



**REGULAR MEETING OF THE RCWD BOARD OF MANAGERS**  
Wednesday, June 12, 2024

Shoreview City Hall Council Chambers  
4600 North Victoria Street, Shoreview, Minnesota  
and  
Meeting also conducted by alternative means  
(teleconference or video-teleconference) from remote locations

**Minutes**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

President Michael Bradley called the meeting to order, a quorum being present, at 9:00 a.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: President Michael Bradley, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Pres. John Waller, and Secretary Jess Robertson

Absent: 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Pres. Steve Wagamon and Treasurer Marcie Weinandt -with prior notice

Staff Present: District Administrator Nick Tomczik, Regulatory Manager Patrick Hughes, Outreach and Grant Technician Molly Nelson, Drainage and Facilities Manager Tom Schmidt, Office Manager Theresa Stasica

Consultants: District Engineer Chris Otterness from Houston Engineering, Inc. (HEI); District Attorney Louis Smith from Smith Partners

Visitors: None

**SETTING OF THE AGENDA**

*Motion by Manager Waller, seconded by Manager Bradley, to approve the agenda, as presented. Motion carried 3-0.*

**READING OF THE MINUTES AND THEIR APPROVAL**

*Minutes of the May 22, 2024, Board of Managers Regular Meeting. Motion by Manager Robertson, seconded by Manager Waller, to approve the minutes, as presented. Motion carried 3-0.*

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<b>BOARD OF MANAGERS</b>	Jess Robertson Anoka County	Steven P. Wagamon Anoka County	Michael J. Bradley Ramsey County	Marcie Weinandt Ramsey County	John J. Waller Washington County
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29 **CONSENT AGENDA**

30 The following items will be acted upon without discussion in accordance with the staff recommendation and  
31 associated documentation unless a Manager or another interested person requests opportunity for discussion:

32 **Table of Contents-Permit Applications Requiring Board Action**

33 No.	33 Applicant	33 Location	33 Plan Type	33 Recommendation
34 23-034	34 MA Holdings, LLC	34 Blaine	34 Final Site Drainage Plan	34 CAPROC 1 item
35	35 Apex Blaine, LLC			
36	36 Polo Crown, LLC			
37	37 Keva Blaine, LLC			

38 Regulatory Manager Hughes outlined a few changes that staff recommended. Since the packet was put  
39 together, the applicant submitted an updated final plan which included an additional patio area. The final  
40 plan was the only required condition item, therefore, staff now recommend approval.

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42 ***It was moved by Manager Bradley and seconded by Manager Robertson, to approve the consent agenda  
43 as outlined in the above Table of Contents in accordance with RCWD District Engineer’s Findings and  
44 Recommendations, dated June 5, 2024, as amended as outlined by Regulatory Manager Hughes. Motion  
45 carried 3-0.***

46 **WATER QUALITY GRANT PROGRAM COST SHARE APPLICATION**

46 No.	46 Applicant	46 Location	46 Project Type	46 Eligible Cost	46 Pollutant Reduction	46 Funding Recommendation
A23-02	City of Fridley	Fridley	Road Reconstruction Rain Gardens	\$62,682.52	Volume: 24.7% TSS: 24.2% TP: 29.47%	75% cost share of \$30,000 not to exceed 75%; or \$7,500/rain garden/ \$30,000 total, whichever cost is lower

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48 Outreach and Grant Technician Molly Nelson gave a brief overview of what had been discussed at the CAC  
49 meeting since no Board member was able to be present at their meeting and provided some clarification  
50 related to the bids and cost estimates.

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52 President Bradley asked if this was paying for both the curb cuts and the rain gardens.

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54 Outreach and Grant Technician Nelson confirmed that it was paying for both the curb cuts and the rain  
55 gardens.

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57 ***It was moved by Manager Bradley and seconded by Manager Robertson, to approve the Water Quality  
58 Grant consent agenda as outlined in the above table, in accordance with RCWD Staff’s Recommendation  
59 based on established program guidelines, dated June 5, 2024. Motion carried 3-0.***

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61 **OPEN MIC/PUBLIC COMMENT**

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63 **ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION**

64 **1. Solitude Lake Management Partial Pay Request #1, Centerville Lake Alum Project**

65 Lake and Stream Manager Kocian stated this item was a pay application for the Centerville Lake  
66 Alum project. He stated that Phase 1 of this project had just been completed and reminded the  
67 Board that what was driving this project was the excessive algae blooms due to internal loading  
68 from sediment phosphorus. He noted that the District had been awarded a Clean Water Fund  
69 grant to help pay for this project that covered about 85-90% of the overall costs. He explained that  
70 Anoka County Parks, City of Centerville, and the City of Lino Lakes were financial partners in the  
71 project and St. Paul Regional Water Services had partnered with them to provide them with access.  
72 He stated that the public meeting they held on April 11, 2024 was well attended and reminded the  
73 Board that the alum application was being done in the deeper portion of the lake in two phases.  
74 He explained that Solitude Lake Management began work on May 13, 2024 and noted that he  
75 wanted to praise Anoka County Parks for being a great partner because the park was under major  
76 construction with Peterson Construction at the time and yet they found a way to get them through  
77 the construction area in order to launch the alum application barge. He displayed photos that were  
78 taken during the project from May 14-21, 2024 as well as pictures from early June that showed that  
79 all the equipment was off the site. He explained that the only remnant from the project was some  
80 rutting that took place in the grass. He noted that Barr Engineering, as the Project Manager, has  
81 reviewed all the submittals for payment and found everything to be in order and, along with staff,  
82 was recommending approval.

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84 President Bradley asked if there was anything that could be shared regarding the results.

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86 Lake and Stream Manager Kocian stated that, so far, the water clarity was way up, which is what  
87 they would expect. He stated that they will continue to monitor it over the summer, so the end of  
88 the year summary will be the most illuminating and outlined some of the steps that were planned  
89 as part of this monitoring.

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91 ***Motion by Manager Robertson, seconded by Manager Waller, to approve partial payment to***  
92 ***Solitude Lake Management for the Centerville Lake Alum Project in the amount of \$464,065.30.***  
93 ***Motion carried 3-0.***

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95 President Bradley stated that he wanted to ask a question on behalf of the Bald Eagle Lake residents.  
96 He noted that the weeds were up because the water is up and asked if, the water stayed up, that  
97 meant that they would be maxed on the weeds for the summer.

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99 Lake and Stream Manager Kocian noted that there has been typical treatment for curlyleaf  
100 pondweed on Bald Eagle Lake and thinks that the survey for Eurasian Watermilfoil was recently, or  
101 was just about to be completed. He stated that they were probably reaching closer to maximum  
102 plant growth earlier in the year because of the early ice off.

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105 **2. JACON LLC Partial Pay Request #5 – AWJD 3 Branches 1, 2 & 4 Repair Project**  
106 Drainage and Facilities Manager Schmidt reviewed the partial pay request for JACON, LLC related to  
107 the AWJD 3, Branches 1, 2 and 4 repair project. He explained that this work had begun in 2023 but  
108 most of the work had occurred in 2024. He noted that the project was substantially completed and  
109 they were just working on finishing the final punch list items. He stated that the District Engineer  
110 and staff found the pay request accurate and were recommending payment.

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112 ***Motion by Manager Waller, seconded by Manager Bradley, to approve JACON LLC’s partial pay***  
113 ***request #5 as submitted and certified by the District Engineer and directs staff to issue a payment***  
114 ***in the amount of \$21,047.25. Motion carried 3-0.***

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116 District Engineer Otterness explained that the District was expecting one more payment request  
117 from them for the final payment which he anticipated would happen next month.

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119 **3. Check Register Dated June 12, 2024, in the Amount of \$134,194.40 Prepared by Redpath and**  
120 **Company**  
121 ***Motion by Manager Bradley, seconded by Manager Robertson, to approve check register dated***  
122 ***June 12, 2024, in the Amount of \$134,194.40 Prepared by Redpath and Company. Motion carried***  
123 ***3-0.***

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125 **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND INFORMATION**

126 **1. Common Carp Management Update**  
127 Lake and Stream Manager Kocian provided a progress report on the 2024 carp management  
128 activities. He noted that springtime was when most of the work in this program actually happened  
129 and explained that some of the final numbers have been updated since the Board packet was sent  
130 out. He reminded the Board that the Carp Management Plan was adopted in 2018 and revised in  
131 2022 with the aim to manage the population below the impact threshold. He reviewed details  
132 regarding the annual objective of the Carp Management Plan to remove at least 50% of adult carp  
133 on an annual basis and to suppress reproduction by blocking migration and access to nursery areas.  
134 He noted that their primary management tool is the electric barrier system on Rice Creek, just  
135 upstream of Long Lake, to guide the migrating fish into a pen and then using an electric herding  
136 system to guide them to a conveyor belt where they can be removed. He explained that the other  
137 part of their plan is the fairly new physical barrier on Johanna Creek which is just outside of the New  
138 Brighton Community Center. He stated that in 2024 the total number of carp removed was 1,029  
139 which reflects about 34% of the population. He explained that the number removed from the system  
140 since 2016 is around 56,000 carp and explained that the numbers for 2024 were down a bit,  
141 reflecting the lower carp population. The carp population is down 80-90% since management began.  
142 He noted that they do have some ideas to improve efficiency in 2024; strategy adjustments are  
143 needed, now the population is low. He stated that they have found the Johanna Creek barrier to be  
144 more important than expected because they think about 20-30% of the carp population attempts  
145 to migrate up Johanna Creek, instead of, or in addition to Rice Creek. He stated that unfortunately  
146 they had a whole lot of rain this year which allowed some fish to get past it due to the flooding  
147 conditions. He explained that they were looking to improve the barrier design in 2025, by adding an

148 L-shaped bracket to the top of the screens. This would prevent carp migration during floods by to  
149 stopping them from jumping over the barriers. He stated before the carp were able to get up and  
150 over the barrier, they had already removed roughly 300-400 of them from the downstream location  
151 and were also able to remove about 50-75 from the upstream side of the barrier. Overall, the  
152 program is working well, and long-term management are currently met. The District is now in the  
153 “maintenance” phase.

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155 **2. District Engineer Update and Timeline**

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159 **4. Managers Update**  
160 Manager Waller stated that he had attended the Washington County Consortium meeting, also  
161 present were District Administrator Tomczik and Regulatory Manager Hughes. He gave a brief  
162 overview of the discussion topics.

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164 **ADJOURNMENT**

165 ***Motion by Manager Robertson, seconded by Manager Waller, to adjourn the meeting at 9:47 a.m.***  
166 ***Motion carried 3-0.***

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