Approved 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, Secretary Michael Bradley, and Treasurer Steve Wagamon.

Absent: 1st Vice-Pres. Barbara Haake (with prior notice)

Staff Present: Administrator Phil Belfiori, Permit Coordinator/Wetland Specialist Nick Tomczik, Water Resource Specialist Kyle Axtell, Technician Samantha Berger, Communications and Outreach Coordinator Beth Carreño, Lake and Stream Specialist Matt Kocian, Office Manager Theresa Stasica.

Consultants: District Engineer Chris Otterness, Houston Engineering, Inc. (HEI); District Attorney Chuck Holtman, Smith Partners; Drainage Attorney John Kolb, Rinke Noonan.

Visitors: John Smyth, Bill Lynch.

SETTING OF THE AGENDA
District Administrator Belfiori requested that the Board move action item 10: Consider ACD 53-62 Repair Project informational Sheet to follow action item 3: Consider Final Findings And Order Directing The Repair Of Branch 2 Of Anoka County Ditch 53-62 And Implementing Water Management District Charges.

Motion by Manager Waller, seconded by Manager Wagamon, to adopt the agenda as amended. Motion carried 4-0.

READING OF THE MINUTES AND THEIR APPROVAL
Minutes of the March 6, 2017, Board of Managers Meeting Workshop Meeting. Motion by Manager Wagamon, seconded by Manager Bradley, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

Minutes of the March 8, 2017, Board of Managers Meeting. Motion by Manager Wagamon, seconded by Manager Bradley, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried 4-0.
CONSENT AGENDA

The following items will be acted upon without discussion in accordance with the staff recommendation and associated documentation unless a Manager or another interested person requests opportunity for discussion:

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CAPROC = Conditional Approval Pending Receipt of Changes

Permit Coordinator/Wetland Specialist Tomczik stated Item 16-097 changes were handed out to the Board before the meeting. He introduced District Technician Berger to review the changes with the Board.

District Technician Berger stated there are a couple of changes that were made to the Engineer’s report reflecting the change of how they are looking at the pervious pavement and the biofiltration basin. She stated the pervious pavement is providing rate control and is not providing the water quality treatment. She stated ultimately the pervious pavers do drain into the biofiltration basin. The revision is to reflect that.

District Technician Berger stated the change to Item 7 is changing the surety from $9,300 to $9,400 to reflect the change to the water quality treatment provided. This is also reflected further down in the paragraph changing the amount from $6,800 to $6,900. Treatment change from 13,567 cubic feet to 13,864 cubic feet. She stated within the stormwater table the biofiltration basin was revised for the volume required from 10,412 to 13,864 cu. Feet. Pervious pavers were also changed in the table for rate control only. The total volume was also altered. There is also a slight revision to the text to reflect the change. The last change is calling out the bio-filtration.

*It was moved by Manager Waller, seconded by Manager Bradley, to approve the consent agenda as outlined in the above Table of Contents in accordance with RCWD District Engineer’s Findings and Recommendations, dated March 15, 2017. Motion carried 4-0.*

Permit Coordinator/Wetland Specialist Tomczik stated action item 1 on the agenda is a CAPROC item for permit 17-004.

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.
**ADDITIONAL ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION**

1. Consider Resolution Approving No Loss Determination for Impacts to Wetland Related To The Restoration of the Vancanneyt Pond on Anoka County Ditch 31.

   Permit Coordinator/Wetland Specialist Tomczik explained the item is in regards to the application for removal of accumulated sediment in the pond associated with repair of Anoka County Ditch 31. Staff received the no-loss application and staff processed the application in a manner compliant with the WCA and RCWD Rule F.

   *Motion by Manager Wagamon, seconded by Manager Waller, to approve Resolution 2017-08, Resolution Approving No Loss Determination for Impacts to Wetland Related to the Restoration of the Vancanneyt Pond on Anoka County Ditch 31 and ordering:*

   A. The Board of Managers hereby approves the no-loss determination pursuant to the Vancanneyt application.

   B. The Board of Managers further directs staff to issue a Notice of Decision on no-loss for the Vancanneyt application.

   **ROLL CALL:**

   Manager Waller – Aye
   Manager Haake – Absent
   Manager Bradley – Aye
   Manager Wagamon – Aye
   President Preiner – Aye

   *Motion carried 4-0.*

2. Consider Master Water Steward Project WQ Grant Program R17-01 West Ave.-Raingarden

   District Technician Berger noted this project was pursued by the RCWD Master Stewards, who are participating in a water stewardship program. As part of the program, they are required to help install a water quality improvement project and come up with an education and outreach plan. They are also willing to help in other ways, such as devising a maintenance plan for the site.

   District Technician Berger stated the Ramsey Conservation District prepared a bid for the project totaling approximately $27,041 for Phase 1 and $15,948 for Phase 2, for a total cost of $42,989. Estimated bids will be obtained through the bid process completed by the White Bear Township and the Ramsey Conservation District. By completing the two phases together it will help decrease estimated project costs. The Ramsey Conservation District has also made $10,000 of grant dollars available through BWSR Cost-Share grant.
District Technician Berger noted RCWD total contribution would be 75% of total cost, with a not
to exceed amount of $22,250.

President Preiner asked if the abandonment was a legal process or is there something that says
it is abandoned so it cannot be tore out in the future. District Technician stated this is park
property now and she did not think it was being utilized as a boat launch but was not sure if
there was a formal abandonment process, something staff could look into. She stated the
abandonment could be recorded as part of the property. District Administrator Belfiori stated
with Cities and public property they have a MOU (Memo of Understanding), that can identify
that this area will be preserved for this purpose.

District Attorney Holtman stated for clarification, typically when the public is the landowner it is
a maintenance obligation for a certain duration and is not recorded on the deed. There is the
option to record it on the deed and then it would become perpetual or at least be on the title in
the case the property were to change hands, which in this case may or may not be likely. He asked
if the Board would like something other than the standard arrangement. President Preiner
stated she would like something added because Park Boards change and the next group might
change the use and if the District is going to invest 75% they should have some determination in
the use.

Motion by Manager Wagamon, seconded by Manager Bradley, to approve RCWD Water
Grant Program Contract R17-01 for the West Ave rain garden and shoreline project, up to
$22,250 not to exceed 75% of eligible project expenses, in accordance with established
program guidelines. Motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Gary Krejcarek, Master Water Steward, stated he was pleased to have worked with Rice
Creek Watershed staff and indicated he has learned a lot. He reviewed his background with the
Board. He stated last spring he went around the lake and looked at four or five different spots
and it was clear that this spot on West Street was something that needed to be done.

Manager Bradley thought they picked the biggest eyesore on the lake. He stated that not only
does this provide conservation benefits but it is esthetically a nice fix.

3. Consider Final Findings and Order Directing the Repair of Branch 2 of Anoka County Ditch 53-
62 and Implementing Water Management District Charges

District Administrator Belfiori stated at the January 11, 2017 Board meeting, the Board of
Managers approved RCWD Resolution 2017-01 accepting the Engineer’s final Repair Report for
the repair of ACD 53-62, concurring with the Engineer’s Recommended Repair Alternative;
accepting the charge analysis and recommended allocation of costs for the repair of Branch 2 of
ACD 53-62; directing further proceedings for the repair of Branch 2 of ACD 53-62 to occur; and
setting a hearing for the March 8, 2017 RCWD Board meeting.

District Administrator Belfiori stated the resolution orders implementation of the repair of
Branch 2 of ACD 53-62 and the allocation of costs for the repair. The resolution also approves
the imposition of charges and related implementation logistics and also directs the District staff
to proceed with actions necessary to proceed with the repair of the system.
District Administrator Belfiori reviewed the status and anticipated timeline for the remaining tasks related to the ACD 52-63 Branch 2 Repair Proceedings with the Board.

President Preiner stated that before the Board re-opens the hearing on the repair of Branch 2 of ACD 53-62, she wanted to inform the public present of an error in correspondence they received from the City of Blaine, dated March 16, 2017. That correspondence implied that the Board would be taking additional public comment on this repair. The Board is not taking further public comment. Rather, the Board is only reopening the hearing to consider findings directing the repair and implementing water management district charges.

President Preiner stated the District will, however, have representatives present at the City’s March 29th, meeting to discuss its wetland restoration project, to listen and gather local concerns so the District can be responsive as related to this proposed repair.

President Preiner stated the District will also hold an informational meeting on May 15, 2017, at the Cloverleaf Room at Blaine City Hall, to discuss specific “scope of repair” issues including discussion of tree removal, avoidance and preservation as part of the repair. The public present today is invited to the May 15th hearing to learn more and to provide comments associated with tree removal, avoidance and preservation as part of the repair.

President Preiner also noted that agenda item 10 as has been adjusted to agenda item #4 for the meeting and includes consideration of an information sheet to be distributed at the City’s March 29th meeting.

President Preiner recessed the Regular Board Meeting and opened the Public Hearing.

Motion by Manager Wagamon, seconded by Manager Bradley, to approve Resolution 2017-09, Final Findings and Order Directing the Repair of Branch 2 of Anoka County Ditch 53-62 and Implementing Water Management District Charges:

A. The Board of Managers orders implementation of the repair of Branch 2 of ACD 53-62 consistent with the previously adopted engineer’s recommended repair alternative, and consistent with the capital improvement program contained in the District’s Watershed Management Plan.

B. The Board of Managers orders the allocation of costs for the repair of Branch 2 of ACD 53-62 in a manner consistent with the Staff’s recommendation as outlined in the Charge Analysis Memorandum prepared by Houston Engineering dated December 30, 2016 – Revised February 20, 2017.

C. The Board of Managers approves imposition of Water Management District Charges for the repair of Branch 2 of ACD 53-62 as defined in the amendments to the Watershed Management Plan approved January 25, 2012 and as outlined in the Charge Analysis Memorandum prepared by Houston Engineering dated December 30, 2016 – Revised February 20, 2017. A copy of the charge breakdown by parcel is attached hereto.
D. The Board of Managers directs that initial Water Management District Charges imposed to pay the costs of repair directed in this proceeding be collected over a period of three years without interest.

E. The Board of Managers approves the deferral of charges and the recording of a notice of deferred charges.

F. The Board of Managers directs its administrator to coordinate and take all subsequent actions necessary for implementation of the repair in a manner consistent and compliant with existing law. The Board reserves to itself, however, all subsequent actions required by law to proceed upon Board approval.

G. The Board of Managers further directs its administrator to provide a copy of this Resolution, along with the comment and response matrix and minutes of the hearing, to those providing comments on the project.

H. The Board of Managers further authorizes expenditures for the repair of Branch 2 of ACD 53-62 and the collection of revenues consistent with this order.

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

Motion carried 4-0.

10. Consider Anoka County Ditch 53-62 Repair Project Informational Sheet. (moved per Board direction)
District Administrator Belfiori stated this item is a follow-up from the Board’s discussion at the March workshop. This information sheet would inform the residents in attendance that night of their opportunity related to the proposed upcoming ACD 53-62 Branch 2 repair project information meeting pending Board approval of this motion and their availability on May 15th at 6:30 in the Clover Leaf Room at Blaine City Hall. He noted the MAWD Reception is that same evening which he is scheduled to attend.

Motion by Manager Bradley, seconded by Manager Wagamon, to approve the informational sheet related to the ACD 53-62 BR 2 repair project, authorize District staff to attend the 3/29/17 City of Blaine meeting with residents in the area and to formally notice this meeting. Motion carried 4-0.

Manager Bradley wondered which meeting District Administrator Belfiori would be attending. District Administrator Belfiori stated the motion indicated it is his directive that the Board wishes for him to attend the City meeting so he will not be attending the MAWD reception. He stated it would be nice to have at least one manager with him at the City meeting.
President Preiner stated she would go to the MAWD Reception. Manager Wagamon indicated he would go to the City meeting with District Administrator Belfiori.


District Administrator Belfiori stated this item is for the Board’s consideration. At the December 14, 2016 Board meeting, the Board approved Resolution 16-36, accepting a petition from Mr. LaValle regarding Anoka County Ditch JD 3 system, to impound waters on Branch 2 of JD 3, abandon a portion of Branch 3 of JD 3, re-align a portion of Branch 3 of JD 3 and encroach upon required right of way of the main channel of JD 3. The petitioned actions are for the beneficial purpose of restoring wetland areas adjacent to the ditch and development of a wetland bank. Houston Engineering, Inc, conducted a review and analysis of the proposed action pursuant to State law. The Board received the engineer’s report and set a hearing for March 8, 2017. The Board provided notice of the hearing as required by statute. Evidence of the notice provided was reviewed at the hearing. Evidence procedural actions in this matter, including resolutions, notices and affidavits is on file with the drainage authority and is incorporated into these findings by reference. The day of the hearing, written comments were provided by Ms. Alice Waller and the City of Hugo. The nature of the comment and the Board’s responses are indicated in the recitals of the resolution.

District Administrator Belfiori reviewed what the resolution findings will consist of. He noted Drainage Attorney Kolb is in attendance to answer any questions along with District Engineer Otterness.

Member Bradley stated on page 142 of the packet there is a discussion response to Ms. Waller’s comments regarding encroaching on downstream land. Drainage Attorney Kolb stated one of the comments contained in part of the discussion after Ms. Waller’s comments were read were really talking about the upstream properties, the properties going to the south of the LaValle property. Anything downgrading will end up in the ditch. What they were looking at was the effects on adjacent property impounding. Where does the water go once it impounds and what is the possibility it will migrate subsurface upgradient and the Engineer came back with a summarized comment.

Drainage Attorney Kolb indicated the City of Hugo did provide an extensive written comment. The majority of which were a portion of the applicants record and the City of Hugo’s involvement in that record of the wetland banking. Scoping and application both at the BWSR and ACOE’s level, none of which went to the standards for abandonment, realignment or otherwise.

Motion by Manager Waller, seconded by Manager Bradley, to approve Resolution 2017-10, Findings and Order Approving Petitioned Action; Authorizing Modification of Drainage System and Abandoning Portions of Drainage System.

A. The Board of Managers approves LaValle’s petition subject to the conditions set forth in the engineer’s report.
B. LaValle is required to transfer an easement over the realigned portion of branch 3 of JD 3 to the drainage system, for the benefit of the drainage system, as a condition of this approval.

C. The realignment of branch 3 of JD 3 requires a Public Waters Work Permit as a precondition to construction of the realignment as authorized herein.

D. LaValle is required to execute a Maintenance Declaration, in a format prescribed by the RCWD, providing for the maintenance of the modifications authorized herein as a precondition to construction of said modifications.

E. To the extent the modifications authorized herein require permits or approvals of other regulatory authorities, including the RCWD in its role as Watershed District, receipt of such permits or approvals is a precondition to construction of said modifications.

F. Once all contingencies are satisfied and the actions completed, the engineer is directed to prepare a record of the drainage system modifications authorized herein to be in filed in the drainage system record.

ROLL CALL:
Manager Waller – Aye
Manager Haake – Absent
Manager Bradley – Aye
Manager Wagamon – Aye
President Preiner – Aye

Motion carried 4-0.

District Administrator Belfiori stated Washington JD 6 is within the physical Hydrologic Watershed of forest Lake. Because the alignment of JD6 is not entirely with the Rice Creek Watershed District boundary the Board is limited in exercising its jurisdiction over the drainage system. After a year of discussion with CLFLWD regarding a boundary change and disposition of JD6, the Board, in June, determined it could perform its necessary function on JD6 efficiently within the current boundary of the Watershed District and the Board decided not to actively pursue boundary change and ditch disposition, however the Board, providing guidance to staff directed them to work with CLFLWD in the context of a technical administrative assistance role.

District Administrator Belfiori stated after several months of working with Washington County regarding disposition of JD6, the CLFLWD’s attorney has met unsurmountable resistance from the County Attorney’s office to the notion of County facilitation of drainage authority transfer. Now, CLFLWD’s attorney is pursuing special legislation to ensure drainage authority may be transferred as part of the boundary change.

It was noted that Attorney Kolb could answer Board questions if needed.
Manager Bradley asked for clarification regarding the County. Drainage Attorney Kolb stated they initially attempted to work with the County Attorney to allow the County to act as a straw man to take authority over JD6 for a brief period of time until the boundary change occurred and then once the change occurred to transfer the authority to CLFLWD pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 103D. Those discussions were re-initiated by CLFLWD Attorney and the County Attorney does not feel comfortable with that. There are a few alternatives to that being pursued. He noted there has been no objection from BWSR or the DNR in regards to this, both are supportive of this.

Motion by Manager Waller, seconded by Manager Bradley, to approve Resolution 2017-11, Supporting Special Legislation Transferring WJD 6 Drainage Authority.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board supports special legislation transferring the WJD 6 drainage authority from the RCWD to the CLFLWD for all portions of WJD 6 within the jurisdictional boundary of the CLFLWD;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in accordance with the prior action of the Board, the RCWD shall support the efforts of the CLFLWD to adjust the common watershed boundary and to pursue the transfer of drainage authority for WJD 6, but shall not obligate itself financially to those efforts;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the boundary change petition may be modified to reflect this adjusted process and that the Board President and RCWD Administrator may take all steps necessary or convenient, in their judgment and on advice of counsel, to complete the boundary change and transfer of drainage authority.

ROLL CALL:
Manager Waller – Aye
Manager Hoake – Absent
Manager Bradley – Aye
Manager Wagamon – Aye
President Preiner – Aye

Motion carried 4-0.

District Attorney Holtman stated as the Comfort Lake/Forest Lake Watershed District (CLFLWD) Attorney there is a bill that has been drafted by the revisers office pending RCWD action. The CLFLWD Board will hopefully adopt the same sort of resolution at their meeting.

6. Consider Pay Request #4 from the City of Saint Anthony for the Mirror Lake Project.

Water Resource Specialist Axtell stated on August 25, 2015, the District and City of Saint Anthony entered into a cooperative agreement to implement the Mirror Lake Improvements Project. Construction of the project has followed similarly to that of the District’s Hansen Park project. Dredging was not completed in one season due to warm weather, although the contractor has been able to complete much of the peripheral work, which will continue through the summer. The City’s fourth reimbursement request of $256,095.25 was received on March 9, 2017 for engineering and construction expenses incurred through January 2017.
Water Resource Specialist Axtell noted staff is diligently tracking the expenses associated with the project to ensure compliance with the cooperative agreement and that the fiscal arrangement between the two partners, including use of BWSR Clean Water Fund grant dollars, is carried out as intended.

Water Resource Specialist Axtell stated the District is responsible for the first $892,000 of project costs. Beyond that, the District and Saint Anthony split the next $500,000 evenly and Saint Anthony is responsible for all project costs beyond $1,392,000. RCWD’s maximum contribution to the project is $1,142,000. To date, including this reimbursement request, the District has paid a total of $639,477.42 in project costs, of which $501,898 has come from the BWSR grant and $137,578.94 has come from RCWD ad valorem funds. $252,522.58 remains to be spent before the City begins contributing funding to the project.

Motion by Manager Wagamon, seconded by Manager Waller, to approve the City of Saint Anthony’s reimbursement request of $256,095.25 pursuant to the August 25, 2015 Cooperative Agreement. Motion carried 4-0.

Consider Pay Request #6 from Rachel Contracting, Inc. for the Hansen Park Project.
Water Resource Specialist Axtell stated Rachel Contracting has continued to make progress on the Hansen Park Comprehensive Water Management Project and has submitted its sixth pay request. Staff concurs with the District Engineer’s opinion that the pay request is ready for approval.

Water Resource Specialist Axtell noted in total, the four change orders have added $97,876.95 to the original bid price of $2,768,480.12 for a total expected project cost of $2,866,357.07. Approximately $110,000 remains in the District’s “Administrator-level” contingency for this project.

Motion by Manager Bradley, seconded by Manager Wagamon, to approve Rachel Contracting, Inc.’s pay request as submitted and certified by the District Engineer, and directs staff to issue a payment in the amount of $692,912.36. Motion carried 4-0.

Consider ProCom System S.A. Contract Related to Fish Barriers
Lake and Stream Specialist Kocian stated high densities of common carp are negatively impacting water clarity in Long Lake, and the Lino Chain of Lakes. RCWD is working to reduce common carp populations in this system to meet lake water quality goals. Much of the current effort to manage carp falls under the ongoing BWSR Targeted Watershed Demonstration Program grant, “carp management” is one of four projects identified in the TWDP. The long-term goal for carp management is to sustain a population density below which they negatively impact water clarity.

Lake and Stream Specialist Kocian stated step one is to work with the U of M and Carp Solutions to build knowledge on Long Lake carp population dynamics. He noted they are currently on step two, implementing carp management actions. The two Services Agreements presented for consideration are Targeted Watershed Demonstration grant projects, but long term management would remain a program.
Lake and Stream Specialist Kocian reviewed the background with the Board. He stated significant reductions in adult carp population and reproduction are needed and half measures won’t work, they need some aggressive tactics to reduce the population.

Lake and Stream Specialist Kocian stated they are looking for management tools that will address both removal of adults and recruitment reduction, deterring juveniles from leaving the Lino Chain of Lakes and back down to Long Lake. Many of the tools work on one or the other, commercial netting, box netting works to remove adults. Lake Aeration, high-voltage electric barrier and a physical barrier deters juveniles. A Portable, low voltage electric barrier may serve both of these purposes.

Lake and Stream Specialist Kocian reviewed some examples of management tools as options with the Board.

Lake and Stream Specialist Kocian stated at this time, RCWD staff recommend testing ProCom’s NEPTUN low-voltage guidance system in Rice creek, in cooperation with Carp Solutions, LLC. The recommended approach is to rent the NEPTUN system for 1-2 years and test the effectiveness of the system. If found to be effective, equipment purchase of $60,000 and long-term use would be recommended. They are also recommending the box netting system.

Lake and Stream Specialist Kocian showed on photos where the low voltage guidance system could be deployed in the chain on lakes.

Lake and Stream Specialist Kocian noted the total cost of both contracts will not exceed $197,343. Approximately half of this cost will be covered by the Targeted Watershed Demonstration Grant.

Lake and Stream Specialist Kocian reviewed the risks and advantages of the portable electric barrier with the Board. He stated the use of low voltage barriers is experimental and new. It is a bit of high risk because it is a services agreement, there are not any specifications they are going off of, they are paying for a service. This is not extensively used yet in the U.S. There are some logistical issues to overcome with the County. There are also some public safety considerations to consider and there are insurance considerations. There are some big advantages as well, there is the potential for high reward. This is a multiple use tool with a high degree of management flexibility. This has been successfully tested in peer review literature. This is a relatively low cost item and fits within the Targeted Watershed Demonstration Grant budget, and it can be paired with other tools due to its flexibility.

Mr. Przemyslaw Bajer, Carp Solutions, LLC, made a presentation to the Board regarding the objectives of the proposal.

Mr. Bajer stated objective one is to develop an electric guidance system to block seasonal migration of carp and to determine if carp can be directed into the traps for removal. He stated the goal for this year is to see if the fish can be directed to a trap, not to trap and remove the carp. He stated objective one tasks will consist of coordinate installation of Procom Electric Guidance Systems (EGS)/Barrier, evaluate the barrier performance, monitor the behavior of
carp, test the trap via U of M project in 2018 with the Whooshh system. This will consist of 25
days of field work for 2 people and cost $31,000, this is a flexible proposal. He noted they are
very optimistic that this will work.

Mr. Bajer stated objective two is developing selective carp removal schemes in Long Lake using
baited “box nets”. This is selective and does not attract native fish. They are suggesting placing
four long nets in Long Lake. They are proposing up to 15 days of box netting and the goal is to
remove ten thousand carp. This would cost approximately $16,800.

Mr. Bajer stated objective three is to determine recruitment in Lino Lakes of carp. They have
been looking at that for two years and believe it is important to continue that element because
it will guide carp management in the system. They need to know how often carp are produced
in Lino Lakes. The cost for this would be $4,100.

Mr. Bajer stated objective four is to determine the changes in length and age structure in Long
Lake in the Fall of 2017. The cost of this objective would be $2,800. He stated data analysis is
done at the end of the year to bring it all together.

Mr. Bajer reviewed the project budget with the Board.

Lake and Stream Specialist Kocian summarized the goals and objectives of the program with the
Board.

Manager Bradley stated one of the requirements mentioned was they needed to get landowner
permission and he wondered if there was a way to get that in advance of committing to this
financially. Lake and Stream Specialist Kocian indicated they are working on that now and have
developed the access agreements and they are out to both Ramsey and Anoka County Parks. He
noted the process takes a while.

**Motion by Manager Bradley, seconded by Manager Waller, to authorize the Administrator, on
advice of counsel, and with non-substantial changes, to enter into a professional services
agreement with ProCom System, S.A. for an amount not-to-exceed $138,000.00. Motion
carried 4-0.**

**Motion by Manager Bradley, seconded by Manager Waller, to authorize the Administrator, on
advice of counsel, to enter into a professional services agreement with Carp Solution, LLC. for
an amount not-to-exceed $58,543.00. Motion carried 4-0.**

9. **Consider Authorizing Staff to Work with Cities to Develop Metropolitan Council Grant
Applications**

District Administrator Belfiori stated based on previous direction from the RCWD Board of
Managers, staff is preparing to collaborate with communities on the Metropolitan Council
Stormwater Grant in 2017.

District Administrator Belfiori reviewed the communities of interest with the Board and stated
RCWD will require a Memorandum of Understanding between the District and the City, which
will include: the City will assume all grant agreement responsibilities, and the District will
receive grant funds from the Metropolitan Council and disburse them to the City consistent with the grant agreement.

District Administrator Belfiori stated the proposed Metropolitan Council grant timeline process is as follows:

- RCWD Board authorization to partner with communities on grant applications March 22, 2017
- Notify city/county partners of next steps March 22, 2017
- City/county partners send draft grant applications and a letter of intent to RCWD April, 5, 2017
- RCWD staff review and finalize grant applications April 5-11, 2017
- RCWD Board workshop discussion of applications April 10, 2017
- RCWD Board consideration of final grant applications April 12, 2017
- RCWD submit grant applications per Board’s direction April 12-14, 2017

Motion by Manager Waller, seconded by Manager Wagamon, to authorize staff to work with communities to develop applications for the 2017 Metropolitan Council Stormwater Grant consistent with the process defined. Motion carried 4-0.

Manager Waller pointed out that their participation in six city meetings is where Metropolitan Council developed this. If he and Administrator Belfiori would not have been at these meetings this funding would not have happened.


Motion by Manager Wagamon, seconded by Manager Bradley, to approve check register dated March 22, 2017, in the amount of $296,732.68, prepared by Redpath and Company. Motion carried 4-0.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND INFORMATION

1. Discussion on March 16, 2017 Hansen Park Project Update Meeting.

District Administrator Belfiori stated on the project meeting they had with the landowners and the City of New Brighton on March 16th, he thanked staff and indicated Water Resource Specialist Axtell as the project manager, has done a great job. Staff has worked very hard to make sure the process was followed very clearly and cleanly. He also wanted to thank and publicly acknowledge Mayor Johnson and the Council and the City, the vast majority of residents and neighborhood members in that area as well. He stated the Mayor was an absolute true leader that night.

Water Resource Specialist Axtell indicated the meeting was very interesting and he thought they learned a lot about how the City feels about it. He noted the City is very happy with the project and encouraged by how things have happened to date. The weather has been issue for them and they dealt with that as best they can. The vast majority of people at the meeting were there to learn and find out what is going on. He thought the project addresses a lot of the issues that were presented.

Water Resource Specialist Axtell stated one issue that may come up that seemed to have some support on by the Council is the potential for the City to re-examine the contaminant levels of
the sediment staying onsite. The City is the landowner and they have the right to do that and their own due diligence. The Engineers are confident in the process they follow and is consistent with State procedure for projects of that type. He noted they will work with the City if they choose to proceed.

2. **Staff Report**

   Permit Coordinator/Wetland Specialist Tomczik stated they have an applicant, Mr. Chris Manning in the City of Lino Lakes who has submitted a replacement plan application and is seemingly a bit frustrated with the process. The District is satisfied with the wetland delineation and sequencing the applicant went through to justify the impact to the wetlands. The applicant’s frustration stems from the required wetland replacement. There are two options, one is to buy wetland credits, which is run through a private market and currently runs roughly $2 a square foot. The other option would be to do onsite mitigation. There are some potential options onsite but they are limited and challenging. Findings have been emailed to Mr. Manning and his representative with an explanation and outlined the options staff saw present and offered the applicant assistance so they can move forward.

   President Preiner asked how many acres is proposed to be impacted and how much replacement will be needed. Permit Coordinator/Wetland Specialist Tomczik stated the parcel is a long linear ten acres and the front is wetland up against the road so he needs to bridge the gap to access the building site at the back of the parcel. He stated the impact amount is 10,324 square feet.

3. **April Calendar**

   There were no comments.

4. **Manager’s Update**

   Manager Waller stated he went to the City of Hugo’s council meeting on March 20 and talked to the City of Hugo about the letter the city sent concerning the repair of Washington Judicial Ditch 2, Branch 2. He believed the plans were hand drawn at the time and he reviewed the cost and the fact that there was only less than 1/8 of an inch difference between the bottom and top of the ditch and where the actual outflow is with the weir structure. He stated he reminded the City that they were a part of the Blue Ribbon Task Force and a party of the weir structure. He suggested the City start to think of some alternatives. He suggested that since the WMA is a part of the State Park Program and maybe the City considers something like what Blaine has, a water wetland park in the area that is east of Rice Lake or in the organic muck soils that surround the diamond point area. He suggested the City go to the city of Blaine and look at their park and they could also consider wetland banking possibilities and consider the four sections that drain into that area and to come up with a comprehensive program that might be different and provide some relief. He suggested the City take a look at a couple of different bond funds and to work with the Rice Creek Watershed District, Washington County and landowners in order to resolve the situation because it is not going to go away.

   President Preiner asked if Manager Waller was proposing this in order to stop the drainage program the District is working on and have the City start on this. Manager Waller stated the city’s Comprehensive planning is going to begin in April and he suggested this was something they needed to take a look at and to work with the District. He stated he was not proposing the
District stop the drainage program at this time, he was telling the City to stop, take a look at some long-term planning as to how they are going to provide storm water drainage for those portions on the hills. He stated he would like to participate further in this but felt because he is a landowner in the basin that will be a problem.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Manager Wagamon, seconded by Manager Bradley, to adjourn the meeting at 10:53 a.m. Motion carried 4-0.