



REGULAR MEETING OF THE RCWD BOARD OF MANAGERS
Wednesday, February 25, 2026

Mounds View City Hall Council Chambers
2401 County Road 10, Mounds View, Minnesota
and
Meeting also conducted by alternative means
(teleconference or video-teleconference) from remote locations

Minutes

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- 2 **CALL TO ORDER**
- 3 President Michael Bradley called the meeting to order, a quorum being present, at 9:00 a.m.
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- 5 **OATH OF OFFICE-JANET HEGLAND**
- 6 District Attorney Kolb administered the Oath of Office to incoming Manager Hegland.
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- 8 **ROLL CALL**
- 9 Present: President Michael Bradley, 1st Vice-Pres. John Waller, Treasurer Marcie
- 10 Weinandt, Secretary Jess Robertson, Manager Janet Hegland (left the meeting at
- 11 9:22 a.m.)
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- 13 Absent: None
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- 15 Staff Present: Administrator Nick Tomczik, Regulatory Manager Patrick Hughes, Drainage &
- 16 Facilities Manager Tom Schmidt, Lake & Stream Manager Matt Kocian,
- 17 Watershed Technician/Inspector Will Roach, Project Manager David Petry,
- 18 Program Technician Emmet Hurley (video-conference), Office Manager Theresa
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- 21 Consultants: District Engineer Chris Otterness from Houston Engineering, Inc. (HEI) & District
- 22 Attorney John Kolb-Rinke Noonan
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- 24 Visitors: Sylvia Marier, Mildred Perrault, Donna Martin, David Swearingen - City of Arden
- 25 Hills, Teresa O’Connell
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- 27 Visitors monitoring via Zoom: Christine Cook, Henry Meeker, Aaron Berg, Michael Grochala,
- 28 Shoreview News
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BOARD OF MANAGERS	Jess Robertson Anoka County	Janet Hegland Anoka County	Michael J. Bradley Ramsey County	Marcie Weinandt Ramsey County	John J. Waller Washington County
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30 **OPEN MIC/PUBLIC COMMENT**

31 Terri O’Connell, Lino Lakes, stated that she was pleased that Manager Hegland, from the City of
32 Columbus, had been appointed to the Board.

33 President Bradley explained that Manager Hegland has another commitment that predated her
34 appointment to the Board, so she would have to leave the meeting early today.

35 District Attorney Kolb stated that there is an item on the agenda related to appointing Manager
36 Hegland to an officer assignment and suggested that they make sure to do that before she leaves.

37 **SETTING OF THE AGENDA**

38 *There was a consensus of the Board to approve the agenda as presented.*

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40 **ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION**

41 **1. Manager Hegland RCWD Officer Assignment**

42 President Bradley noted that traditionally, the newest member of the Board was
43 appointed as the Secretary.

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45 *Motion by Manager Bradley, seconded by Manager Weinandt, to appoint Janet
46 Hegland to serve as Secretary and Manager Robertson as Second Vice-President of the
47 RCWD Board.*

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49 *Motion carried 5-0.*

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51 **READING OF THE MINUTES AND THEIR APPROVAL**

52 *Minutes of the February 9, 2026, Workshop and February 11, 2026, Board of Managers Regular
53 Meeting. Motion by Manager Robertson, seconded by Manager Weinandt, to approve the
54 minutes as presented. Motion carried 3-0-1 (Manager Hegland abstained).*

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56 **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

60 **Table of Contents-Permit Applications Requiring Board Action**

No.	Applicant	Location	Plan Type	Recommendation
62	26-001 James & Kathleen Nelson	Lino Lakes	Final Site Drainage Plan	CAPROC 10 items
63	Rehbein Properties		Land Development	
64			Wetland Alteration	
65			Floodplain Alteration	

66 Regulatory Manager Hughes gave a brief overview of Permit application #26-001.

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68 ***Motion by Manager Bradley, seconded by Manager Weinandt, to approve the Consent Agenda,***
69 ***as presented, in accordance with the District Engineer’s findings and recommendations as***
70 ***contained in the Engineer’s Report dated February 17, 2026. Motion carried 5-0.***
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72 **SECRETARY PROTEM**

73 District Administrator Tomczik noted that considering Manager Hegland’s need to leave the
74 meeting early, he suggested that the Board appoint a Secretary Pro-Tem.

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76 ***Motion by Manager Bradley, seconded by Manager Waller, to appoint Manager Robertson as***
77 ***Secretary ProTem. Motion carried 5-0.***

78 **PUBLIC HEARING: ANOKA COUNTY DITCH 55 (ACD55) DRAINAGE SYSTEM PARTIAL**
79 **TRANSFER PETITION**

80 President Bradley asked for a motion to recess the regular Board meeting and open the public
81 hearing on the petition of the City of Lino Lakes to transfer a portion of Anoka County Ditch (ACD)
82 55 to the City for future management. For this hearing, the Watershed District Board of Managers
83 is seated as the Drainage Authority for ACD 55.

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85 ***Motion by Manager Robertson, seconded by Manager Waller, to recess the February 25, 2026,***
86 ***RCWD Board meeting. Motion carried 5-0.***

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88 President Bradley stated that the City has petitioned to transfer Branch 8 of ACD 55. Branch 8 of
89 ACD 55, as proposed for transfer, lies entirely within the City of Lino Lakes and terminates with
90 its connection to the Main Trunk of ACD 55 on the west side of Interstate Highway 35E. The total
91 length of the proposed transfer is approximately 4,600 feet of buried tile. In addition to
92 receiving drainage from portions of Lino Lakes, the tile receives surface water from a portion of
93 the City of Hugo in Washington County. Surface water drainage from the City of Hugo will not be
94 affected by the transfer.

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96 President Bradley stated that the purpose of the petitioned action is to allow the City, under its
97 water management authorities, to manage the portion of the system proposed to be transferred
98 for municipal stormwater purposes, to include management practices or modifications to the
99 drainage system that facilitate development, municipal stormwater management, flood damage
100 reduction, and water quality protection. The purpose of this hearing is to receive comments from
101 the public on the petition to inform the Board of the public’s concerns. The City must show that
102 it is able to competently manage storm, surface, or flood-waters along the drainage system or
103 within the benefited area of the drainage system if the transfer is authorized.

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105 President Bradley stated that to grant the petitioned transfer, the Board must determine that
106 storm, surface, or flood-waters along the drainage system or within the benefited area of the
107 drainage system may be competently managed by the City, including management practices or
108 modifications to the drainage system that facilitate development, municipal storm water

109 management, flood damage reduction, and water quality protection. To facilitate comments at
110 today's hearing, notice of the time and location of the hearing was provided as required by
111 statute section 103E.812.

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113 President Bradley stated that the Board accepted the petition and appointed Houston
114 Engineering (HEI) to prepare a report assessing the impact of the proposed action. Houston
115 Engineering completed its work and filed a report with the Board. The petition and the engineer's
116 report were made available for review at the District's offices and on its website in advance of
117 this hearing and will be reviewed today.

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119 President Bradley turned the meeting over to Drainage & Facilities Manager Schmidt.

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121 District Engineer Otterness gave a summary of the petition for the City of Lino Lakes and
122 explained that it was a request for a partial transfer of ACD-55 (Branch 8). He summarized the
123 petition, reviewed the scope of the Engineering review, the location of the area petitioned for
124 transfer, the effect of the transfer, management of the drainage system, the urban stormwater
125 infrastructure, water quality authorities, and outlined the conclusions/recommendations of
126 approval for this request.

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128 President Bradley asked that any written comments that were submitted be read into the record.

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130 There were no written comments.

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132 Terri O'Connell, 1000 Main Street, Lino Lakes, stated that they have talked about the City taking
133 it over and wondered if the City would be hiring an engineering company to help them follow the
134 rules. She stated that if that is the case, and it is one engineering company that has been
135 working on the small area behind the elementary school, she suggested that the Board proceed
136 with caution. She noted that in the first phase of that project, they had not followed the Lino
137 Lakes ordinances and shared examples of what had been done. She reiterated her
138 encouragement for the Board to be cautious about turning this over to another party.

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140 Regulatory Manager Hughes stated that there are a few staff from Lino Lakes who are listening
141 online.

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143 Sylvia Marier, 1833 377th Street, stated that ACD-55 goes almost all the way to 80th and asked if
144 the City would be taking over any portion of ACD-55 in this area.

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146 District Engineer Otterness pointed out the area that the City of Lino Lakes had requested to take
147 over with this petition, which was referred to as 'Branch 8'. He noted that the area on the map
148 depicted with a dark blue line was referred to as the main trunk and explained that this area
149 would remain with the District.

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151 Ms. Marier asked about the area that travels under the freeway and if that would remain with
152 the District.

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154 District Engineer Otterness explained that 2 branches pass under the freeway, and noted that
155 the one furthest to the north would remain with the District and the other would be transferred
156 to the City of Lino Lakes.

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158 Manager Waller asked if there were any objections from the speakers to this request.

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160 Ms. Marier spoke from the audience and stated that this would affect the drainage because ACD-
161 55 under the freeway was not working well.

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163 District Attorney Kolb stated that the District has a provision within the proposed order that
164 addresses any modifications of the outlet under 35E discharging to the main trunk of ACD-55, as
165 in, what is there today is the expected capacity for the discharge. He clarified that he believed
166 the comments shared by Ms. Marier had been addressed within the order.

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168 President Bradley closed the public comment portion of the meeting.

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170 Manager Waller explained that the transfer was to the City of Lino Lakes so they can do more
171 intense development and replace it with city stormwater. He noted that the purpose was not to
172 lose drainage, but to make it more efficient and increase its value over what the current tile can
173 do.

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175 President Bradley stated that typically, when the Board received these petitions, they were not
176 coming from the cities, but from a developer, and asked if there was a project happening in the
177 area.

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179 Regulatory Manager Hughes stated that this was tied to the Otter Lake Road extension that the
180 City of Lino Lakes was planning to do, so this petition is in anticipation of development.

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182 District Engineer Otterness briefly reviewed the petition request and what was being proposed
183 in the area.

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185 Manager Waller stated that he believed what they were planning would be a better stormwater
186 conveyance system than what was currently in place.

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188 Ms. Marier referenced an area along ACD-55 and asked if Centerville had any authority in the
189 area.

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191 District Engineer Otterness explained that this area was under the District's management.

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193 Manager Robertson referenced comments made by Ms. O'Connell and noted that staff had
194 shared that this request was within the context of a future road project. She encouraged Ms.
195 O'Connell to attend future public hearings with the Planning Commission in the City of Lino Lakes,
196 if a permit is submitted for a specific project, because they can include conditional uses within

197 their permit related to some of the areas she had concerns about, such as lighting and right-of-
198 way acquisitions.

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200 Ms. O’Connell explained that her comments were made so the District would be aware of those
201 kinds of concerns.

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203 President Bradley noted that there were representatives from the City of Lino Lakes listening to
204 the meeting, and he assumed that they were taking note of the comments being shared.

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206 ***Motion by Manager Bradley, seconded by Manager Waller, to adopt Resolution 2026-03***
207 ***Findings And Order Granting Petition, Transferring A Portion Of Anoka County Ditch 55***
208 ***Pursuant To Minnesota Statutes §103E.812; And Adopting Conditions:***

209 Therefore, the RCWD Board of Managers makes the following:

210 **ORDER**

211 A. The Board of Managers hereby grants the City’s petition and transfers Branch 8 of ACD 55
212 to the City of Lino Lakes as Water Management Authority, subject to the following
213 conditions and provisions of statutes section 103E.812:

214 a. Following an accounting of the costs in these proceedings being presented to the
215 City, the City shall pay to the District such costs as required by statutes section
216 103E.812, subd. 6.

217 b. In any action to modify the transferred portion of ACD 55 to meet the City’s water
218 management or other objectives, the City shall preserve an adequate and efficient
219 outlet for properties draining to the transferred portion of the system as required
220 by statutes section 103E.812, subd. 7(a).

221 c. Though the present action does not result in any loss of drainage benefit, the City
222 shall compensate any owner of property benefitted by the transferred portion of
223 ACD 55 for the loss or impairment of any drainage rights occurring after transfer
224 of the drainage system as required by statutes section 103E.812, subd. 7(c).

225 d. Unless otherwise approved by subsequent action of the Board, the City’s
226 stormwater discharges to ACD 55 from the watershed area currently served by
227 Branch 8 shall be limited to the capacity limitations currently provided by Branch
228 8 (a 10” tile outlet).

229 **ROLL CALL:**

230 ***Manager Bradley – Aye***

231 ***Manager Hegland - Absent***

232 ***Manager Robertson – Aye***

233 ***Manager Waller – Aye***

234 ***Manager Weinandt – Aye***

235 **Motion carried 4-0.**

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237 President Bradley closed the public hearing and reconvened the regular Board meeting.
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239 **ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION (continued)**

240 **2. 2026 Agreement for Carp Management Services**

241 Lake & Stream Manager Kocian gave an update on the District's Carp Management
242 Program, strategies for 2025, and plans for 2026. He outlined the efforts and plans for
243 Long Lake/Lino Chain of Lakes and Silver Lake, and reviewed the effects of carp on plants
244 and water quality, and the District's goals. He gave a summary of the District's
245 management plan to remove at least 50% of the adult carp on an annual basis, suppress
246 reproduction by blocking migration and access to nursery areas, focus on effective,
247 efficient, and reliable methods, and have a consistent but flexible approach.

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249 Manager Weinandt stated that she had attended a meeting with the Silver Lake
250 Association, Lake & Stream Manager Kocian, and District Administrator Tomczik, and
251 thought that Lake & Stream Manager Kocian had done an excellent job presenting the
252 program and how the overall system works.

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254 Manager Waller asked about the decrease in carp information he had just presented and
255 how he knew those numbers.

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257 Lake & Stream Manager Kocian explained that information was obtained with population
258 surveys. He noted that their goal was based on research conducted by the University of
259 Minnesota.

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261 Manager Waller asked how they knew that only 18% of the carp population was removed,
262 and if it was based on the fish population survey.

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264 Lake & Stream Manager Kocian reviewed how they were able to calculate that 18% of the
265 carp population had been removed.

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267 Manager Waller asked if the District was working on expanding the program beyond the
268 Lino Chain of Lakes and Silver Lake to other areas.

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270 Lake & Stream Manager Kocian explained that they were focused on areas in the District
271 where they think the carp population was having the most impact.

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273 Manager Waller asked about lakes, such as Hugo or Oneka, that were not connected to
274 the stream.

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276 Lake & Stream Manager Kocian stated that they were doing water quality monitoring for
277 all those kinds of lakes, which is one of the tools they use to determine things like the
278 overall carp population.

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Motion by Manager Robertson, seconded by Manager Weinandt, to authorize the Administrator, on advice of counsel, to enter into a professional services agreement with Carp Solutions, LLC for an amount not-to-exceed \$115,940. The Administrator is further authorized to approve contract amendments, not to exceed 15% of the original contract price (\$17,391). Motion carried 4-0.

3. 2026 Curlyleaf Pondweed Management

Lake & Stream Manager Kocian reviewed the District's Curlyleaf Pondweed Management and the Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Policy. He explained that curlyleaf pondweed and common carp were linked to water quality degradation and gave a brief review of the growth season and life cycle for curlyleaf pondweed. He noted that the monitoring data seems to hint that just managing curlyleaf pondweed by itself was not enough to eliminate algae blooms. He explained that the District's Curlyleaf Pondweed Management program partners with lake groups to manage the invasive curlyleaf pondweed with a 50/50 cost-share, based on need from their annual spring survey information. He gave an overview of the projected costs within the District's 2026 program and how they partner with lake groups, and shared background information on the current debate happening on Lake Minnetonka related to AIS treatments. He requested the Board increase the amount to \$50,000 in the motion given within the agenda packet proposed motion. The final cost will not exceed the budgeted amount for 2026.

Manager Waller noted that in the past, some of the lake associations have harvested curlyleaf pondweed by mechanical means, but the belief is that this merely spreads the plant.

President Bradley stated that he can testify that harvesting curlyleaf pondweed via mechanical means is a disaster.

Manager Waller stated that he was happy that the District would not be providing any funding for those kinds of programs and asked if there was anything the District could do to discourage the lake associations from doing this on their own.

Lake & Stream Manager Kocian stated that when lake associations come to the District asking for advice, they are giving them honest responses about the past performance of these kinds of approaches.

Manager Weinandt referenced one of the maps displayed during the presentation and asked if the map meant that homeowners could control 150 feet of the lake.

Lake & Stream Manager Kocian stated that in order for anyone to do a large-scale treatment that goes within 150 feet, or near the shoreline, there was a requirement for signatures from the homeowners.

323 Manager Weinandt suggested that with the District using funds for the removal of carp
324 on Silver Lake, there may be some overlap in having the best impact for managing
325 curlyleaf pondweed and the carp population, for homeowners.

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327 Lake & Stream Manager Kocian outlined some of the ways this had been discussed and
328 shared the pros and cons of the various approaches.

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330 President Bradley asked if there were any funds left over from the Water Management
331 District (WMD).

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333 Lake & Stream Manager Kocian stated that there were still leftover funds from the WMD.

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335 Manager Robertson asked about the application process for cost-sharing to ensure there
336 are checks and balances in place. She asked if the District was ensuring that the cities
337 they were cost-sharing with had other things in place so it wasn't just putting a Band-Aid
338 on the problem.

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340 Lake & Stream Manager Kocian stated that the District was not taking the initiative on the
341 other things, but was reminding them of things by educating lake associations.

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343 Manager Robertson suggested that, as the District begins budget planning for 2027, they
344 take a comprehensive look at this because they shouldn't just throw money at a problem
345 that they weren't fixing, and gave examples of education or a more comprehensive
346 application process.

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348 ***Motion by Manager Weinandt, seconded by Manager Robertson, to authorize the***
349 ***Administrator to enter into cost-share agreements with lake associations for curlyleaf***
350 ***pondweed treatments in 2026. Motion carried 4-0.***

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352 ***Motion by Manager Weinandt, seconded by Manager Robertson, to authorize the***
353 ***Administrator to enter into professional services agreements for herbicide treatment of***
354 ***curlyleaf pondweed with the total costs not to exceed \$50,000. Motion carried 4-0.***

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356 **4. 2026 Stormwater Management Grant Program Applications - Recommendation**
357 Watershed Technician/Inspector Will Roach outlined staff's final recommendation for the
358 District's 2026 Stormwater Management Grant Program to award funds to all 6 projects
359 from 4 cities that applied. He explained that staff had used the rankings of the applications
360 to adjust some of the recommended award amounts so all could receive funds while
361 remaining within the District's budget.

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363 President Bradley asked if the applicants had agreed to proceed if the grant amounts were
364 modified, as proposed.

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366 Watershed Technician/Inspector Roach stated that staff confirmed that all the applicants
367 would proceed with the projects with the adjusted grant awards.

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369 President Bradley asked questions about what was proposed for specific projects and
370 noted that he would have ranked the New Brighton project higher and given them more
371 money because they were proposing to take care of the stormwater problem and were
372 just asking for some financial assistance. He explained that he would have preferred to
373 give them more money rather than support the requests for street sweepers or the Karth
374 Lake project. He stated that he felt New Brighton’s proposal was great and would like
375 them to know that if they want to build a stormwater solution to a flooding program, the
376 District would be on board.

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378 Manager Robertson noted that during the public hearing, a resident had addressed the
379 Board about the standing water in his yard and asked if the District had circled back with
380 that resident.

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382 District Administrator Tomczik stated that staff had circled back with that gentleman and
383 recognized that the Board had used the term ‘flooding’ and would like to note that,
384 flooding, and would ask the question, “based on what event?”, such as asking what the
385 water does when it rains a little and what it does when it rains a lot.

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387 Manager Robertson noted that she heard what District Administrator Tomczik was saying,
388 but her frustration was that sometimes it felt like the Board hid behind regulation and
389 rules, technical definitions of flooding and storm events. She stated that she did not
390 care how it came from the sky and in what amount because this resident’s yard is
391 essentially uninhabitable. She clarified that she was not disagreeing with how staff has
392 recommended the funds are allocated, but separate from that, she would like the District
393 to address that resident’s flooding issues, even if they are not solely responsible. She
394 explained that she didn’t like how the District seemed to play with language to keep itself
395 out of being part of the solution.

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397 Manager Weinandt asked about the follow-up and what kinds of conversations staff had
398 with the resident, and if this would solve his problem.

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400 Watershed Technician/Inspector Roach explained that staff reached out to the city, and
401 the city reported they had several meetings with the landowner regarding the project.
402 He noted that staff then sent a separate communication to the landowner and shared a
403 brief overview of the information that was shared.

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405 Manager Waller noted that he felt the District may need to make some changes because
406 flooding that occurs from one event or from rain that occurs over a couple of days causes
407 the same problem. He suggested that the District take a look at what the Watershed
408 Management Plan (WMP) allowed the District to do when the specific numbers may not
409 officially trigger District action.

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411 Manager Weinandt asked if staff anticipated that the District may see four \$100,000
412 applications from other cities to get enhanced street sweepers.

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414 Manager Waller shared some history of past requests for assistance in buying enhanced
415 street sweepers and noted that ‘enhanced’ refers to the vacuum that is included.

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417 Manager Weinandt noted that she felt that street sweeping was valuable, but wanted the
418 Board to be aware of what may come up next time.

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420 District Administrator Tomczik stated that he suspects that many cities would be
421 interested in the District supplementing their equipment fleets. He reminded the
422 District that the keyword in what they are discussing is that sweeping is a water quality
423 benefit across urban areas.

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425 ***Motion by Manager Robertson, seconded by Manager Waller, to adopt Resolution***
426 ***2026-04 Ordering 2026 Stormwater Management Grant Projects Pursuant To***
427 ***Minnesota Statutes §103b.251:***

428 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that pursuant to Minnesota Statutes §103B.251 and the
429 WMP, each of the Projects is ordered; and,

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431 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Managers hereby authorizes the
432 Administrator to execute each of the respective cost-share agreements between the Rice
433 Creek Watershed District and the City of Arden Hills, City of Lino Lakes, City of New
434 Brighton, City of Shoreview, with any final non-material changes and on advice of
435 counsel; and,

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437 BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the limit of the District’s contribution to each Project is as
438 follows:

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440 City of Lino Lakes – Regenerative Air Sweeper and Enhanced Street Sweeping	\$100,000
441 City of Arden Hills – 2026 PMP Street & Utility Improvements (Karth Stormwater Pond)	\$69,447.50
442 City of Shoreview – 2026 Stormwater Improvements	\$75,000
443 City of Arden Hills – 2026 PMP Street & Utility Improvements (Karth SAFL Baffles)	\$30,552.50
444 City of Shoreview – Target Pond Improvements	\$75,000
445 City of New Brighton – Knollwood Pond Overflow	\$50,000

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447 Ms. O’Connell spoke up from the audience and asked if it was too late to talk about
448 something.

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450 President Bradley invited her to come to the podium to address the Board.

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452 Ms. O’Connell stated she reviewed the map of the targeted areas and she felt there were
453 other streets along lakes that need attention. Specifically, where the Public Works

454 department is located on Rondeau Lake Road, Aqua Lane which is the entrance to
455 Chomonix Golf Course, and James Street southeast of Main Street and Lake Drive. She
456 explained that she had submitted these concerns to Watershed Technician/Inspector
457 Roach and the City of Lino Lakes.

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459 **ROLL CALL:**

460 ***Manager Bradley – Aye***

461 ***Manager Hegland - Absent***

462 ***Manager Robertson – Aye***

463 ***Manager Waller – Aye***

464 ***Manager Weinandt – Aye***

465 ***Motion carried 4-0.***

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467 **5. RCWD Lobbying Efforts - Update**

468 Project Manager Petry gave some background information on past discussions about
469 lobbying efforts and explained that staff were recommending that the Board authorize
470 the District Administrator to execute a contract with Park Street Public for professional
471 services as a contract lobbyist for the 2026 Minnesota Legislative Session, not to exceed
472 \$20,000.

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474 President Bradley stated that he appreciated the support and willingness to contribute
475 funds from the Cities of New Brighton and Roseville, which enhanced his view of the value
476 of the lobbying efforts.

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478 ***Motion by Manager Bradley, seconded by Manager Weinandt, upon confirmation from***
479 ***the Cities of New Brighton and Roseville of equal cost-share with the District, and upon***
480 ***the advice of counsel, to authorize the Administrator to execute a contract with Park***
481 ***Street Public for professional services as a contract lobbyist for the 2026 Minnesota***
482 ***Legislative Session, not to exceed \$20,000.***

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484 Project Manager Petry explained if both cities agreed to participate, there would be a
485 three-way split of the \$20,000, and would be approximately \$6,666 each.

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487 The Board discussed the proposed motion.

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489 ***Motion by Manager Bradley, seconded by Manager Weinandt, to table discussion of***
490 ***executing a contract with Park Street Public for professional services as a contract***
491 ***lobbyist for the 2026 Minnesota Legislative Session, not to exceed \$20,000, and bring it***
492 ***back for discussion at the next Board meeting.***

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494 ***Motion carried 4-0.***

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496 **6. 2025 Financial Report – Metro Shooting / Trost Settlements**

497 District Administrator Tomczik noted that the Board had established an annual review in
498 February of these settlements. He stated that the Board had been given an updated
499 memo from District Attorney Kolb along with the annual credit accounting information.
500 He explained that the intent was to share background information and what has changed
501 over the past year, to update the worst-case scenario of that obligation. He noted that
502 this year there have a MNRAM analysis which the landowner had provided to the District.
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504 District Attorney Kolb noted that there was a necessary correction needed in the updated
505 memo, where it indicated, on page 5, that this was unchanged from 2024. He explained
506 that it was incorrect, and what was being presented was a changed statement from 2024.
507 He read aloud the proposed statement and what the statement used to say. He noted
508 that the big change between last year and this year is that they have a routine assessment
509 of the quality of the wetland, and that influences the application of the District's rules in
510 terms of mitigation ratios and requirements.
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512 ***Motion by Manager Bradley, seconded by Manager Waller, that the Board of Managers***
513 ***finds that it is reasonably possible that one or more events will occur so as to cause the***
514 ***District to incur what is now a potential contingent future liability, and therefore that***
515 ***this liability should be referenced in the 2025 financial report as follows, or as modified***
516 ***in the auditor's judgment:***

517 ***In settlement agreements approved in 2005, the District committed that when***
518 ***development occurs on two tracts then owned by the Metro Shooting Center***
519 ***Corp. (MSCC) and Trost, the application of the District's wetland rules will not***
520 ***have the result of affording the owner for the MSCC parcel fewer than 100***
521 ***contiguous non-wetland acres, and the owner of the Trost parcel no fewer than***
522 ***45 such acres. If additional wetland replacement/mitigation is required under***
523 ***regulatory programs administered by the District to attain the stated acreage,***
524 ***the District will bear the cost of that replacement/mitigation. Though the District***
525 ***is unable at this time to estimate its expense if and when the liability should***
526 ***arise, the District is reasonably confident that it will be able to meet its***
527 ***obligations for wetland mitigation from the resources of the District.***

528 Manager Waller asked who owned the Trost parcel.
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530 District Attorney Kolb stated that he believed the Trost parcel was currently owned by the
531 City of Blaine.
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533 Manager Waller suggested that information be included, in parentheses, so there is more
534 clarity on the ownership.
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536 President Bradley noted that he would accept that proposed amendment.
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538 Manager Robertson explained that technically, it was not the City of Blaine that owns that
539 parcel, but rather the Economic Development Authority for the City of Blaine.

540 District Attorney Kolb agreed and apologized for not being clearer in his earlier statement.

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543 Manager Waller reiterated that he felt it was important to be clear about who owned the
544 property.

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546 Manager Robertson suggested that it may make more sense to refer to the parcels by the
547 IDs.

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549 District Attorney Kolb stated that he didn't have any concerns about adding that level of
550 detail, but noted that the District had tried to align the statements with the actual
551 language in the settlement agreement, which does not reference tax parcel IDs or legal
552 descriptions.

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554 President Bradley stated that meant that they did not need to identify the owner of the
555 parcel either.

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557 ***Motion carried 4-0.***

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559 District Administrator Tomczik stated that traditionally, at this point, the Board has
560 contemplated its obligations regarding projects, how they tie into their mission
561 statement/goals, and looks to consider their prioritization. He briefly reviewed the
562 information included in the ledger titled, 'Brown's Preserve Wetland Bank Credit
563 Accounting/Forecasting'.

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565 President Bradley noted that the District had released 3 credits to the City of Columbus
566 last year and asked if that was reflected in the ledger.

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568 District Administrator Tomczik stated that he will double-check the accounting to ensure
569 that it was addressed.

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571 Manager Waller reminded the Board that this was just a forecast and not an actuality.

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573 **7. Check Register Dated February 25, 2026, in the Amount of \$375,908.54 and February**
574 **Interim Financial Statements Prepared by Redpath and Company**

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576 ***Motion by Manager Weinandt, seconded by Manager Robertson, to approve the check***
577 ***register dated February 25, 2026, in the Amount of \$375,908.54 and the February***
578 ***Interim Financial Statements prepared by Redpath and Company. Motion carried 4-0.***

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580 **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND INFORMATION**

581 **1. Staff Reports**

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583 **2. March Calendar**

584 District Administrator Tomczik noted that the Minnesota Watersheds Legislative briefing
585 will take place on March 3 and 4, 2026, and the CAC meeting will happen on March 4,
586 2026.

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588 Manager Weinandt explained that the last time she attended the CAC meeting, they
589 requested reports from the Board and suggested that they be prepared to give a brief
590 report about what the District had been up to when they attend the CAC meetings.

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592 **3. Administrator Updates**
593 District Administrator Tomczik stated that he had a nice phone conversation with former
594 Manager Steve Wagamon, who thanked the Board for the plaque they had given him. He
595 explained that staff wanted to officially welcome incoming Manager Hegland to the Board
596 and would also make time and staff available for her onboarding. He gave the Board a
597 heads-up to expect their photograph to be taken at an upcoming meeting when all 5
598 Managers were present. He stated that there had been a request for Lake & Stream
599 Manager Kocian to share part of the presentation he gave at the City-County Partner
600 meeting regarding wake boats.

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602 Lake & Stream Manager Kocian shared information on wake boats and maps of what the
603 University of Minnesota felt would be wake safe areas on District lakes, including Clear
604 Lake, Bald Eagle Lake, White Bear Lake, Turtle Lake, Johanna Lake, Josephine Lake, and
605 Long Lake.

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607 District Administrator Tomczik explained that there had also been a request for an update
608 on historic permits.

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610 Regulatory Manager Hughes stated that historic permits are considered part of the open
611 permit administration and explained that they are working to have active permits be
612 the only open permits. He stated that he planned to bring more detail at the Board's May
613 workshop meeting, but noted that in the 2025 calendar year, the District closed about
614 150 permits, and about 1/3 of them were older permits and not active permits.

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616 **4. Manager Updates**
617 Manager Waller noted that he and Sarah were at the capital for the House Committee
618 that handles bonding. He stated that he also listened in on the Agriculture Committee,
619 Environmental Committee, and the Senate Capital Investment Committee meetings and
620 gave a brief overview of some of the things he heard at the meetings that he felt were
621 important related to the DNR.

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623 Manager Weinandt stated that she would attend the Minnesota Watersheds legislative
624 briefing.

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626 President Bradley stated that former CAC member and Water Steward Gary Krejcarek's
627 funeral will be on March 6, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. and read aloud from his obituary.

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ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Manager Robertson, seconded by Manager Waller, to adjourn the meeting at 11:39 a.m. Motion carried 4-0.