



APPROVED

RCWD BOARD OF MANAGERS WORKSHOP

Monday, January 12, 2026

Rice Creek Watershed District Conference Room
4325 Pheasant Ridge Drive NE, Suite 611, Blaine, Minnesota
and

Meeting also conducted by alternative means
(teleconference or video-teleconference) from remote locations

- 1 The Board convened the workshop at 9:00 a.m.
- 2 Attendance: Mike Bradley, Jess Robertson, John Waller, Marcie Weinandt
- 3 Staff: Administrator Nick Tomczik, Drainage & Facilities Manager Tom Schmidt,
4 Communications & Outreach Manager Kendra Sommerfeld, Project Manager
5 David Petry, Program Support Technician Emmet Hurley (video-conference),
6 Office Manager Theresa Stasica
- 7 Consultants: District Engineer Chris Otterness-Houston Engineering Inc., District Attorney
8 John Kolb-Rinke Noonan
- 9 Visitors: Aaron Berg-City of Columbus

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11 **Anoka County Ditch 10-22-32 Repair Alternative #4**

12 Staff provided information to the Board on the evaluation of Alternative #4 which included
13 updated modeling results and updated cost estimates. Staff also updated the Board on
14 maintenance completed. The Board discussed the need to involve cities, county and the public in
15 consideration of the potential repair and directed staff & engineers to provide a framework to
16 accomplish this at a future workshop.

17 **Citizen Advisory Committee Member Operating Procedure Updates 2026**

18 Communications & Outreach Manager Sommerfeld reviewed her recommended updates with
19 the Board. The changes aim to improve the quality of discussions and make the committee more
20 effective in addressing major issues like the elements of the 10-year plan.

21 The Board directed staff to bring these recommended updates to the next CAC meeting for their
22 review and input. Staff will share their findings at a future workshop.

23 **Citizen Advisory Committee Member Appointments for 2026**

24 Communications & Outreach Manager Sommerfeld reviewed the slate of 2026 re-appointments
25 with the Board which requested a corrected slate. This item is on Wednesday's agenda for Board
26 consideration.

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28 5 minutes break

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Marcie Weinandt
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John J. Waller
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30 **Ramsey County Ditches 2, 3, and 5 Suite of Projects Update**

31 Project Manager David Petry reviewed with the Board the history and status of the suite of
32 projects in response to the municipalities petition. The Board and staff discussed potential
33 funding which included legislative bonding and grant opportunities.

34 **Administrator Updates**

35 • Meeting with Metro Shooting new potential applicant.
36 • RCWD City/County Partner meeting February 10, 2026, 10 a.m.-noon at the New Brighton
37 Community Center.
38 • Hansen Park area LOMAR issued by FEMA
39 • ACD 53-62 Br 5 + 6 repair site work close at hand by contractor
40 • Senator & Representative meetings for the Jones Lake Project

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42 The workshop was adjourned at 11:11 a.m.

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