$ 10,560,684

99 PROJECT ANTICIPATION SUBFUND ALLOCATION		
99-60 Restoration	\$ -	\$ 2,700,000.00
99-80 Ditch & Creek	\$ -	\$ 1,400,000.00
99-90 Lake & Stream	\$ -	\$ 200,000.00
99-95 District Facility	\$ -	\$ 200,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$ -	\$ 4,500,000

**General Fund** – covers the general administrative expenses of the District, including salaries, benefits, and office expenses.

**Implementation Administrative Budget** – covers the administrative costs of preparing or amending the District’s plan and the administrative costs of implementation of the plan through projects and programs, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 103B.241.

**Restricted Fund** – amounts are subject to externally enforceable legal restrictions, such as funds levied in a Water Management District (WMD) which are restricted to the defined purpose.

**Committed Fund** - amounts that can be used only for the specific purposes determined by a formal action of the government's highest level of decision-making authority, such as grant program awards. The commitments may be changed or lifted only by the government taking the same formal action that imposed the constraint originally.

**Program/Project Anticipation Fund** – funds accumulated and committed as an alternative to issuing bonds to finance improvements based on findings as to the potential future need of funds for a particular purpose.

**Assigned Fund** - amounts a government intends to use for a specific purpose.

Rice Creek Watershed District  
Total Revenue and Expenditures

Account	2023 Annual Budget	YTD Thru 05/31/23	Projected 6/1-12/31/23	Projected 2023 Total	Proposed 2024 Budget	% Change
<b>Revenues:</b>						
General Property Tax	\$ 5,770,007	\$ -	\$ 5,569,676	\$ 5,569,676	\$ 6,099,751	5.7%
Permit Fees 70-03	\$ 221,136	\$ 37,363	\$ 37,363	\$ 74,727	\$ 85,528	-61.3%
WMD Charges Lower Rice Creek 60-02	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.0%
WMD Charges Bald Eagle Lake 60-05	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.0%
WMD Charges RCD 2, 3 & 5 60-07	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.0%
WMD Charges Forest Lake Planning 60-33	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.0%
WMD Charges Columbus Planning 60-34	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.0%
WMD Charges ACD 10-22-32 80-04	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.0%
WMD Charges ACD 31 80-05	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 120	\$ 120	\$ -	0.0%
WMD Charges ACD 46 80-06	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 88	\$ 88	\$ -	0.0%
WMD Charges RCD 4 80-07	\$ 74,647	\$ -	\$ 71,661	\$ 71,661	\$ -	-100.0%
WMD Charges ARJD1 80-09	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.0%
WMD Charges ACD 15 & AWJD 4 80-22	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.0%
WMD Charges ACD 53-62 80-24	\$ 26,782	\$ -	\$ 166,364	\$ 166,364	\$ 26,782	0.0%
ROW Charges (All 80)	\$ 29,568	\$ 4,291	\$ 11,972	\$ 16,263	\$ 2,405	-91.9%
BWSR Grant - WBFIP East Miss. 60-01	\$ 46,521	\$ 31,407	\$ -	\$ 31,407	\$ -	-100.0%
BWSR Grant - WBFIP Rice Creek 80-03	\$ 30,000	\$ -	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	\$ -	100.0%
BWSR Grant - WBFIP Rice Creek 90-26	\$ 25,000	\$ -	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ -	100.0%
BWSR Grant - WBFIP Rice Creek 95-04	\$ 20,000	\$ -	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$ -	100.0%
Interest Income	\$ 16,770	\$ 190,962	\$ 30,448	\$ 221,411	\$ 459,702	2641.2%
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$ -	\$ 25,579	\$ 1,400	\$ 26,979	\$ -	0.0%
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 6,260,431</b>	<b>\$ 289,602</b>	<b>\$ 5,964,093</b>	<b>\$ 6,253,694</b>	<b>\$ 6,674,168</b>	<b>6.6%</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>						
General Administration - 10	\$ 505,680	\$ 194,767	\$ 285,023	\$ 479,790	\$ 523,535	3.5%
Communication & Outreach - 30	\$ 231,081	\$ 84,007	\$ 139,673	\$ 223,680	\$ 254,068	9.9%
Information Management - 35	\$ 317,679	\$ 84,858	\$ 223,894	\$ 308,752	\$ 271,146	-14.6%
Restoration Projects - 60	\$ 2,037,422	\$ 172,288	\$ 981,091	\$ 1,153,380	\$ 2,165,193	6.3%
Regulatory - 70	\$ 1,422,713	\$ 444,032	\$ 948,402	\$ 1,392,434	\$ 1,590,761	11.8%
Ditch & Creek Maintenance - 80	\$ 2,036,181	\$ 317,389	\$ 1,120,036	\$ 1,437,425	\$ 1,741,000	-14.5%
Lake & Stream Management - 90	\$ 1,084,135	\$ 235,018	\$ 566,114	\$ 801,132	\$ 1,147,001	5.8%
District Facilities - 95	\$ 709,196	\$ 77,300	\$ 1,643,760	\$ 1,721,060	\$ 616,635	-13.1%
Project Anticipation - 99	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.0%
<b>Total Program Expense</b>	<b>\$ 8,344,087</b>	<b>\$ 1,609,659</b>	<b>\$ 5,907,993</b>	<b>\$ 7,517,652</b>	<b>\$ 8,309,339</b>	<b>-0.4%</b>



Rice Creek Watershed District  
Administrative Costs Breakdown - All Funds

Acct #	Account	2023 Annual Budget	YTD Thru 05/31/23	Projected 6/1-12/31/23	Projected 2023 Total	2024 Proposed Budget	% Difference between 2023 & 2024 Budgets
<b>Expenses</b>							
4000	Manager Per Diem	32,500	10,250	22,250	32,500	33,750	3.8%
4010	Manager Expense	2,000	561	1,439	2,000	3,500	75.0%
4011	Manager Travel	4,000	1,336	2,600	3,936	4,500	12.5%
4100	Wages	1,311,442	419,505	719,203	1,138,708	1,408,696	7.4%
4102	Interns	25,000	300	14,320	14,620	25,634	2.5%
4110	Benefits	175,835	63,945	89,672	153,617	196,252	11.6%
4120	PERA Expense	97,573	31,379	40,910	72,289	105,652	8.3%
4125	H.S.A. Contribution	15,132	4,766	6,672	11,437	15,640	3.4%
4130	Payroll Taxes	102,239	31,562	55,888	87,450	109,726	7.3%
4140	Payroll Taxes-Unemployment	5,500	753	1,054	1,807	5,500	0.0%
4200	Office Supplies	9,000	2,350	6,529	8,879	12,250	36.1%
4201	Supplies-Field	1,700	1,058	687	1,745	2,000	17.6%
4203	Computer Software	12,250	1,387	10,220	11,607	12,250	0.0%
4205	Meeting Supplies/Expense	3,950	351	3,599	3,950	4,118	4.3%
4208	Printing	2,500	355	1,420	1,775	2,500	0.0%
4210	Rent	111,000	51,296	63,546	114,842	111,000	0.0%
4240	Telecommunications	37,500	12,356	21,761	34,118	37,500	0.0%
4245	Dues	15,500	12,500	3,000	15,500	15,642	0.9%
4250	Publications	1,000	61	935	996	1,000	0.0%
4265	Training & Education	36,000	1,985	25,252	27,237	50,000	38.9%
4270	Insurance & Bonds	35,000	36,143	0	36,143	40,000	14.3%
4280	Postage	5,500	-10	5,510	5,500	5,500	0.0%
4290	Legal Notices-General	4,250	1,131	3,350	4,481	4,250	0.0%
4320	Staff Travel	5,500	596	4,569	5,165	5,500	0.0%
4322	Vehicle Expense	65,000	2,599	61,906	64,505	75,000	15.4%
4330	Audit & Accounting	90,000	53,414	40,240	93,654	105,000	16.7%
4335	Professional Services	120,050	27,949	86,677	114,626	103,500	-13.8%
4337	Contracted Services	2,500	0	2,500	2,500	52,500	2000.0%
4340	Recruitment	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
4410	Legal Fees-General	62,500	20,139	36,167	56,306	63,000	0.8%
4500	Engineering	75,000	17,357	50,855	68,211	75,500	0.7%
4634	Equipment-Computer	37,500	3,761	33,000	36,761	30,500	-18.7%
4635	Equipment-General	13,000	8,368	4,557	12,925	17,000	30.8%
4636	Equipment Lease	10,600	4,245	6,137	10,382	11,000	3.8%
4910	Bank Charges	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
<b>Total Administrative Expenses</b>		<b>\$ 2,528,023</b>	<b>\$ 823,748</b>	<b>\$ 1,426,424</b>	<b>\$ 2,250,171</b>	<b>\$ 2,745,361</b>	<b>8.6%</b>

Rice Creek Watershed District  
Statement of Revenue and Expenditures - General Fund - 10

Acct #	Account	2023 Annual Budget	YTD Thru 5/31/23	Projected 06/1- 12/31/23	Projected 2023 Total	2024 Proposed Budget	% Difference between 2023 & 2024 Budgets
<b>Revenues</b>							
3100	General Property Tax	504,664	0	504,664	504,664	494,571	-2.0%
3704	Interest Income	1,016	46,160	17,600	63,760	28,964	2750.8%
3800	Miscellaneous Revenue	0	128	0	128	0	0.0%
<b>Total Revenues</b>		<b>505,680</b>	<b>46,288</b>	<b>522,264</b>	<b>568,552</b>	<b>523,535</b>	<b>3.5%</b>
<b>Expenses</b>							
4000	Manager Per Diem	32,500	10,250	22,250	32,500	33,750	3.8%
4010	Manager Expense	2,000	561	1,439	2,000	3,500	75.0%
4011	Manager Travel	4,000	1,336	2,600	3,936	4,500	12.5%
4100	Wages	170,888	70,665	98,932	169,597	172,334	0.8%
4102	Interns	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
4110	Benefits	28,900	11,259	17,541	28,800	32,192	11.4%
4120	PERA Expense	12,817	8,007	6,400	14,407	12,925	0.8%
4125	H.S.A. Contribution	15,132	4,766	6,672	11,437	15,640	3.4%
4130	Payroll Taxes	13,073	5,770	8,078	13,849	13,184	0.8%
4140	Payroll Taxes-Unemployment	5,500	753	1,054	1,807	5,500	0.0%
4200	Office Supplies	1,800	659	1,100	1,759	2,450	36.1%
4201	Supplies-Field	200	0	200	200	250	25.0%
4203	Computer Software	250	0	250	250	250	0.0%
4205	Meeting Supplies/Expense	2,700	351	2,349	2,700	2,868	6.2%
4208	Printing	500	0	200	200	500	0.0%
4210	Rent	22,200	10,087	14,122	24,209	22,200	0.0%
4240	Telecommunications	7,500	2,250	4,500	6,750	7,500	0.0%
4245	Dues	15,500	12,500	3,000	15,500	15,642	0.9%
4250	Publications	200	0	200	200	200	0.0%
4265	Training & Education	7,200	139	2,000	2,139	10,000	38.9%
4270	Insurance & Bonds	7,000	7,229	0	7,229	8,000	14.3%
4280	Postage	1,100	(10)	1,110	1,100	1,100	0.0%
4290	Legal Notices-General	1,500	0	1,500	1,500	1,500	0.0%
4320	Staff Travel	1,100	278	700	978	1,100	0.0%
4322	Vehicle Expense	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
4330	Audit & Accounting	18,000	10,723	6,400	17,123	21,000	16.7%
4335	Professional Services	24,000	5,805	14,100	19,905	20,000	-16.7%
4337	Contracted Services	0	0	0	0	5,000	
4410	Legal Fees-General	50,000	15,364	30,727	46,091	50,000	0.0%
4500	Engineering	56,000	13,600	36,000	49,600	56,000	0.0%
4634	Equipment-Computer	0	0	0	0	250	0.0%
4635	Equipment-General	2,000	1,577	400	1,977	2,000	0.0%
4636	Equipment Lease	2,120	849	1,200	2,049	2,200	3.8%
4910	Bank Charges	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
<b>Total Expenses - General Admin</b>		<b>\$ 505,680</b>	<b>\$ 194,767</b>	<b>\$ 285,023</b>	<b>\$ 479,790</b>	<b>\$ 523,535</b>	<b>3.5%</b>

Rice Creek Watershed District  
Statement of Revenue and Expenditures - Communications Outreach - 30

Acct #	Account	2023 Annual Budget	YTD Thru 5/31/23	Projected 6/1-12/31/23	Projected 2023 Total	2024 Proposed Budget	% Difference between 2023 & 2024 Budgets
<b>Revenues</b>							
3100	General Property Tax	229,258	0	220,088	220,088	225,302	-1.7%
3700	Interest Income	464	4,233	200	4,433	14,056	2929.3%
3800	Miscellaneous Income	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
<b>Total Revenues</b>		<b>229,722</b>	<b>4,233</b>	<b>220,288</b>	<b>224,521</b>	<b>239,358</b>	<b>4.2%</b>
<b>Expenses</b>							
4000	Manager Per Diem	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
4010	Manager Expense	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
4011	Manager Travel	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
4100	Wages	78,538	31,931	46,500	78,431	91,332	16.3%
4102	Interns	5,000	60	0	60	5,127	2.5%
4110	Benefits	11,166	6,373	4,830	11,203	10,006	-10.4%
4120	PERA Expense	5,626	2,154	3,016	5,170	6,850	21.8%
4125	H.S.A. Contribution	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
4130	Payroll Taxes	6,391	2,462	3,446	5,908	7,379	15.5%
4140	Payroll Taxes-Unemployment	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
4200	Office Supplies	900	99	800	899	1,225	36.1%
4201	Supplies-Field	0	0	0	0	250	0.0%
4203	Computer Software	1,000	27	970	997	1,000	0.0%
4205	Meeting Supplies/Expense	500	0	500	500	500	0.0%
4208	Printing	250	0	100	100	250	0.0%
4210	Rent	11,100	5,044	6,052	11,096	11,100	0.0%
4240	Telecommunications	3,750	1,099	1,539	2,639	3,750	0.0%
4245	Dues	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
4250	Publications	100	0	100	100	100	0.0%
4265	Training & Education	3,600	266	3,000	3,266	5,000	38.9%
4270	Insurance & Bonds	3,500	3,614	0	3,015	4,000	14.3%
4280	Postage	550	0	550	550	550	0.0%
4290	Legal Notices-General	250	0	250	250	250	0.0%
4320	Staff Travel	550	122	300	422	550	0.0%
4322	Vehicle Expense	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
4330	Audit & Accounting	9,000	5,336	4,240	9,576	10,500	16.7%
4335	Professional Services	6,500	643	5,500	6,143	2,500	-61.5%
4337	Contracted Services	0	0	0	0	5,000	0.0%
4340	Recruitment	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
4410	Legal Fees-General	1,000	403	590	993	1,000	0.0%
4500	Engineering	500	0	500	500	500	0.0%
4634	Equipment-Computer	0	0	0	0	250	0.0%
4635	Equipment-General	1,250	788	450	1,238	1,000	-20.0%
4636	Equipment Lease	1,060	425	600	1,025	1,100	3.8%
4910	Bank Charges	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
<b>Total Admin Expenses</b>		<b>\$ 152,081</b>	<b>\$ 60,847</b>	<b>\$ 83,833</b>	<b>\$ 144,081</b>	<b>\$ 171,068</b>	<b>12.5%</b>
<b>Projects</b>							
	Watershed Comm's & Outreach 30-02	11,000	81	10,919	11,000	15,000	36.4%
	Master Water Steward Program 30-03	19,000	6,000	13,000	19,000	15,000	-21.1%
	Outreach Partnerships - 30-04	28,000	14,996	13,004	28,000	32,000	14.3%
	Mini-Grants Program 30-05	10,000	0	10,000	10,000	10,000	0.0%
	Engineering & Technical Support 30-06	6,000	2,084	3,916	6,000	6,000	0.0%
	Watershed Plan Maintenance 30-08	5,000	0	5,000	5,000	5,000	0.0%
<b>Total Project Expenses</b>		<b>79,000</b>	<b>23,161</b>	<b>55,839</b>	<b>79,000</b>	<b>83,000</b>	<b>5.1%</b>
<b>Total Expenses - Comm's &amp; Outreach</b>		<b>\$ 231,081</b>	<b>\$ 84,007</b>	<b>\$ 139,673</b>	<b>\$ 223,081</b>	<b>\$ 254,068</b>	<b>9.9%</b>

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Statement of Revenue and Expenditures - Information Management - 35

Acct #	Account	2023 Annual Budget	YTD Thru 5/31/2023	Projected 6/1- 12/31/23	Projected 2023 Total	2024 Proposed Budget	% Difference between 2023 & 2024 Budgets
<b>Revenues</b>							
3100	General Property Tax	257,040	0	257,040	257,040	256,145	-0.3%
3700	Interest Income	639	5,820	8,148	13,969	15,001	2247.5%
3800	Miscellaneous Income	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
<b>Total Revenues</b>		<b>257,679</b>	<b>5,820</b>	<b>265,188</b>	<b>271,009</b>	<b>271,146</b>	<b>5.2%</b>
<b>Expenses</b>							
4000	Manager Per Diem	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
4010	Manager Expense	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
4011	Manager Travel	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
4100	Wages	16,250	0	10,000	10,000	30,407	87.1%
4102	Interns	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
4110	Benefits	2,787	2,870	750	3,620	4,070	46.0%
4120	PERA Expense	1,219	0	500	500	2,281	87.1%
4125	H.S.A. Contribution	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
4130	Payroll Taxes	1,243	0	500	500	2,326	87.1%
4140	Payroll Taxes-Unemployment	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
4200	Office Supplies	450	83	350	433	613	36.1%
4201	Supplies-Field	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
4203	Computer Software	11,000	1,361	9,000	10,361	11,000	0.0%
4205	Meeting Supplies/Expense	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
4208	Printing	125	0	125	125	125	0.0%
4210	Rent	5,550	2,522	3,026	5,548	5,550	0.0%
4240	Telecommunications	1,875	537	752	1,288	1,875	0.0%
4245	Dues	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
4250	Publications	50	0	50	50	50	0.0%
4265	Training & Education	1,800	0	1,800	1,800	2,500	38.9%
4270	Insurance & Bonds	1,750	1,807	0	1,807	2,000	14.3%
4280	Postage	275	0	275	275	275	0.0%
4290	Legal Notices-General	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
4320	Staff Travel	275	0	275	275	275	0.0%
4322	Vehicle Expense	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
4330	Audit & Accounting	4,500	2,668	2,160	4,828	5,250	16.7%
4335	Professional Services	47,500	16,090	31,000	47,090	53,000	11.6%
4337	Contracted Services	1,500	0	1,500	1,500	1,500	0.0%
4410	Legal Fees-General	0	0	0	0	500	0.0%
4500	Engineering	0	0	0	0	500	0.0%
4634	Equipment-Computer	37,500	3,761	33,000	36,761	30,000	-20.0%
4635	Equipment-General	1,500	879	600	1,479	1,500	0.0%
4636	Equipment Lease	530	212	300	512	550	3.8%
4910	Bank Charges	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
<b>Total Admin Expenses</b>		<b>\$ 137,679</b>	<b>\$ 32,789</b>	<b>\$ 95,963</b>	<b>\$ 128,752</b>	<b>\$ 156,146</b>	<b>13.4%</b>
<b>Projects</b>							
	Boundary Management Program 35-03	15,000	0	15,000	15,000	5,000	-66.7%
	District-Wide Model 35-04	40,000	16,678	23,322	40,000	40,000	0.0%
	Database & Viewer Maintenance 35-05	75,000	17,272	57,728	75,000	65,000	-13.3%
	District Website 35-15	50,000	18,119	31,881	50,000	5,000	-90.0%
<b>Total Project Expenses</b>		<b>\$ 180,000</b>	<b>\$ 52,069</b>	<b>\$ 127,931</b>	<b>\$ 180,000</b>	<b>\$ 115,000</b>	<b>-36.1%</b>
<b>Total Expenses - Info Management</b>		<b>\$ 317,679</b>	<b>\$ 84,858</b>	<b>\$ 223,894</b>	<b>\$ 308,752</b>	<b>\$ 271,146</b>	<b>-14.6%</b>

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Statement of Revenue and Expenditures - Restoration Projects - 60

Acct #	Account	2023 Annual Budget	YTD Thru 5/31/23	Projected 6/1-12/31/23	Projected 2023 Total	2024 Proposed Budget	% Difference between 2023 & 2024 Budgets
<b>Revenues</b>							
3100	General Property Tax	1,045,018	0	1,003,217	1,003,217	1,224,635	17.2%
3101	WMD - Lower Rice Creek 60-02	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
3101	WMD - Bald Eagle Lake 60-05	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
3101	WMD - RCD 2, 3 & 5 60-07	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
3101	WMD - Forest Lake Planning 60-33	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
3101	WMD - Columbus Planning 60-34	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
3302	BWSR Grant - WBIF East Miss: Hwy 61 Ponds 60-06,	46,521	31,407	0	31,407	0	-100.0%
3700	Interest Income	4,095	37,348	1,500	38,848	119,786	2825.2%
3800	Miscellaneous Income	0	1,000	1,400	2,400	0	0.0%
<b>Total Revenues</b>		<b>\$ 1,095,634</b>	<b>\$ 69,755</b>	<b>\$ 1,006,117</b>	<b>\$ 1,075,872</b>	<b>\$ 1,344,421</b>	<b>22.7%</b>
<b>Expenses</b>							
4000	Manager Per Diem	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
4010	Manager Expense	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
4011	Manager Travel	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
4100	Wages	178,830	34,924	108,894	143,818	227,542	27.2%
4102	Interns	5,000	60	4,940	5,000	5,127	0.0%
4110	Benefits	21,119	6,582	14,214	20,796	30,496	44.4%
4120	PERA Expense	13,261	2,117	6,964	9,082	17,066	28.7%
4125	H.S.A. Contribution	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
4130	Payroll Taxes	14,063	2,434	9,408	11,842	17,799	26.6%
4140	Payroll Taxes-Unemployment	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
4200	Office Supplies	900	241	650	891	1,225	36.1%
4201	Supplies-Field	250	0	250	250	250	0.0%
4203	Computer Software	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
4205	Meeting Supplies/Expense	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
4208	Printing	250	0	250	250	250	0.0%
4210	Rent	11,100	5,044	6,052	11,096	11,100	0.0%
4240	Telecommunications	3,750	1,152	3,613	4,766	3,750	0.0%
4245	Dues	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
4250	Publications	100	61	35	96	100	0.0%
4265	Training & Education	3,600	0	3,600	3,600	5,000	38.9%
4270	Insurance & Bonds	3,500	3,614	0	3,614	4,000	14.3%
4280	Postage	550	0	550	550	550	0.0%
4290	Legal Notices-General	1,000	0	1,000	1,000	1,000	0.0%
4320	Staff Travel	550	0	550	550	550	0.0%
4322	Vehicle Expense	13,000	224	12,500	12,724	15,000	15.4%
4330	Audit & Accounting	9,000	5,336	4,240	9,576	10,500	16.7%
4335	Professional Services	6,500	964	5,500	6,464	12,000	84.6%
4337	Contracted Services	0	0	0	0	7,500	0.0%
4410	Legal Fees-General	2,000	403	1,500	1,903	2,000	0.0%
4500	Engineering	5,000	0	5,000	5,000	5,000	0.0%
4634	Equipment-Computer	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
4635	Equipment-General	1,250	788	460	1,248	2,500	100.0%
4636	Equipment Lease	1,061	425	630	1,055	1,100	3.7%
4910	Bank Charges	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
<b>Total Admin Expenses</b>		<b>\$ 295,634</b>	<b>\$ 64,371</b>	<b>\$ 190,801</b>	<b>\$ 255,172</b>	<b>\$ 381,404</b>	<b>29.0%</b>
<b>Projects</b>							
	Anoka Chain of Lakes Water Management Project 60-01	150,000	13,781	126,000	139,781	300,000	100.0%
	Lower Rice Creek WMD 60-02	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
	Lower Rice Creek Water Management Project 60-03	150,000	0	140,000	140,000	175,000	16.7%
	Middle Rice Creek Water Management Project 60-04	50,000	0	10,000	10,000	10,000	-80.0%
	Bald Eagle Lake WMD 60-05	31,789	9	2,290	2,299	31,789	0.0%
	Bald Eagle Lake Water Management Project 60-06	50,000	0	5,000	5,000	110,000	120.0%
	RCD 2, 3 & 5 WMD 60-07	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
	RCD 2, 3 & 5 Basic Water Management Project 60-08	250,000	61,361	147,000	208,361	200,000	-20.0%
	Silver Lake Water Management Project 60-09	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
	Golden Lake Water Management Project 60-10	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
	Regional Water Management Partnership Projects 60-11	50,000	26,991	10,000	36,991	50,000	0.0%
	Stormwater Management Cost Share 60-15	785,000	3,447	290,000	293,447	632,000	-19.5%
	Southwest Urban Lakes Implementation 60-24	75,000	2,329	15,000	17,329	75,000	0.0%
	Clear Lake Water Management Project 60-29	75,000	0	25,000	25,000	75,000	0.0%
	Forest Lake Planning WMD 60-33	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
	Columbus Planning WMD 60-34	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
	Stormwater Master Planning 60-35	50,000	0	10,000	10,000	50,000	0.0%
	Municipal CIP Early Coordination 60-36	10,000	0	5,000	5,000	10,000	0.0%
	Groundwater Management & Stormwater Reuse 60-37	15,000	0	5,000	5,000	65,000	333.3%
<b>Total Project Expenses</b>		<b>\$ 1,741,789</b>	<b>\$ 107,918</b>	<b>\$ 790,290</b>	<b>\$ 898,208</b>	<b>\$ 1,783,789</b>	<b>2.4%</b>
<b>Total Expenses - Restoration Projects</b>		<b>\$ 2,037,422</b>	<b>\$ 172,288</b>	<b>\$ 981,091</b>	<b>\$ 1,153,380</b>	<b>\$ 2,165,193</b>	<b>6.3%</b>

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Statement of Revenue and Expenditures - Regulatory - 70

Acct. #	Account	2023 Annual Budget	YTD Thru 5/31/23	Projected 6/1- 12/31/23	Projected 2023 Total	2024 Proposed Budget	% Difference between 2023 & 2024 Budgets
<b>Revenues</b>							
3100	General Property Tax	1,063,718	0	1,021,169	1,021,169	1,295,426	21.8%
3400	Permit Fees 70-03	221,136	37,363	37,363	74,727	85,528	-61.3%
3700	Interest Income	2,859	27,192	1,200	28,392	88,007	2978.2%
3800	Miscellaneous Income	0	14,101	0	14,101	0	0.0%
<b>Total Revenues</b>		<b>\$ 1,287,713</b>	<b>\$ 78,656</b>	<b>\$ 1,059,733</b>	<b>\$ 1,138,389</b>	<b>\$ 1,468,961</b>	<b>14.1%</b>
<b>Expenses</b>							
4000	Manager Per Diem	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
4010	Manager Expense	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
4011	Manager Travel	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
4100	Wages	311,533	113,748	178,000	291,748	347,478	11.5%
4102	Interns	5,000	60	4,440	4,500	5,127	2.5%
4110	Benefits	37,319	16,961	21,750	38,711	50,558	35.5%
4120	PERA Expense	23,247	7,823	6,800	14,623	26,061	12.1%
4125	H.S.A. Contribution	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
4130	Payroll Taxes	24,215	8,511	14,500	23,011	26,974	11.4%
4140	Payroll Taxes-Unemployment	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
4200	Office Supplies	2,250	546	1,700	2,246	3,063	36.1%
4201	Supplies-Field	500	453	47	500	500	0.0%
4203	Computer Software	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
4205	Meeting Supplies/Expense	250	0	250	250	250	0.0%
4208	Printing	625	95	530	625	625	0.0%
4210	Rent	27,750	12,609	15,131	27,740	27,750	0.0%
4240	Telecommunications	9,375	3,104	4,900	8,004	9,375	0.0%
4245	Dues	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
4250	Publications	250	0	250	250	250	0.0%
4265	Training & Education	9,000	190	6,000	6,190	12,500	38.9%
4270	Insurance & Bonds	8,750	9,036	0	9,036	10,000	14.3%
4280	Postage	1,375	0	1,375	1,375	1,375	0.0%
4290	Legal Notices-General	500	0	100	100	500	0.0%
4320	Staff Travel	1,375	90	1,200	1,290	1,375	0.0%
4322	Vehicle Expense	13,000	383	12,500	12,883	15,000	15.4%
4330	Audit & Accounting	22,500	13,341	10,400	23,741	26,250	16.7%
4335	Professional Services	14,250	1,608	12,500	14,108	3,000	-78.9%
4337	Contracted Services	0	0	0	0	12,500	0.0%
4410	Legal Fees-General	2,500	403	2,000	2,403	2,500	0.0%
4500	Engineering	2,500	0	2,500	2,500	2,500	0.0%
4634	Equipment-Computer	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
4635	Equipment-General	2,000	1,971	29	2,000	2,500	25.0%
4636	Equipment Lease	2,649	1,062	1,500	2,562	2,750	3.8%
4910	Bank Charges	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
<b>Total Admin Expenses</b>		<b>\$ 522,713</b>	<b>\$ 191,992</b>	<b>\$ 298,402</b>	<b>\$ 490,394</b>	<b>\$ 590,761</b>	<b>13.0%</b>
<b>Projects</b>							
	Rule Revision & Permit Guidance 70-01	20,000	0	5,000	5,000	50,000	150.0%
	Permit Review, Inspect & Coord 70-03	880,000	252,040	645,000	897,040	950,000	8.0%
<b>Total Project Expenses</b>		<b>\$ 900,000</b>	<b>\$ 252,040</b>	<b>\$ 650,000</b>	<b>\$ 902,040</b>	<b>\$ 1,000,000</b>	<b>11.1%</b>
<b>Total Expenses - Regulatory</b>		<b>\$ 1,422,713</b>	<b>\$ 444,032</b>	<b>\$ 948,402</b>	<b>\$ 1,392,434</b>	<b>\$ 1,590,761</b>	<b>11.8%</b>

Rice Creek Watershed District  
Statement of Revenue and Expenditures - Ditch Creek Maintenance - 80

Acct #	Account	2023 Annual Budget	YTD Thru 5/31/232	Projected 6/01-12/31/23	Projected 2023 Total	2024 Proposed Budget	% Difference between 2023 & 2024 Budgets
<b>Revenues</b>							
3100	General Property Tax	930,584	0	893,361	893,361	1,208,106	29.8%
3101	WMD - ACD 10-22-32 80-04	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
3101	WMD - ACD 31 80-05	0	0	120	120	0	0.0%
3101	WMD - ACD 46 80-06	0	0	88	88	0	0.0%
3101	WMD - RCD 4 80-07	74,647	0	71,661	71,661	0	-100.0%
3101	WMD - ARJD 1 80-09	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
3101	WMD - ACD 15 & AWJD 4 80-22	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
3101	WMD - ACD 53-62 80-24	26,782	0	166,364	166,364	26,782	0.0%
3207	ROW - ACD 10-22-32 80-04	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
3207	ROW - ACD 31 80-05	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
3207	ROW - ACD 46 80-06	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
3207	ROW - RCD 4 80-07	23,944	1,409	11,972	13,381	0	-100.0%
3207	ROW - ARJD 1 80-09	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
3207	ROW - ACD 15 & AWJD 4 80-22	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
3207	ROW - ACD 53-62 80-24	5,624	2,881	0	2,881	2,405	-57.2%
3302	BWSR Grant - WBFIP Rice Creek 80-03	30,000	0	30,000	30,000	0	100.0%
3700	Interest Income	4,092	37,330	1,200	38,530	96,318	2253.8%
3800	Miscellaneous Income	0	6,000	0	6,000	0	0.0%
<b>Total Revenues</b>		<b>\$ 1,095,673</b>	<b>\$ 47,621</b>	<b>\$ 1,174,766</b>	<b>\$ 1,222,387</b>	<b>\$ 1,333,611</b>	<b>21.7%</b>
<b>Expenses</b>							
4000	Manager Per Diem	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
4010	Manager Expense	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
4011	Manager Travel	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
4100	Wages	188,700	61,538	87,500	149,038	175,847	-6.8%
4102	Interns	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
4110	Benefits	25,418	10,067	11,200	21,267	22,385	-11.9%
4120	PERA Expense	14,010	4,215	6,300	10,515	13,189	-5.9%
4125	H.S.A. Contribution	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
4130	Payroll Taxes	14,436	4,717	6,356	11,073	13,452	-6.8%
4140	Payroll Taxes-Unemployment	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
4200	Office Supplies	1,350	402	900	1,302	1,838	36.1%
4201	Supplies-Field	250	303	0	303	250	0.0%
4203	Computer Software	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
4205	Meeting Supplies/Expense	250	0	250	250	250	0.0%
4208	Printing	375	0	100	100	375	0.0%
4210	Rent	16,650	7,885	9,462	17,348	16,650	0.0%
4240	Telecommunications	5,625	2,168	3,457	5,625	5,625	0.0%
4245	Dues	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
4250	Publications	150	0	150	150	150	0.0%
4265	Training & Education	5,400	842	4,000	4,842	7,500	38.9%
4270	Insurance & Bonds	5,250	5,421	0	5,421	6,000	14.3%
4280	Postage	825	0	825	825	825	0.0%
4290	Legal Notices-General	750	1,131	250	1,381	750	0.0%
4320	Staff Travel	825	88	737	825	825	0.0%
4322	Vehicle Expense	13,000	1,113	11,887	13,000	15,000	15.4%
4330	Audit & Accounting	13,500	8,005	6,400	14,405	15,750	16.7%
4335	Professional Services	10,550	1,873	8,677	10,550	9,000	-14.7%
4337	Contracted Services	1,000	0	1,000	1,000	8,500	0.0%
4410	Legal Fees-General	5,000	1,878	1,000	2,878	5,000	0.0%
4500	Engineering	7,500	3,611	3,500	7,111	7,500	0.0%
4634	Equipment-Computer	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
4635	Equipment-General	2,500	1,182	1,300	2,482	2,500	0.0%
4636	Equipment Lease	1,590	636	954	1,590	1,650	3.8%
4910	Bank Charges	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
<b>Total Admin Expenses</b>		<b>\$ 334,904</b>	<b>\$ 117,076</b>	<b>\$ 166,205</b>	<b>\$ 283,281</b>	<b>\$ 330,811</b>	<b>-1.2%</b>
<b>Projects</b>							
	Natural Waterway Management 80-01	10,000	0	2,500	2,500	10,000	0.0%
	Ditch Maintenance 80-02	335,000	17,450	317,000	334,450	335,000	0.0%
	Repair Reports & Studies 80-03	196,000	34,103	161,897	196,000	200,000	2.0%
	ACD 10-22-32 WMD 80-04	28,339	0	5,693	5,693	14,124	-50.2%
	ACD 31 WMD 80-05	8,456	0	8,456	8,456	0	-100.0%
	ACD 46 WMD 80-06	45,971	0	45,971	45,971	39,710	-13.6%
	RCD 4 WMD 80-07	97,138	0	86,944	86,944	145,000	49.3%
	RCD 4 Repair 80-08	35,000	0	35,000	35,000	95,000	171.4%
	ARJD 1 WMD 80-09	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
	ARJD 1 Repair 80-10	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
	Hugo Ditch Maintenance 80-15	50,000	0	5,000	5,000	50,000	0.0%
	WJD 2 Branch 1/2 Repair 80-20	0	27,730	0	27,730	0	0.0%
	AWJD 3 Repair 80-21	550,000	22,874	55,000	77,874	130,000	-76.4%
	ACD 15 & AWJD 4 WMD 80-22	20,373	3	20,370	20,373	18,370	100.0%
	ACD 15 & AWJD 4 80-23	30,000	0	10,000	10,000	230,000	666.7%
	ACD 53-62 WMD 80-24	177,000	46,510	130,000	176,510	42,985	-75.7%
	ACD 53-62 Repair 80-25	118,000	51,644	70,000	121,644	100,000	-15.3%
<b>Total Project Expenses</b>		<b>\$ 1,701,277</b>	<b>\$ 200,313</b>	<b>\$ 953,831</b>	<b>\$ 1,154,144</b>	<b>\$ 1,410,189</b>	<b>-17.1%</b>
<b>Total Expenses - Ditch &amp; Creek</b>		<b>\$ 2,036,181</b>	<b>\$ 317,389</b>	<b>\$ 1,120,036</b>	<b>\$ 1,437,425</b>	<b>\$ 1,741,000</b>	<b>-14.5%</b>

Rice Creek Watershed District  
Statement of Revenue and Expenditures - Lake Stream Management - 90

Acct #	Account	2023 Annual Budget	YTD Thru 5/31/23	Projected 6/01-12/31/23	Projected 2023 Total	2024 Proposed Budget	% Difference between 2023 & 2024 Budgets
<b>Revenues</b>							
3100	General Property Tax	1,031,956	0	990,678	990,678	917,745	-11.1%
3302	BWSR Grant - WBFIP Rice Creek 90-26	25,000	0	25,000	25,000	0	100.0%
3700	Interest Income	2,179	19,878	0	19,878	63,456	2812.2%
3800	Miscellaneous Income	0	4,350	0	4,350	0	0.0%
<b>Total Revenues</b>		<b>\$ 1,059,135</b>	<b>\$ 24,228</b>	<b>\$ 1,015,678</b>	<b>\$ 1,039,906</b>	<b>\$ 981,201</b>	<b>-7.4%</b>
<b>Expenses</b>							
4000	Manager Per Diem	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
4010	Manager Expense	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
4011	Manager Travel	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
4100	Wages	198,525	65,745	117,043	182,788	230,497	16.1%
4102	Interns	5,000	60	0	60	5,127	2.5%
4110	Benefits	25,291	5,884	9,987	15,871	29,940	18.4%
4120	PERA Expense	14,889	4,378	7,629	12,007	17,287	16.1%
4125	H.S.A. Contribution	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
4130	Payroll Taxes	15,570	4,785	8,200	12,985	18,025	15.8%
4140	Payroll Taxes-Unemployment	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
4200	Office Supplies	900	221	679	900	1,225	36.1%
4201	Supplies-Field	250	110	140	250	250	0.0%
4203	Computer Software	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
4205	Meeting Supplies/Expense	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
4208	Printing	250	205	45	250	250	0.0%
4210	Rent	11,100	5,584	6,700	12,284	11,100	0.0%
4240	Telecommunications	3,750	1,356	2,000	3,356	3,750	0.0%
4245	Dues	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
4250	Publications	100	0	100	100	100	0.0%
4265	Training & Education	3,600	50	3,550	3,600	5,000	38.9%
4270	Insurance & Bonds	3,500	3,614	0	3,015	4,000	14.3%
4280	Postage	550	0	550	550	550	0.0%
4290	Legal Notices-General	250	0	250	250	250	100.0%
4320	Staff Travel	550	18	532	550	550	0.0%
4322	Vehicle Expense	13,000	399	12,500	12,899	15,000	15.4%
4330	Audit & Accounting	9,000	5,336	4,240	9,576	10,500	16.7%
4335	Professional Services	6,500	643	5,500	6,143	2,000	-69.2%
4337	Contracted Services	0	0	0	0	7,500	0.0%
4410	Legal Fees-General	1,000	1,051	0	1,051	1,000	0.0%
4500	Engineering	2,500	0	2,500	2,500	2,500	0.0%
4634	Equipment-Computer	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
4635	Equipment-General	2,000	788	1,212	2,000	2,500	25.0%
4636	Equipment Lease	1,059	425	634	1,059	1,100	3.9%
4910	Bank Charges	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
<b>Total Admin Expenses</b>		<b>\$ 319,135</b>	<b>\$ 100,652</b>	<b>\$ 183,991</b>	<b>\$ 284,044</b>	<b>\$ 370,001</b>	<b>15.9%</b>
<b>Projects</b>							
	Water Quality Grant Program 90-01	280,000	2,928	121,561	124,489	287,000	2.5%
	Surface Water Monitoring Program 90-04	210,000	22,043	187,957	210,000	240,000	14.3%
	Common Carp Management 90-26	225,000	109,396	60,604	170,000	200,000	-11.1%
	Curly Leaf Pondweed Management 90-27	50,000	0	12,000	12,000	50,000	0.0%
<b>Total Project Expenses</b>		<b>\$ 765,000</b>	<b>\$ 134,366</b>	<b>\$ 382,122</b>	<b>\$ 516,489</b>	<b>\$ 777,000</b>	<b>1.6%</b>
<b>Total Expenses - Lake &amp; Stream</b>		<b>\$ 1,084,135</b>	<b>\$ 235,018</b>	<b>\$ 566,114</b>	<b>\$ 800,532</b>	<b>\$ 1,147,001</b>	<b>5.8%</b>



Rice Creek Watershed District  
Statement of Revenue and Expenditures - District Facilities - 95

Acct #	Account	2023 Annual Budget	YTD Thru 5/31/23	Projected 6/01- 12/31/23	Projected 2023 Total	2024 Proposed Budget	% Difference between 2023 & 2024 Budgets
<b>Revenues</b>							
3100	General Property Tax	707,770	0	679,459	679,459	477,821	-32.5%
3302	BWSR Grant - WBFIP Rice Creek	20,000	0	20,000	20,000	0	100.0%
3700	Interest Income	1,426	13,000	600	13,600	34,114	2292.3%
3800	Miscellaneous	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
<b>Total Revenues</b>		<b>\$ 729,196</b>	<b>\$ 13,000</b>	<b>\$ 700,059</b>	<b>\$ 713,059</b>	<b>\$ 511,935</b>	<b>-29.8%</b>
<b>Expenses</b>							
4000	Manager Per Diem	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
4010	Manager Expense	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
4011	Manager Travel	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
4100	Wages	168,178	40,954	72,335	113,289	133,258	-20.8%
4102	Interns	5,000	60	4,940	5,000	5,127	0.0%
4110	Benefits	23,835	3,951	9,400	13,351	16,607	-30.3%
4120	PERA Expense	12,504	2,685	3,300	5,985	9,994	-20.1%
4125	H.S.A. Contribution	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
4130	Payroll Taxes	13,248	2,882	5,400	8,282	10,586	-20.1%
4140	Payroll Taxes-Unemployment	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
4200	Office Supplies	450	98	350	448	613	36.1%
4201	Supplies-Field	250	192	50	242	250	0.0%
4203	Computer Software	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
4205	Meeting Supplies/Expense	250	0	250	250	250	0.0%
4208	Printing	125	55	70	125	125	0.0%
4210	Rent	5,550	2,522	3,000	5,522	5,550	0.0%
4240	Telecommunications	1,875	690	1,000	1,690	1,875	0.0%
4245	Dues	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
4250	Publications	50	0	50	50	50	0.0%
4265	Training & Education	1,800	498	1,302	1,800	2,500	38.9%
4270	Insurance & Bonds	1,750	1,807	0	1,807	2,000	14.3%
4280	Postage	275	0	275	275	275	0.0%
4290	Legal Notices-General	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
4320	Staff Travel	275	0	275	275	275	0.0%
4322	Vehicle Expense	13,000	482	12,518	13,000	15,000	15.4%
4330	Audit & Accounting	4,500	2,668	2,160	4,828	5,250	16.7%
4335	Professional Services	4,250	322	3,900	4,222	2,000	-52.9%
4337	Contracted Services	0	0	0	0	5,000	0.0%
4410	Legal Fees-General	1,000	637	350	987	1,000	0.0%
4500	Engineering	1,000	146	855	1,000	1,000	0.0%
4634	Equipment-Computer	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
4635	Equipment-General	500	394	106	500	2,500	400.0%
4636	Equipment Lease	531	212	319	531	550	3.6%
4910	Bank Charges	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
<b>Total Admin Expenses</b>		<b>\$ 260,196</b>	<b>\$ 61,255</b>	<b>\$ 122,204</b>	<b>\$ 183,459</b>	<b>\$ 221,635</b>	<b>-14.8%</b>
<b>Projects</b>							
	Long Lake Sediment Basin Maint 95-01	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
	Locke Lake Sediment Basin Maint 95-02	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
	District Facilities Repair 95-03	155,000	0	155,000	155,000	275,000	77.4%
	Inspection, Operation & Maint 95-04	294,000	16,045	25,000	41,045	120,000	-59.2%
<b>Total Project Expenses</b>		<b>\$ 449,000</b>	<b>\$ 16,045</b>	<b>\$ 180,000</b>	<b>\$ 196,045</b>	<b>\$ 395,000</b>	<b>-12.0%</b>
<b>Total Expenses - District Facilities</b>		<b>\$ 709,196</b>	<b>\$ 77,300</b>	<b>\$ 302,204</b>	<b>\$ 379,504</b>	<b>\$ 616,635</b>	<b>-13.1%</b>

Rice Creek Watershed District  
Statement of Revenue and Expenditures - Project Anticipation - 99

Acct #	Account	2023 Annual Budget	YTD Thru 5/31/23	Projected 6/01- 12/31/23	Projected 2023 Total	2024 Proposed Budget	% Difference between 2023 & 2024 Budgets
<b>Revenues</b>							
3100	General Property Tax	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
3700	Interest Income	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
3800	Miscellaneous	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
<b>Total Revenues</b>		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	0.0%
<b>Expenses</b>							
4000	Manager Per Diem	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
4010	Manager Expense	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
4011	Manager Travel	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
4100	Wages	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
4102	Interns	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
4110	Benefits	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
4120	PERA Expense	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
4125	H.S.A. Contribution	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
4130	Payroll Taxes	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
4140	Payroll Taxes-Unemployment	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
4200	Office Supplies	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
4201	Supplies-Field	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
4203	Computer Software	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
4205	Meeting Supplies/Expense	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
4208	Printing	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
4210	Rent	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
4240	Telecommunications	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
4245	Dues	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
4250	Publications	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
4265	Training & Education	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
4270	Insurance & Bonds	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
4280	Postage	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
4290	Legal Notices-General	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
4320	Staff Travel	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
4322	Vehicle Expense	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
4330	Audit & Accounting	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
4335	Professional Services	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
4337	Contracted Services	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
4410	Legal Fees-General	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
4500	Engineering	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
4634	Equipment-Computer	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
4635	Equipment-General	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
4636	Equipment Lease	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
4910	Bank Charges	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
<b>Total Admin Expenses</b>		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	0.0%
<b>Projects</b>							
	Restoration Project Anticipation 99-60	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
	Ditch & Creek Project Anticipation 99-80	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
	Lake & Stream Project Anticipation 99-90	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
	District Facility Project Anticipation 99-95	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
<b>Total Project Expenses</b>		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	0.0%
<b>Total Expenses - Project Anticipation</b>		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	0.0%

11:00 RCWD- Minnesota Watersheds (MnWDs) Draft  
Resolution



**MEMORANDUM**  
**Rice Creek Watershed District**

**Date:** August 3, 2023  
**To:** RCWD Board of Managers  
**From:** Kendra Sommerfeld, Communications & Outreach Coordinator  
**Subject:** Proposed MN Watersheds Resolution for 2023

**Introduction**

The RCWD Board of Managers traditionally directs staff on a legislative strategy that includes legislative communication, requests for support on District priorities, proposals for MAWD’s resolution process, and participation in the annual MAWD legislative activities. Current efforts relate to the MAWD resolution process.

**Background**

At the July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Board meeting, MN Watersheds sunseting resolutions were reviewed. The Board by consensus support sunseting resolution, Support of New Legislation Modeled After HF2687 and SF2419 (2018) Regarding DNR Regulatory Authority over Public Drainage Maintenance and Repairs.

The Board directed staff to investigate the sunseting resolution and draft a resolution to bring forward for Board consideration. Kendra Sommerfeld contacted MN Watersheds to see if other watershed districts were interested in submitting this resolution to MN Watersheds as well. Wild Rice Watershed District is interested in supporting our resolution submission to MN Watersheds.

To provide certainty that the policy position and resolution continued, staff reviewed and updated the sunseting resolution supported by the Board and have included a draft of the resolution for Board consideration. Staff will adjust based on the board’s consensus position and intends to bring the final resolution forward in a future Board meeting for board approval to meet MN Watershed’s resolution submission deadline.

**Staff Recommendation**

Staff updated the resolution with current data and information.

**Request for Board Consensus**

Board should review the Support of New Legislation Modeled After HF2687 and SF2419 (2018) Regarding DNR Regulatory Authority over Public Drainage Maintenance and Repairs resolution. Board should come to a census on any edits and comments on these resolutions.

**Attachments**

- Draft Resolution to MN Watersheds: Support of New Legislation Modeled After HF2687 and SF2419 (2018) Regarding DNR Regulatory Authority over Public Drainage Maintenance and Repairs.

# Background Information

## 2023 Minnesota Watersheds Resolution

Proposing Watershed: Rice Creek Watershed District

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Resolution Title: **Support of New Legislation Modeled After HF2687 and SF2419 (2018) Regarding DNR Regulatory Authority over Public Drainage Maintenance and Repairs**

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### **Background that led to the submission of this resolution:**

Describe the problem you wish to solve and provide enough background information to understand the factors that led to the issue. Attach statutory or regulatory documents that may be helpful.

The State enacted several laws related to water resources after the establishment of the public drainage systems. However, there was a commitment that these laws would not restrict existing rights including those related to the existence of, and obligation to maintain, public drainage systems.

The public waters inventory was never intended to restrict the right to maintain existing drainage systems. The legislature specifically exempted repairs from DNR permitting; gave the DNR a mechanism to ensure proposed work was repair; and directed the DNR to provide for the lawful function of public drainage systems that affected public waters. The DNR also adopted a rule exempting repairs from permitting and announced a policy in 1980 that stated repair of public drainage systems should be allowed without permits.

More recent DNR practices have departed from the 1980 policy. The agency has increasingly required permits, approvals, and conditions contrary to current law and the 1980 policy. The DNR issued a new guidance document in February 2018 that was intended to provide clarity for both DNR staff and drainage authorities on the role of the DNR regarding public drainage activities (particularly repairs). This guidance has had the opposite effect, creating more uncertainty, expense, and delays in the public waters regulatory program and for drainage system repairs.

HF2687 and SF2419 were introduced during the 2018 legislative session to reinforce the protections given to drainage system repairs. These bills were placed on hold in committee when the DNR indicated that its new guidance would address the concerns that drainage authorities had with its current practices (relating to permitting and permission requirements for work affecting public waters). Though these bills were never withdrawn by their authors, they require reintroduced for reconsideration.

The DNR policy and its implementation of that policy do not adequately address drainage authority

concerns. Reintroduction and approval of new legislation modeled after HF2687 and SF2419 would reinforce in clear terms the DNR’s role in drainage system repairs.

**Ideas for how this issue could be solved:**

Current disagreements about the DNR's jurisdiction could be resolved through protracted litigation (the least desirable course of action) or by clear legislative directives. New legislation, modeled after HF2687 and SF2419, will provide this clear legislative directive. The legislation would reinforce existing law regarding the DNR and the drainage authorities’ roles and responsibilities when maintaining the public drainage systems and reduce the unnecessary expenditure of dollars by the Drainage Authority and DNR.

To advance this legislation, we recommend MN Watersheds engage with the Drainage Work Group (DWG) to prioritize this topic for DWG deliberation in 2024. If consensus cannot be reached by the DWG in 2024, we recommend MN Watersheds, along with partner organizations such as the Association of MN Counties (AMC), work with cooperating legislators to draft and introduce new bills in the 2025 legislative session.

**Efforts to solve the problem:**

Document the efforts you have taken to try to solve the issue. For example: have you spoken to state agency staff, legislators, county commissioners, etc.? If so, what was their response?

RCWD representatives have met with DNR staff leadership multiple times since 2018 regarding the lack of clarity and consistency in DNR’s role on public drainage system repairs across the State. This engagement resulted in the DNR issuing Letters of Permission for two RCWD drainage repair projects, only to rescind the Letters of Permission months later noting that permission was unnecessary.

A similar resolution was proposed and adopted by MAWD in 2018. This resolution is sunseting in 2023. We are unaware of any actions from MAWD / MN Watersheds that resulted from that resolution.

**Anticipated support or opposition:**

Who would be willing to partner with our watershed or state association on the issue? Who may be opposed to our efforts? (Ex. other local units of government, special interest groups, political parties, etc.)?

Wild Rice Watershed District is supportive of this resolution. All public drainage authorities (counties, watershed districts) should support this legislation. Non-governmental environmental organizations in the state and the DNR may oppose this legislation.

**This issue: (check all that apply)**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Applies only to our district           | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Requires legislative action  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Applies only to 1 or 2 regions         | <input type="checkbox"/> Requires state agency advocacy  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Applies to the entire state | <input type="checkbox"/> Impacts Minnesota Watersheds bylaws or MOPP<br>(MOPP = Manual of Policies and Procedures) |

## MN Watersheds 2023 Resolution

### *Support of New Legislation Modeled After HF2687 and SF2419 (2018) Regarding DNR Regulatory Authority over Public Drainage Maintenance and Repairs*

**WHEREAS**, many watershed districts are drainage authorities 103E for all public drainage systems within their jurisdictional boundaries pursuant to the statute chapter; and

**WHEREAS**, statute chapter 103E places an obligation on drainage authorities to maintain public drainage systems on behalf of benefitted landowners; and

**WHEREAS**, courts have identified the rights of benefitted landowners to have public drainage systems maintained as a property right; and

**WHEREAS**, the State enacted laws related to water resources after the establishment of the public drainage systems with the commitment that these laws would not restrict existing rights to maintain public drainage systems; and

**WHEREAS**, DNR practices have departed from past policy and extended its authority by regulating, permitting, and restricting drainage system repairs; and

**WHEREAS**, HF2687 and SF2419 were introduced during the 2018 legislative session to restate the protections given to drainage system repairs and were placed on hold in committee to await new DNR guidance that would address the concerns of the drainage authorities; and

**WHEREAS**, the DNR issued guidance in February 2018 that did not address the public drainage authority concerns and has created more uncertainty, expense, and delays in the public waters regulatory program and for drainage system repairs; and;

**WHEREAS**, Though HF2687 and SF2419 were never withdrawn by their authors, it requires that they be reintroduced for consideration.

**WHEREAS**, legislation modeled after HF2687 and SF2419 does not eliminate DNR or public input on repair depths; rather it clarifies how and when this is to occur in the process.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that Minnesota Watersheds supports the introduction of new legislation, modeled after HF2687 and SF2419, commits its staff to vetting this topic through the Drainage Work Group in 2024, and commits its lobbying efforts toward promoting the passage of the bills in subsequent sessions.

## 11:30 MOBI Trac Sale Update





# MEMORANDUM

## Rice Creek Watershed District

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**Date:** August 1, 2023  
**To:** RCWD Board of Managers  
**From:** Tom Schmidt, Public Drainage Inspector  
**Subject:** MOBI Trac Sale Update

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### Introduction

The Board, by consensus, authorized selling the MOBI Trac, and Staff are engaging the Board on selling methods.

### Background

At the May 8th workshop, Staff discussed with the Board Staff's recommendation to sell the MOBI Trac machine, a specialized machine utilized for excavation and vegetation management in wet areas. The Board, by consensus, authorized the selling of the machine. On May 11th, 202, Staff posted the machine for sale on the Minnesota equipment trader website for \$100,000, including all attachments. Since the posting, the District has received little response and is now looking to contract with a consigner to market and sell/ auction the machine on the District's behalf.

Staff have explored several auction-type services. The District's needs suggest that Loretto Equipment Auctions - Minnesota Auction Services may be a reasonable selling venue and reached out to them. The consignment fee is 5% of the sale price (i.e., \$5000), and there is a \$150 reserve price fee if the auction reserve price is not met and we choose not to sell. The auctions occur at their business location, and they handle the marketing, auctioning, and financial transaction with the auction winner. Currently, a draft of the services contract is pending. Upon receipt and review of the services contract by Staff and counsel and a finding that the terms are reasonable, then, if necessary, Staff will seek delegated authority to the administrator to proceed accordingly.

### Staff Recommendation

Staff recommend pursuing a consignment sale of the MOBI Trac.

### Request for Board Consensus

Staff are requesting Board consensus to pursue a consignment sale of the MOBI Trac.