



APPROVED

RCWD BOARD OF MANAGERS WORKSHOP

Monday, October 7, 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, Steve Wagamon

3 Absent: Jess Robertson and Marcie Weinandt with prior notice

4 Staff: Drainage & Facilities Manager Tom Schmidt, Project Manager David Petry, Regulatory Manager
5 Patrick Hughes, Lake and Stream Manager Matt Kocian, Office Manager Theresa Stasica

6 Consultants: District Engineer Chris Otterness -Houston Engineering, Inc. (HEI)

7 Visitors: Chris Stowe

8 Administrator Tomczik stated the Wednesday agenda packet is rather large. Staff will introduce a few of
9 the action items' content to assist the Board. He also recommended moving the professional service
10 proposals to the last item discussed today.

11 **Browns Preserve Wetland Bank Credit Accounting/Forecasting**

12 Staff and District Engineer Otterness reviewed the workshop packet spreadsheet with the Board. The Board
13 discussed potential projects and activities that may utilize wetland credits, and project cost benefit and
14 potential to create wetland credits in other areas.

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16 **Anoka County Ditch 10-22-32 Board-Requested Memo**

17 District Engineer Otterness stated the Board directed a review of landowner concerns regarding
18 performance of the drainage system and its potential effect on drainage from his property on ACD 10-22-
19 32 Branch 4. He reviewed the workshop packet memo which addressed the landowners' concerns. The
20 Board suggested Mr. Stowe contact staff for a site meeting to review the condition of a historic spoil pile
21 that he has concerns with on his property. The Board directed staff to meet with staff from the cities of
22 Columbus and Lino Lakes to share and discuss public drainage issues and processing along with potential
23 development so they can collaborate on the current and potential future conditions.

24 The Board took a 5-minute break.

25 **Hwy 61 Ponds Request For Proposals**

26 Lake and Stream Manager Kocian stated the Hwy 61 Ponds is a District Facility constructed in 2003/2004.
27 Maintenance has not been conducted on the ponds since construction consistent with the typical life span

28 of 20 years. The District received a WBIF grant to conduct a feasibility study for enhancing the performance
29 of the ponds.
30 Lake and Stream Manager Kocian informed the Board that they received the submitted proposals in a
31 separate packet due to the non-public material.
32 The Board reviewed their findings with staff and by consensus agreed to Barr Engineering's proposal. The
33 Board will consider this at Wednesday's meeting.

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35 **Side by Side/Utility Task Vehicle Purchase**

36 Drainage and Facilities Manager Schmidt asked the Board for approval to purchase a UTV for staff to utilize
37 for fieldwork, inspections, maintenance and monitoring.

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39 The Board by consensus agreed to the purchase of the UTV and directed staff to bring it to Wednesday's
40 meeting for consideration.

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42 **10/9/2024 Agenda Items**

43 Regulatory Manager Hughes and Administrator Tomczik reviewed with the Board materials from the
44 10/9/2024 agenda packet for items: 1) 24-040 WCA application requiring board action; and 2) Ramsey/
45 Hennepin/Anoka County Boundary Change Petition Submittal to BWSR. These items will be considered at
46 Wednesday's meeting.

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48 The Board took a 5-minute break.

49 **Administrator Updates**

- 50 • RCD4 Repair: Tree work has been completed. HEI has completed their survey for additional bank
51 stabilization. Staff will send out plans to select contractors for quotes.
- 52 • JD2 Sandy Verry memo and correspondence has been made available to all on the Board.
- 53 • Locke Lake-Staff has met with the City of Fridley to discuss history and future activities.
- 54 • RCD 2, 3, 5: The MPCA grant application for Jones Lake was unsuccessful. Staff were informed there
55 may be another RFP in February. Staff will work to address concerns on any future grant application
56 submittal. The Board directed staff to work as well with legislative contacts and partners to gather
57 support for the project.
- 58 • Sought a salary trend memo for 2025.
- 59 • CAC member roster will be reviewed by the Board in January 2025.

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61 **Professional Service Proposals**

62 The Board by consensus agreed to bring this item to the October 23rd meeting for the full board to consider.

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64 The workshop was adjourned at 11:44 a.m.