



APPROVED

RCWD BOARD OF MANAGERS WORKSHOP

Monday, September 9, 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, Program
6 Support Technician Emmet Hurley (video-conference), Project Manager David Petry, Lake and Stream
7 Manager Matt Kocian, Office Manager Theresa Stasica

8 Consultants: District Engineers Chris Otterness and Adam Nies-Houston Engineering, Inc., District
9 Attorney John Kolb-Rinke Noonan

10 Visitors: Perry Wagamon, Frederick Fox, Peter Olson-Skog

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12 **Anoka County Ditch 10-22-32 Alternative 4**

13 District Engineer Otterness and staff discussed the technical memo ACD 10-22-32 Alternative 4, which
14 provided an update on regulatory engagement and summarized the findings on the feasibility of Alternative
15 4 proposed repairs. These repairs are to the Pine Street Culvert, 137th Avenue, and Jodrell Street culverts.
16 The technical memo was a part of the workshop packet. The Board discussed the benefits and estimated
17 anticipated costs of these proposed repairs.

18 Mr. Perry Wagamon informed the Board of the ongoing flooding of his property since 2007. He stated that
19 he has persistently requested drainage from the District over the years and that it has yet to be granted.

20 Manager Wagamon read from Coon Creek Watershed District July 14, 2003, minutes page 4 of 16. He
21 provided the document for copies and distribution. He stated it provided evidence that the culvert at Jodrell
22 Street was installed improperly.

23 The Board directed staff to investigate this new information. Staff informed the Board that they made a
24 data practice request to the Coon Creek Watershed District (CCWD) and the City of Columbus on CCWD's
25 permitting of the construction of Jodrell Street or any construction details related to the City's construction
26 of Jodrell Street. This request was a part of the District's proceedings in 2021 to reestablish records for ACD
27 10-22-32.

28 President Bradley called a 5 minute recess.

29 Manager Wagamon left the meeting due to illness.

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Ramsey County

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30 President Bradley called the workshop back to order.

31 Administrator Tomczik requested the next item be the Ramsey County Ditch #4 discussion due to our recent
32 visitors. The Board agreed by consensus.

33 **Ramsey County Ditch #4**

34 President Bradley stated this item is on the agenda due to RCD4 repair concerns from Peter Olson-Skog at
35 the 8/28/24 board meeting. The Board directed staff to bring this issue back to the workshop to discuss.

36 District Engineer Otterness reminded the Board that the repair project was ordered by the Board consisting
37 primarily of tree clearing, but also include armoring of banks where needed. When plans and specs were
38 developed for bidding, the District Engineer and staff intentionally separated the armoring work, delaying
39 it until after the rest of the work was completed to procure under a separate contract. This was to ensure
40 bids were received from contractors that specialized in the work needed. The tree clearing, seeding and
41 erosion control has been completed by the contractor. Staff are very happy with the work completed.

42 Drainage and Facilities Manager Schmidt explained staff will prepare a plan in the next couple of weeks for
43 the additional bank armoring needed and will obtain quotes for the work.

44 District Engineer Otterness noted that in the prior Board meeting, Manager Waller requested discussing
45 the depth of the ditch where Mr. Olson-Skog had reported the ditch widening. He reported that Mr. Olson-
46 Skog location and the outlet were close to the as-constructed profile. There is no sediment to remove from
47 the ditch at this location. It is common that the width of ditch is wider than constructed due to the ditch
48 being highly modified natural channel, increased impervious surface contributing over the years and effects
49 of erosion.

50 Peter Olson-Skog provided a handout of aerial pictures from 1991, 2018, and 2022 of his property area
51 comparing condition of ditch.

52 Administrator Tomczik stated the additional armoring work is authorized under the Board's order of the
53 original project. He will keep the Board informed of quotes received and progress.

54 **Anoka Washington Judicial Ditch #3/Clearwater Creek Stabilization Feasibility Study – Final Memo**

55 Staff and District Engineers reviewed the updates within the final technical memo. Staff and District
56 Engineers reviewed further content to address potential land acquisition processes/costs for the proposed
57 alternatives.

58 There was Board consensus to accept the final feasibility study. Staff and District Engineer will engage the
59 cities of Centerville and Lino Lakes to obtain feedback and begin project development. Landowner
60 engagement will also be obtained. Staff will also investigate options for grant funding to assist with the
61 project.

62 **Administrator Updates**

63 The administrator stated and distributed to the Board:

- 64 • Information providing background for Wednesday's proposed budget and levy approval including:
65 Revised 2025 highlights memo, Washington Conservation District's East Metro Water Resource
66 Education Program partner and 2025 contribution report. WCD states \$24,577.60 2025 District

67 funding contribution. Clear Lake fund increase \$75,000 from fund balance, multiple fund transfers
68 to align with fund balance policy.

- 69 • Metro Shooting inquiry from Anoka County, staff sharing materials and minutes of past workshop
70 and forthcoming meeting to discuss.
- 71 • U of M Stormwater Research Council 2024 annual report and intended \$10,000 District contribution.
72 The District contributed \$10,000 to the program last year.
- 73 • Received from BWSR and MAWA Outstanding Watershed Staff nomination forms for an Outstanding
74 Watershed District Employee and Administrator award due October 18th.

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76 The workshop was adjourned at 11:09 a.m.

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