Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

President Preiner called the meeting to order, a quorum being present, at 9:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: President Patricia Preiner, 2nd Vice-Pres. John Waller, and Treasurer Steve Wagamon.

Absent: 1st Vice-Pres. Barbara Haake, Secretary Harley Ogata (with prior notice)

Staff Present: Administrator Phil Belfiori, Permit Coordinator/Wetland Specialist Nick Tomczik, Water Resource Specialist Kyle Axtell, Regulatory Assistant Patrick Hughes.

Consultants: District Engineer Mark Deutschman from Houston Engineering, Inc. and District Attorney Louis Smith from Smith Partners.

Visitors: None.

SETTING OF THE AGENDA

District Administrator Belfiori added item 9: Authorize transmission of re-established records for Anoka County Ditch 31 and 46 to the Army Corps of Engineers; and item 10: Consideration of Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) application.

Motion by Manager Wagamon, seconded by Manager Waller, to adopt the agenda as amended. Motion carried 3-0.

READING OF THE MINUTES AND THEIR APPROVAL

Minutes of the January 28, 2015, Board of Managers Regular Meeting. Motion by Manager Wagamon, seconded by Manager Waller, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

Minutes of the January 22, 2015 Public Hearing Meeting for Anoka County Ditch 31. Motion by Manager Wagamon, seconded by Manager Waller, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

Minutes of the January 22, 2015 Public Hearing Meeting for Anoka County Ditch 46. Motion by Manager Wagamon, seconded by Manager Waller, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

OPEN MIKE — LIMIT 12 MINUTES. Any RCWD resident may address the Board in his or her individual capacity, for up to three minutes, on any matter not on the agenda. Speakers are requested to come to the podium, state their name and address for the record. Additional comments may be solicited and accepted in writing. Generally, the Board of Managers will not take official action on
items discussed at this time, but may refer the matter to staff for a future report or direct that the matter be scheduled on an upcoming agenda.

There were no comments made at Open Mike.

Motion by Wagamon, seconded by Waller, to approve Manager Waller as acting secretary for the February 11, 2015 meeting. Motion carried 3-0.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

1. Election of Officers and selection of personnel subcommittee.
   Manager Waller thought this item should be tabled until they have a full board. President Preiner wondered if they could table this to a future meeting. Administrator Belfiori indicated they could as long as they have made consideration, pursuant to the Bi-Laws for today, this could be tabled or reschedule to a later date. Attorney Smith concurred and stated they can continue with the existing officers in place until they are elected by the Board and the fact it was considered and tabled is fine.

   Motion by Manager Waller, seconded by Manager Wagamon, to table this to a future meeting when all Board Members are present. Motion carried 3-0.

2. Designation of Official Depository (currently Anchor Bank) and Official Newspaper (currently St. Paul Pioneer Press)
   Administrator Belfiori stated each year at the Boards first regular meeting in February, the Board must designate an official depository and newspaper as stated in RCWD By-laws Article 1, Section 8.

   Motion by Manager Waller, seconded by Manager Wagamon, to designate Anchor Bank as the official depository of the Rice Creek Watershed District and to designate St. Paul Pioneer Press the official newspaper of the Rice Creek Watershed District. Motion carried 3-0.

3. Consider order correcting the drainage system record for Anoka County Ditch 31
   Administrator Belfiori stated this item is correcting the drainage system record for Anoka County Ditch 31 to reflect the alignment; cross-section; profile; hydraulic structure locations, materials, dimensions, and elevations; and right-of-way of the drainage system as detailed in the Engineer’s Historical Profile Memorandum of ACD 31 dated March 19, 2009 and in a Historical Review Addendum dated September 11, 2014.

   Manager Wagamon asked if the entire order needed to be read for the motion or could the motion reference the Resolution without the reading. Attorney Smith indicated the entire order should be read for the motion for public review.

   Motion by Manager Wagamon, seconded by Manager Waller, to approve Resolution 2015-01 For The Findings And Order Correcting The Drainage System Record For Anoka County Ditch 31.

ROLL CALL:
Manager Waller – Aye
Manager Haake-Absent
Manager Ogata-Absent
Manager Wagamon – Aye
President Preiner – Aye
   Motion carried 3-0-2 (Managers Haake and Ogata absent).
4. **Consider order correcting the drainage system record for Anoka County Ditch 46**

Administrator Belfiori stated this item is correcting the drainage system record for Anoka County Ditch 46 to reflect the alignment; cross-section; profile; hydraulic structure locations, materials, dimensions, and elevations; and right-of-way of the drainage system as detailed in the Engineer’s Historical Profile Memorandum of ACD 46 dated March 19, 2009 and in a Historical Review Addendum dated September 17, 2014.

*Motion by Manager Wagamon, seconded by Manager Waller, to approve Resolution 2015-02, For The Findings And Order Correcting The Drainage System Record For Anoka County Ditch 46.*

**ROLL CALL:**
- Manager Waller – Aye
- Manager Haake - Absent
- Manager Ogata - Absent
- Manager Wagamon – Aye
- President Preiner – Aye

*Motion carried 3-0-2 (Managers Haake and Ogata absent).*

5. **Consider order initiating repair proceedings for Anoka County Ditch 31.**

Administrator Belfiori stated the Board is asked to direct its engineer to prepare an updated report for the repair of ACD 31, to include a recommended scope of repair and option that is consistent with the Board’s current drainage system repair policy and with the Board’s Watershed Management Plan and associated rules and resource management plans.

*Motion by Manager Wagamon, seconded by Manager Waller, to approve Resolution 2015-03 Findings And Order Initiating Repair Proceedings For Anoka County Ditch 31.*

**ROLL CALL:**
- Manager Waller – Aye
- Manager Haake - Absent
- Manager Ogata - Absent
- Manager Wagamon – Aye
- President Preiner – Aye

*Motion carried 3-0-2 (Managers Haake and Ogata absent).*

6. **Consider order initiating repair proceedings for Anoka County Ditch 46**

Administrator Belfiori stated the Board is asked to direct its engineer to prepare an updated report for the repair of ACD 46, to include a recommended scope of repair and option that is consistent with the Board’s current drainage system repair policy and with the Board’s Watershed Management Plan and associated rules and resource management plans.

*Motion by Manager Waller, seconded by Manager Wagamon, to approve Resolution 2015-04, Findings And Order Initiating Repair Proceedings For Anoka County Ditch 46.*
ROLL CALL:
Manager Waller - Aye
Manager Haake - Absent
Manager Ogata - Absent
Manager Wagamon - Aye
President Preiner - Aye

Motion carried 3-0-2 (Managers Haake and Ogata absent).

7. Consider 2015 MAWD Legislative Reception, Breakfast and Briefing March 11-12, 2015.
Administrator Belfiori stated as in years past, the proposed letter for the Board’s consideration is cordially inviting the Minnesota Senate and House Members to the 2015 MAWD Legislative Reception and Breakfast. This year the reception is planned for evening of March 11th and the Breakfast for the morning of March 12th.

President Preiner wondered when they will be sending this out because they will need to put in a new name for the Ramsey County member. Administrator Belfiori indicated the letter will go out before a replacement is made for Member Ogata.

Motion by Manager Wagamon, seconded by Manager Waller, to authorize staff to send the letter of invite. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion by Manager Wagamon, seconded by Manager Waller, to approve check register dated 2/11/15, in the amount of $31,559.44, prepared by Redpath and Company. Motion carried 3-0.

9. Authorize Transmission of Re-Established Records for Anoka County Ditch 31 and 46 to the Army Corp of Engineers.
Administrator Belfiori stated this item was added to the agenda per the Board’s discussion and consensus request at the February 9, 2015 workshop. It is a memorandum dated February 10, 2015 from Rinke Noonan. Based on the previous Board action related to the official drainage system records of Anoka County Ditch 31 and 46.

Motion by Manager Wagamon, seconded by Manager Waller, to direct staff to transmit Resolutions 2015-01 & 2015-02 along with the adopted alignment, cross section profile, hydraulic structure locations, materials, dimensions and elevations and right-of-way of the drainage systems as detailed described in the Engineer’s Historical Profile Memorandum and Historical Review Addendum to the US Army Corp of Engineers for filing. Motion carried 3-0.

10. Consideration of Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) application.
Administrator Belfiori stated a memorandum dated February 10, 2015 related to an application for the Rice Creek Watershed District Citizen Advisory Committee was passed out before the meeting. He stated the application is for Ken Hallberg, currently a resident of Ramsey County and possibly moving to Anoka County and based on the Board’s review and consensus at the February 9, 2015 Board Workshop, staff recommends appointment of Mr. Hallberg to the Citizen Advisory Committee.

Motion by Waller, seconded by Wagamon, to appoint Mr. Ken Hallberg to the Rice Creek Watershed District Citizen Advisory Committee. Motion carried 3-0.
ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND INFORMATION

1. District Engineers Update and Timeline.
District Engineer Deutschman stated that the construction for the ACD 53-62 repair project has moved to the south side of I35W and Branch 1 of 53-62, they are nearing completion of the channel construction which is good news. He also stated that HEI and RCWD staff did have a meeting with the Corps of Engineers concerning Brown’s Reserve. They have mutually agreed to work toward the end of February to finish all of the documentation and to get that to the other agencies for review. Permit Coordinator Tomczik stated Mr. Hair was present at the meeting and aware of the concern.

2. Manager’s Update
Manager Wagamon asked for a follow-up from Manager Waller regarding a study he mentioned in the minutes that was done in another Metro Watershed District indicating most of the damage that was done to the lakes from phosphorus comes anytime the earth is disturbed and once the housing project and roads are put back in place, the pollutant levels return to the same level as pre-settlement. He wondered if in that report they said anything about the efficiency or cost benefit analysis of the rain gardens at all. Manager Waller stated rain gardens were not specifically mentioned. He suggested Administrator Belfiori make that report available. Manager Wagamon indicated he would like to have that report available at a workshop meeting for discussion. Administrator Belfiori indicated he would make the report available at the next workshop meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Manager Wagamon, seconded by Manager Waller, to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 a.m. Motion carried 3-0.