RESOLUTION NO. 2014-21
RICE CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT
BOARD OF MANAGERS

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE TARGETED WATERSHED DEMONSTRATION
PROJECT WORK PLAN, AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF THE TARGETED WATERSHED
DEMONSTRATION GRANT AGREEMENT AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF
FACILITATING DOCUMENTS

Manager Walter offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Manager Haake:

WHEREAS, the Watershed District submitted a Targeted Watershed Demonstration Grant proposal to the Board of Water and Soil Resources to address various water quality and stormwater management conditions within the Long Lake subwatershed; and

WHEREAS, components of the grant proposal included water quality and stormwater management actions within the Cities of New Brighton and Saint Anthony, carp control and removal in Long Lake and adjacent waterbodies, and restoration of historic creek meanders and creek channel stabilization on a portion of Rice Creek in Ramsey County; and

WHEREAS, Middle Rice Creek extends from Circle Pines to New Brighton and is listed as impaired for fish and macroinvertebrates, the creek discharges into Long Lake, which is listed as impaired for nutrients, and these impairments result in part from the instability of the creek channel and from streambed and channel erosion; and

WHEREAS, the Watershed District has finalized a work plan with the Board of Water and Soil Resources for implementation of the grant; and

WHEREAS, implementation of the grant will be facilitated by various commitments from the Cities of New Brighton and Saint Anthony, as well as from Ramsey County Parks and Recreation Department; and

WHEREAS, the Cities of New Brighton and Saint Anthony have adopted resolutions indicating their intent to work with the Watershed District to provide property access for design, construction, operation and maintenance of the water quality and stormwater management actions; and

WHEREAS Ramsey County Parks and Recreation Department has executed a memorandum of understanding with the Watershed District to work with the Watershed District to provide property access for design, construction, operation and maintenance of the Middle Rice Creek restoration project; and
WHEREAS, successful project implementation requires a partnership among the Watershed District, the Cities of New Brighton and Saint Anthony, and Ramsey County Parks and Recreation Department, including cooperation in project design and construction, cash and in-kind financial support, as well as land access rights to protect the improvements and provide for operation and maintenance of the improvements for the 25-year project duration,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Managers hereby approves the grant agreement, with workplan, and authorizes the District administrator to execute the grant agreement and submit the grant agreement and workplan to the Board of Water and Soil Resources, with any final non-material changes and on advice of counsel; and

FURTHER, that the Board of Managers hereby authorizes the Board president to execute the Memorandum of Understanding between the Rice Creek Watershed District and Ramsey County Parks and Recreation, a department of Ramsey County, Minnesota, with any final non-material changes and on advice of counsel.

The question was on the adoption of the resolution and there were 3 yeas and 0 nays as follows:

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Upon vote, the Chair declared the Resolution passed.

Barbara Haake, Acting Secretary

Dated: June 11, 2014

I, Barbara Haake, Acting 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 hereunto set my hand this 11th day of June 2014.