RESOLUTION NO. 2019-29

RICE CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT
BOARD OF MANAGERS

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMITTAL OF DRAFT WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE FOR FINAL STATE REVIEW PURSUANT TO MINNESOTA STATUTES §103B.231, SUBD. 9

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

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 the RCWD, in accordance with Minnesota Statutes §103B.231, subdivision 7, prepared and distributed a draft water management plan update for 60-day review and comment on August 7, 2019 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, Health and Transportation; the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency; the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources; and all cities and townships with territory within the legal boundaries of the RCWD;

WHEREAS on October 23, 2019 the RCWD Board of Managers approved written responses to all written comments received by October 9, 2019 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 clarification was provided by the City of Hugo regarding three of its comments;

WHEREAS no projects in the draft WMP’s capital improvement program have been disapproved by any counties within the RCWD and the capital improvement program is hereby deemed to be approved by each county;
WHEREAS the RCWD has prepared a final draft WMP update 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 concurs with the proposed changes to the draft WMP and finds that this updated plan conforms to Minnesota Statutes §§103B.205 through 103B.255, Minnesota Statutes Chapter 103D, 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;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the RCWD Administrator shall distribute for final review the draft WMP, dated December 10, 2019 and 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 Minnesota Departments of Natural Resources, Agriculture, Health and Transportation; the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency; and the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources in accordance with Minnesota Statutes §103B.231, subdivision 9, and further requesting that the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources schedule action on the draft WMP during its March 25, 2020 meeting.

The question was on the adoption of the Resolution and there were 2 yeas and 1 nays as follows:

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Upon vote, the Chair declared the Resolution passed.

Michael J. Bradley, Secretary

Dated: December 11, 2019

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I, Michael 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 11th day of December, 2019.

Michael J. Bradley, Secretary