



APPROVED

RCWD BOARD OF MANAGERS WORKSHOP

Monday, August 12, 2024

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

Meeting also conducted by alternative means
(teleconference or video-teleconference) from remote locations

1 The Board convened the workshop at 9:00 a.m.

2 Attendance: Board members Mike Bradley, John Waller, Jess Robertson, Marcie Weinandt, Steve
3 Wagamon

4 Absent:

5 Staff: Drainage & Facilities Manager Tom Schmidt, Technical Field Assistant Abel Green, Technical Field
6 Assistant Connor Price, Program Support Technician Emmet Hurley (video-conference), Lake and
7 Stream Manager Matt Kocian, Office Manager Theresa Stasica

8 Consultants: District Engineers Chris Otterness and Adam Nies-Houston Engineering, Inc.,

9 Visitors by video-conference: Mark Statz-City of Centerville Administrator

10 Administrator Tomczik requested an addition to the agenda-Perry Wagamon’s 8/11/2024 email. The Board
11 by consensus accepted the agenda addition.

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13 **Perry Wagamon’s 8/11/2024 email**

14 Administrator Tomczik distributed a copy of the email to Board members. The Board discussed Mr.
15 Wagamon’s communication. Staff informed the Board of recent and on-going maintenance of ACD 10-22-
16 32 which includes ditch and culvert maintenance along with addressing beaver activity. Staff continues to
17 be in contact with Mr. Wagamon. Regarding the Board’s action to further investigate alternative 4, the
18 District recently received a response from the Department of Natural Resources. Alternative 4 along with
19 DNR’s response and other regulatory matters will be on the Board’s September 9, 2024, workshop. Staff
20 will inform Mr. Wagamon and the City of Columbus of this agenda item.

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22 **Anoka Washington Judicial Ditch #3/Clearwater Creek Stabilization Feasibility Study**

23 Staff and District Engineers reviewed the draft technical memo provided in the agenda packet and gave a
24 presentation on the draft study. The location of the Clearwater Creek/AWJD3 study is downstream of I-35E.
25 The stabilization proposed within the study will increase the stability of JD 3 and reduce long term
26 maintenance cost of the ditch. It will also reduce risk of damage to adjoining property and reduce
27 downstream sediment and nutrient delivery. The District Engineer recommended the combination of
28 alternatives: re-meander, ditch repair/vegetation management, and two-stage ditch. The Board discussed
29 the alternatives presented. They would like the final report to include additional dialogue regarding
30 required potential easement.

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Steven P. Wagamon
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32 **Administrator Updates**

- 33 • Release RFP to RCWD's engineering professional services pool for the Highway 61/Ponds Project
- 34 funded through Watershed Based Funding Initiative Grant
- 35 • Mn Watersheds Annual conference lodging
- 36 • Potential 2025 budget increase to fund EMWREP program
- 37 • Estimated fund balance and 2025 budget fund transfers
- 38 • City of Centerville received FEMA letter amending map.

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40 The workshop was adjourned at 11:02 a.m.