RESOLUTION NO. 2014-34
RICE CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT
BOARD OF MANAGERS

ADOPTING AMENDMENT to WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLAN

Manager D4 offered the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Manager W4amon:

WHEREAS pursuant to Minnesota Statutes §103B.231 and Minnesota Rules chapter 8410, the Rice Creek Watershed District ("District") adopted and implements its 2010 Watershed Management Plan (amended January 25, 2012);

WHEREAS the District prepared a proposed amendment to the Watershed Management Plan (WMP) intended to accomplish the following:

- Revise the description of the District’s wetland management planning program to reflect its prior consolidation of several independent, sub-area-based wetland management rules into a single rule;

- Refine descriptions of several projects in the District’s capital improvement program;

- Add a section articulating general guidelines for considering third-party funding requests;

- Amend the description of the District’s Urban Stormwater Remediation Cost-Share Program (Appendix G); and

- Update the WMP in other limited ways.

WHEREAS on September 11, 2014, the District distributed the proposed amendment to counties, cities and towns within the District; the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR); the Metropolitan Council; and the state environmental, natural resources, agriculture and health agencies for a 45-day comment period, which concluded on November 3, 2014;

WHEREAS on October 22, 2014, after duly published notice, the District held a public hearing to afford interested parties an opportunity to address the District Board of Managers concerning the proposed amendment;

WHEREAS the BWSR has concurred that the proposed amendment constitutes a minor amendment pursuant to Minnesota Rules 8410.0140;

WHEREAS the District has received and considered comments from Ramsey County, the Metropolitan Council, the state natural resources and agriculture agencies, and BWSR, and as a result of those comments has made adjustments to the proposed plan amendment consisting of corrections to Table 6-6 and added language to sections 6.3.3.7 and 7.5;
WHEREAS District staff has prepared a document summarizing each substantive comment submitted and responding to that comment; and

WHEREAS the District Board of Managers finds that the proposed amendment, as revised, reflects the District’s implementation intentions and improves the foundation for District WMP implementation;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the proposed amendment, as revised, is adopted effective immediately;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Administrator shall provide for the amendment to be printed in the form of replacement pages for the WMP, showing deleted text as stricken and new text as underlined, renumbered as appropriate and including the amendment’s effective date, and within 30 days shall distribute copies of the amendment, electronically or in physical form, to all agencies and individuals who have received a copy of the WMP, and shall make the amendment available for public access on the District’s web site; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Administrator shall transmit to all commenters a copy of the District’s response to comments and shall include the response to comments in the record of the plan amendment process.

The question was on the adoption of the resolution and there were 5 yeas and 0 nays as follows:

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Upon vote, the Chair declared the Resolution passed.

Harley Ogata, Secretary

Dated: November 12, 2014

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I, Harley Ogata, Secretary of the Rice Creek Watershed District, do hereby certify that I have compared the above resolution with the original thereof as the same appears of record and on file with the District and find the same to be a true and correct transcript thereof.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 12th day of November, 2014.

Harley Ogata, Secretary