RESOLUTION NO. 2016-29
RICE CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT
BOARD OF MANAGERS

ADOPTING AMENDMENT to WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLAN

Manager Bradley offered the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Manager Wagamba:

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 November 12, 2014);

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

- Update policy on District’s drainage maintenance protocol;
- Refine descriptions of several projects in the District’s capital improvement program;
- Revise funding consideration factors to prioritize projects with multiple benefits;
- Update watershed management plan amendment process (Chapter 8) to match the 2015 MN Rule 8410 revision;
- Add additional standards for municipalities’ local water plan;
- Amend the description of the District’s Cost Share Programs (Chapter 6 & Appendix G);
- and,
- Update the WMP in other limited ways.

WHEREAS on August 31, 2016, 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 October 18, 2016;

WHEREAS on September 28, 2016, 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 City of Columbus, the State Department of Natural Resources, and BWSR, and as a result of those comments has made adjustments to the proposed plan amendment consisting of revised and added language to sections 1.1.2, 6.2.1.1, 6.3.3.7, 8.1.2, 8.3.1, and 8.3.2;
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.

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.

Michael J. Bradley, Secretary
Dated: November 9, 2016

I, Michael J. Bradley, 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 9th day of November, 2016.

Michael J. Bradley, Secretary