RESOLUTION NO. 2020-13
RICE CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT
BOARD OF MANAGERS

ADOPTING WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE
PURSUANT TO MINNESOTA STATUTES §103B.231, SUBD. 10

Manager Hernadt offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Manager Bradley:

WHEREAS the Rice Creek Watershed District (RCWD) has adopted and implements a watershed management plan (WMP) in accordance with Minnesota Statutes §103B.231;

WHEREAS under Minnesota Statutes §103B.231, a WMP is to be revised at least every ten years to review and reestablish water resource goals and policies, incorporate new information, revise priorities and identify programs and projects accordingly;

WHEREAS the present WMP was adopted by Resolution 2010-15 on June 9, 2010 and a WMP update is warranted to reflect the past ten years of RCWD experience, land use and development changes within the watershed, a large body of new knowledge regarding water resource management within the watershed and more generally, and new watershed priorities;

WHEREAS on August 7, 2019 the RCWD, in accordance with Minnesota Statutes §103B.231, subdivision 7, distributed the draft WMP update for 60-day review and comment to Ramsey, Anoka, Washington and Hennepin Counties and their respective Soil and Water Conservation Districts; the Metropolitan Council; the Minnesota Departments of Natural Resources, Agriculture and Health and the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (together, the "State review agencies"); the Minnesota Department of Transportation; the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR); and all cities and townships with territory within the legal boundaries of the RCWD;

WHEREAS on October 23, 2019 the RCWD Board of Managers considered 158 written comments submitted by 15 state and regional agencies and local units of government, approved written responses to all comments received, and directed staff to distribute the approved responses to all plan commenters immediately;

WHEREAS the RCWD provided notice of a public hearing on the WMP update and held the public hearing on November 4, 2019 during the regular meeting of the Board of Managers, where the City of Hugo clarified three of its comments;

WHEREAS no projects in the draft WMP’s capital improvement program were disapproved by any county within the RCWD and the capital improvement program was thereby deemed to be approved by each county;
WHEREAS the RCWD prepared a final draft WMP update, dated December 10, 2019, incorporating the 60-day comment responses as well as changes resulting from input received during the public hearing and revisions made by the Board of Managers during its December 9, 2019 workshop;

WHEREAS the Board of Managers finds that this WMP update conforms to Minnesota Statutes §103B.201 through 103B.251 and Minnesota Rules 8410, and that it establishes a sound foundation for RCWD program and project efforts and fiscal resource commitments over the next ten years;

WHEREAS on December 11, 2019, the Board of Managers directed the Administrator to distribute for final 90-day review the draft WMP update, dated December 10, 2019, with any non-material changes; approved minutes of the November 4, 2019 WMP public hearing; and a summary of the changes incorporated as a result of the review process to the Metropolitan Council, the State review agencies, the Minnesota Department of Transportation, and BWSR in accordance with Minnesota Statutes §103B.231, subdivision 9;

WHEREAS no adverse comments or comments otherwise warranting further response were received from the State review agencies, the Minnesota Department of Transportation, or the Metropolitan Council;

WHEREAS on March 5, 2020, the BWSR Central Region Committee passed a motion recommending that the BWSR Board approve the WMP update;

WHEREAS on March 25, 2020, the BWSR Board adopted an order approving the RCWD's WMP update, dated December 10, 2019.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the RCWD Board of Managers adopts for implementation the RCWD WMP, dated December 10, 2019, in accordance with Minnesota Statutes §103B.231, subdivision 10.
The question was on the adoption of the Resolution and there were 4 yeas and 1 nays as follows:

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Upon vote, the President declared the Resolution passed.

Marcia A. Weinandt, Secretary
Dated: April 8, 2020

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I, Marcia A. Weinandt, 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 8th day of April, 2020.

Marcia A. Weinandt, Secretary