



**REGULAR MEETING OF THE RCWD BOARD OF MANAGERS**

Wednesday, February 26, 2025

**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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**CALL TO ORDER**

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

District Administrator Tomczik noted that they were having some technical difficulties with the Zoom broadcast and staff working to address the issue. He noted that these types of issues would be brought to the Board at a future workshop for discussion on how to handle and inform the public of this type of challenge.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: President Michael Bradley, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Pres. Steve Wagamon, Secretary Jess Robertson, and Treasurer Marcie Weinandt

Absent: 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Pres. John Waller (with prior notice)

Staff Present: District Administrator Nick Tomczik, Regulatory Manager Patrick Hughes, Watershed Technician/Inspector Will Roach, Project Manager David Petry, Office Manager Theresa Stasica

Consultants: District Engineer Chris Otterness from Houston Engineering, Inc. (HEI); District Attorney John Kolb from Rinke Noonan

Visitors: Chris Stowe, Dale Reed-White Bear Township, Administrator Nyle Zikmund, Don Peterson, and Joe Ulrich-City of Mounds View; Andrew Kovacs-RCWD CAC Members

**SETTING OF THE AGENDA**

District Administrator Tomczik requested a new action item 3, for the Special Meeting of the Minnesota Watershed on March 21, 2025, and to renumber the agenda accordingly. He noted that materials had been e-mailed to the Board and the same were provided for them at the dais.

32 Manager Weinandt stated that she would also like to add under Discussion, an item for an Audit  
33 Update/Outstanding Receivables.

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35 ***Motion by Manager Weinandt, seconded by Manager Bradley, to approve the agenda, as***  
36 ***amended. Motion carried 4-0.***

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38 **READING OF THE MINUTES AND THEIR APPROVAL**  
39 **Minutes of the February 12, 2025, Board of Managers Regular Meeting. Motion by Manager**  
40 ***Robertson, seconded by Manager Wagamon, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion***  
41 ***carried 4-0.***

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43 **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

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

48 <b>No.</b>	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Plan Type</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
49 25-009	City of Fridley	Fridley	Final Site Drainage Plan	CAPROC 6 items

50 ***It was moved by Manager Wagamon and seconded by Manager Robertson, to approve the***  
51 ***consent agenda as outlined in the above Table of Contents in accordance with RCWD District***  
52 ***Engineer’s Findings and Recommendations, dated February 18, 2025. Motion carried 4-0.***

53 **OPEN MIC/PUBLIC COMMENT**

54 Chris Stowe, 426 Pine Street, handed out information to the Board and explained that it was the  
55 most recent correspondence he had received from the District around Christmas time, but noted  
56 that it was not dated. He referenced paragraph 2 and noted that the culvert upstream of his  
57 property, according to the letter, was replaced and lowered in 2008 without any historical  
58 research on elevations; in 2013 the District removed sediment that accumulated in that branch  
59 with no elevations included; and noted that the pipe was higher than the channel bottom after  
60 they had already removed sediment, which he felt showed that they had removed more than the  
61 original culvert was set at. He referenced paragraph 3 where it noted that in 2020, the City of  
62 Columbus began a repair project which removed multiple linear feet of additional virgin soil and  
63 the District had not notified the City of Lino Lakes in lowering the culvert for the second time in  
64 12 years and also lowered a minimum of 6 additional culverts upstream from that one. He  
65 explained that Pine Street, along branch 4, was now draining in the opposite direction of the  
66 grade of the road which was completely unnatural. He referenced paragraph 4, which  
67 explained the differences in elevations from 2008 and 2020 lowering, but did not document how  
68 much it was lowered in 2008. He noted that the culvert at Andall Street was also higher than  
69 the bottom of the ditch and the sediment hadn’t been removed for decades. He explained that  
70 because of the lowering of the 7 culverts upstream, the culvert that crosses Andall needed to be  
71 lowered and increased in size. He noted that he felt this was done in order to dry out an area  
72 of development for commercial uses around the John Deere dealership in Columbus and was

73 adding water to branch 4 even though the letter from the District claimed that was not the case.  
74 He stated that he felt it was interesting to note that by lowering the culverts, it directly affected  
75 properties owned by a family that was on the City Council in Columbus in 2020 and another who  
76 was a member of the Board. He explained that he felt the road repair project undermined the  
77 integrity of the street and created a safety issue for everyone that lives along Pine Street and  
78 noted that he had been negatively affected by it. He noted that the letter also contained  
79 statements about his comments on the water traveling down the system and also included  
80 excuses about why it was not doing that. He stated that he felt this was concerning because  
81 the Board had stated that they spent about 5-10% of their annual budget to maintain ditches and  
82 he felt that should actually be their primary expense. He asked how much money the District was  
83 spending for legal expenses related to court-ordered damages, which they had discussed at a  
84 recent workshop meeting. He stated that the sod farm was now planning on doing a massive  
85 development in the area. He explained that he had attended the Lino Lakes Planning meetings  
86 and has seen the drawings that they claim to have received from the District. He noted that the  
87 drawings were inaccurate and contradicted themselves and explained that the area was a FEMA  
88 floodplain and explained that when the sod fields were not draining or were draining poorly, his  
89 property was the same and felt that development of the area would cause further water  
90 retention on his property. He stated that 2 members of the Board have come out to look at his  
91 property and agreed that there were problems. He noted that he felt that both culverts that  
92 cross Pine Street needed to be addressed and felt the District had not done their due diligence in  
93 maintaining the drainage system in his area which meant that he now had real issues with  
94 increased flooding that he felt would get even worse if they are allowed to develop a floodplain  
95 downstream of him. He asked if the Board was going to do something to help him or if he  
96 needed to get legal counsel involved and explained that he was open to having discussions with  
97 the Board. He strongly expressed his frustration with the situation and how the Board had  
98 handled it.

## 99 **ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION**

### 100 **1. Stormwater Management Grant Awards**

101 Watershed Technician/Inspector Roach gave a brief summary of the program and  
102 reviewed the 5 applications that had been received from 4 communities for the  
103 Stormwater Management Grants which had been presented at the February 12, 2025  
104 Board meeting. He briefly outlined the scoring/ranking of the applications by staff,  
105 Houston Engineering, and the CAC, and reminded the Board that the total requested  
106 funds exceeded the Stormwater Management Grant budget. He reviewed the funding  
107 options that were outlined at the February 12, 2025 Board meeting and explained that  
108 the Board had given staff directions to reach out to the applicants regarding the minimum  
109 project amounts they would be willing to accept from the District. He explained that  
110 Centerville had communicated that \$20,000 was the lowest amount they would be able  
111 to accept and White Bear Township indicated that for the SAFL Baffle project, they would  
112 be open to any amount offered. He reviewed updated funding options for the Board to  
113 consider, which included a grant of \$25,000 to Centerville and White Bear Township's  
114 SAFL Baffle project, which would receive \$46,389 and bring them in on budget.  
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116 District Administrator Tomczik explained that the proposed resolution included in the  
117 packet laid out the same allocations that were presented at the public hearing,  
118 maintained consistency with the grant, but there was also the alternative funding that  
119 had been proposed by Watershed Technician/Inspector Roach. He stated that if the  
120 Board chose to, they could insert the alternative option into the resolution language.

121  
122 Manager Weinandt noted that the CAC had done a very thorough job of reviewing the  
123 applications and one of the comments shared at the February 12, 2025 meeting was  
124 about reducing the amount of fertilizer used the Centerville City Hall, which the  
125 representative from Centerville was very open to.

126  
127 District Administrator Tomczik stated that the City Administrator Statz from Centerville  
128 who attended the last Board meeting had left his position with Centerville. He stated that  
129 in communications following the previous meeting, Mr. Statz was challenged as the City  
130 would be under an obligation that he would not be around to defend or implement and  
131 explained that he was not sure that the City of Centerville could actually commit to a  
132 reduction in fertilizer, as it had been discussed.

133  
134 Manager Wagamon stated that he felt the Board was pretty clear that they had wanted  
135 to stay within the \$300,000 budget and felt they had done a fairly good job coming up  
136 with a way that all the projects could be funded.

137  
138 President Bradley stated that he felt that this was one of the best batches of requests the  
139 Board has seen and felt that this group of projects was stellar. He asked the White Bear  
140 Township representative, Dale Reed, to approach the podium. He noted that White  
141 Bear Township had asked for funding for 3 SAFL Baffles and the District was essentially  
142 providing funding for 2 of them and asked if they would consider doing 2 instead of 3, or  
143 coming back to the District for a grant for the 3<sup>rd</sup> during next year's grant funding.

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145 Dale Reed, White Bear Township, explained that they would still put in all 3 SAFL Baffles  
146 this year and would be happy to take a lesser amount than they had asked for. He  
147 expressed his appreciation for the Board considering both of their grant requests.

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149 Manager Robertson stated that she felt there was a strong argument to move forward  
150 with what was presented and noted that with the work put in by the CAC and the scoring  
151 system itself, she felt that this reflected exactly what the scoring system is on the projects  
152 and would honor the \$300,000 cap.

153  
154 ***Motion by Manager Robertson, seconded by Manager Weinandt, to adopt Resolution***  
155 ***2025-01 Ordering 2025 Stormwater Management Grant Projects Pursuant To***  
156 ***Minnesota Statutes §103b.251, as amended from what was included in the packet:***

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158 ***Motion by Manager Bradley, with a friendly amendment for the wording of the motion***

159 ***to be to adopt Resolution 2025-01 Ordering 2025 Stormwater Management Grant***  
160 ***Projects Pursuant To Minnesota Statutes §103b.251, as amended from what was***  
161 ***included in the packet, with the alternative funding option presented by staff at the***  
162 ***February 26, 2025 Board meeting. Manager Wagamon seconded the friendly***  
163 ***amendment.***

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

166 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Managers hereby authorizes the Administrator to  
167 execute each of the respective cost-share agreements between the Rice Creek  
168 Watershed District and the City of Centerville, City of Mounds View, City of New  
169 Brighton, City of White Bear Township with any final non-material changes and on advice  
170 of counsel; and,

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

172	City of Centerville – Centerville City Hall Stormwater Reuse	\$25,000
173	City of Mounds View – Silver View Park Pond Improvement Project	\$100,000
174	City of New Brighton – CP25-1,2025 Street Rehabilitation	\$28,611
175	City of White Bear Township – Bellaire Beach Underground Stormwater Storage	\$100,000
176	City of White Bear Township – Silver Fox Area SAFL Baffles	\$46,389

177 District Attorney Kolb asked if the original motion had been withdrawn or if Manager  
178 Robertson had accepted the friendly amendment.

179 ***Manager Robertson acknowledged that she would accept the friendly amendment to***  
180 ***her original motion.***

181 **ROLL CALL:**

182 ***Manager Bradley – Aye***

183 ***Manager Robertson – Aye***

184 ***Manager Waller – Absent***

185 ***Manager Weinandt – Aye***

186 ***Manager Wagamon – Aye***

187 ***Motion carried 4-0***

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189 President Bradley expressed his appreciation to the CAC, District staff, and the  
190 participating cities for their cooperation on this excellent group of projects.

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192 Manager Weinandt introduced Mounds View CAC representative, Andrew Kovacs, who  
193 was in attendance today.

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195 **2. Treatment of Metro Shooting and Trost Settlements – 2024 Financial Report**

196 District Administrator Tomczik noted that the Board had established an annual review in  
197 February of these settlements and explained that Rinke Noonan had reviewed the  
198 materials and found little definitive change in the facts and circumstances relevant to the

199 development of the subject parcels to make the contingency any more real. He reviewed  
200 the action the Board had taken in 2024 and noted that it could be found on page 107, as  
201 the third option listed, in the packet materials. He noted that the third option from the  
202 staff memo and the option in the Rinke Noonan memo had slightly different language,  
203 which included an added sentence in the Rinke Noonan version.  
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205 Manager Robertson suggested that the Board choose the third option and would disagree  
206 that there has been little development on the site itself because the site was actively  
207 listed and had 5 interested developers. She noted that the hold up on signing a purchase  
208 agreement was due to the long-standing court issue that involved the County, the City,  
209 and the District. She reiterated that she would disagree that there had been little  
210 development and had been contacted by interested developers because they did not  
211 know what to do. She clarified that to infer that there was little development or  
212 movement on this was not true. She stated that even though the District puts out these  
213 statements that say that they will make good on their 14 acres; to bring it to 100  
214 contiguous acres, it was translating to real dollars for the property owner. She gave the  
215 example of an offer from a developer who was only seeing 76 or 80 acres, which would  
216 be what their offer would reflect, when the property owner wants a price tag for 100  
217 acres, which she felt he was entitled to have. She stated that this was a challenging and  
218 frustrating situation, but did not think there was one right answer and while she  
219 appreciated District Attorney Kolb's interpretation, from a legal perspective, but felt that  
220 the District almost had 'repeat customers' that come before the District with long-  
221 standing issues. She explained that she felt that she could speak for the Board that they  
222 would really like to put a lid on those long-standing issues. She noted that this one has  
223 been before the Board from way before her time serving on the Board and she felt that  
224 there wasn't much difference between what the legal thing was to do and what the right  
225 thing was to do. She suggested that the option that the Board move forward with  
226 related to language regarding the District's liability was option 3 because she did not think  
227 that they were talking about remote chances anymore, because the property was being  
228 actively marketed.  
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230 President Bradley pointed out that option 3 was the one the Board had chosen last year.  
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232 Manager Robertson stated that she just wanted to encourage the Board to maintain that  
233 selection.  
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235 President Bradley stated that he felt the entire Board agreed that was the right option to  
236 choose again this year.  
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238 Manager Wagamon stated that he felt the Board had said pretty much what Manager  
239 Robertson had just stated during last year's meeting, and would agree that option 3 was  
240 the correct choice.  
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242 District Administrator Tomczik suggested the Board utilize the language from page 112 of  
243 the packet, but could decide to cut the last sentence as proposed by District Attorney  
244 Kolb.

245  
246 President Bradley read aloud the sentence that had been added by District Attorney Kolb,  
247 'Though the District is unable at this time to estimate its expense if and when the liability  
248 should arise, the District is reasonably confident that it will be able to meet its obligations  
249 for wetland mitigation from existing resources of the District', and asked why the Board  
250 may want to strike that sentence.

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252 District Attorney Kolb explained that the Board could strike that sentence because it was  
253 more musing on his part, based on additional analysis and information that was received  
254 from staff trying to make sense of how the settlement now fit in with the new delineation  
255 on the property. He noted that he felt that they were still not totally sure of that and  
256 just have a general sense of it, but the proposed additional statement was not necessary,  
257 under the ABA standards, for their statement to the auditor.

258  
259 President Bradley noted that he had read through this material several times and his  
260 understanding was that because there had been a wetland delineation, even though  
261 there was not a specific project, the District can say that the maximum liability would be  
262 '\$X'.

263  
264 District Attorney Kolb stated that was correct and noted that it shouldn't be more than  
265 '\$X' but explained that one of the exercises that have to occur, once they get the new  
266 delineation, is that they have to reconcile the new delineation with the requirements of  
267 former Rule M, which was current Rule F, which changes where they set the line for the  
268 wetland protection zone which would also change mitigation ratios for certain areas that  
269 may be filled in. He explained that was the part that they did not quite have nailed down  
270 to the 1/10th of an acre, but noted that they were pretty close. He stated that they were  
271 confident in this for the Metro property and the wetland credits and available credits in  
272 the Browns Preserve Wetland Bank, but noted that this statement was not necessary to  
273 provide to the auditor.

274  
275 President Bradley stated that he did not believe the auditor had included any statement,  
276 in the past, within their audit.

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278 Manager Weinandt asked if District Attorney Kolb's explanation moved this forward  
279 anymore.

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281 Manager Robertson clarified that her comments were not intended to stop what the  
282 Board needed to do today and reiterated that she felt option 3 with removal of the last  
283 sentence was fine. She noted that she would anticipate a workshop discussion if there  
284 was need to dialogue this further.

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286 President Bradley explained that he wanted to make sure that everyone understood that  
287 the Board was setting an outside parameter of obligation, not a minimum parameter.  
288 He noted that until they have a project, know where it will be built, know what they will  
289 have to do to mitigate the clean water responsibilities, they really do not know what it  
290 would actually cost the District.

291  
292 ***Motion by Manager Bradley, seconded by Manager Weinandt, that the Board of***  
293 ***Managers finds that it is reasonably possible that one or more events will occur so as to***  
294 ***cause the District to incur what is now a potential contingent future liability, and***  
295 ***therefore that this liability should be referenced in the 2024 financial report as follows,***  
296 ***or as modified in the auditor's judgment:***

297 ***In settlement agreements approved in 2005, the District committed that when***  
298 ***development occurs on two tracts then owned by the Metro Shooting Center***  
299 ***Corp. (MSCC) and Trost, the application of the District's wetland rules will not***  
300 ***have the result of affording the owner for the MSCC parcel fewer than 100***  
301 ***contiguous non-wetland acres, and the owner of the Trost parcel no fewer than***  
302 ***45 such acres. If additional wetland replacement/mitigation is required under***  
303 ***regulatory programs administered by the District to attain the stated acreage,***  
304 ***the District will bear the cost of that replacement/mitigation.***

305  
306 Mr. Stowe raised his hand and asked to make a comment on this item.

307  
308 President Bradley invited Mr. Stowe to share his comment with the Board.

309  
310 Mr. Stowe stated that he felt the Board knew the right thing to do, which he felt was  
311 option 3. He noted that he felt the Board was tipping the scale because on the original  
312 delineation, the District owned a whole bunch more wetlands credits than they do now  
313 and were in charge of doing the delineation in order to figure out how many acres they  
314 have to pay this gentleman. He noted that when this was first talked about, he believed  
315 that they owed them around 40 acres and now they only owe them 17 acres.

316  
317 President Bradley explained that when this was first done, they hadn't cleaned the ditch  
318 and have now cleaned it.

319  
320 Mr. Stowe stated that meant that after the District had put the ditch too high and flooded  
321 them out by about 2 feet of water.

322  
323 Manager Wagamon asked if Mr. Stowe had read the court order.

324  
325 Mr. Stowe confirmed that he had read some of the court order and was curious about the  
326 different numbers.

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328 President Bradley stated that Mr. Stowe's question was how they got from 40 acres to 17  
329 acres and the answer was that they cleaned the ditch and if they had originally cleaned  
330 the ditch, the District would not have a settlement or an obligation.

331  
332 Mr. Stowe stated that he felt that cleaning the ditch was one thing, but the pipe was still  
333 set too high.

334  
335 President Bradley noted that Mr. Stowe had made his comment and informed Mr. Stowe  
336 that he was out of order with his continued comments and interruptions and asked him  
337 to sit down.

338  
339 Mr. Stowe agreed to sit down and as he was leaving, made an additional statement that  
340 the pipe was too high.

341  
342 District Administrator Tomczik clarified the reference he had made pointing the Board to  
343 the footnote language in District Attorney Kolb's memo on page 108. He explained that  
344 District Attorney Kolb had noted that the language used in the settlement was very  
345 specific and he was reutilizing that settlement language, which was why he asked  
346 President Bradley to read the language used on page 112 of the packet. He explained that  
347 a settlement was different than a court order. He noted that this was not a court ordering  
348 the District to do something and rather was two parties coming to settlement terms.

349  
350 Manager Robertson stated that she wanted to make sure that she understood the way  
351 this was read into the record. She noted that in the second paragraph where it  
352 mentioned, 'the District committed that when development occurs on two tracts then  
353 owned by the Metro Shooting Center Corp. (MSCC) and Trost, the application of the  
354 District's wetland rules will not have the result of affording the owner for the MSCC parcel  
355 fewer than 100 contiguous non-wetland acres...'.  
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357 President Bradley noted that it was a double negative.

358  
359 Manager Robertson agreed that it was kind of a double negative and reiterated that she  
360 just wanted to make sure she understood.

361  
362 District Attorney Kolb stated that the application of the District's rules would have  
363 prevented the land owners from achieving a certain amount of non-wetland contiguous  
364 acres and what they were saying with this language was that because current application  
365 of those rules continue to restrict the property, so if it was necessary to fill portions of  
366 those tracts to achieve the necessary number of contiguous non-wetland acres, then the  
367 District would basically satisfy the mitigation requirement under the Rules.

368  
369 ***Motion carried 4-0.***

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371 District Administrator Tomczik noted that last year, when the Board undertook this work,  
372 there was also a follow up resolution that the potential obligation should be shown on  
373 the credit ledger spreadsheet for Brown's Preserve wetland bank and explained that he  
374 had provided that to the Board at the dais to stay consistent with Board direction. He  
375 noted that ACD 10-22-32 was removed from the ledger; the Trost property included, as it  
376 has been in the past, with a 'to be determined' timeframe and a footnote identifying an  
377 'unknown' property use; and that considering all the estimates are that there will be 14  
378 credits remaining.

379  
380 Manager Robertson noted that for the EDA properties that the City of Blaine has to the  
381 west of the gun club, they have been having internal dialogue about attempting to  
382 wetland bank those properties, because they are heavily delineated with wetlands. She  
383 noted that the gun club site was currently zoned as an Office District and would be a  
384 mixed use, such as 1/3 retail, 1/3 office, and 1/3 industrial.

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386 **3. Minnesota Watersheds Special Meeting 3/21/2025**

387 District Administrator Tomczik stated that he had sent materials via e-mail on February  
388 24, 2025, explained that there would be a Minnesota Watersheds Special Meeting on  
389 March 21, 2025, in Waite Park regarding proposed changes to the resolutions and  
390 legislative priorities. He explained that the Board needed to appoint delegates to attend  
391 the special meeting and vote accordingly.

392  
393 President Bradley stated that he had spent a few hours while he was on vacation  
394 attending a meeting regarding draft rules. He explained that the overall thought was that  
395 they needed to accelerate their legislative package earlier, and in order to do that, they  
396 needed to uncouple it from the annual meeting. He gave a brief overview of the  
397 discussions that had taken place on this issue, and that the ultimate plan is to hold the  
398 Special Meeting. He noted that because he had been involved in the committee, he felt  
399 obligated to offer himself as a potential delegate for the Special Meeting.

400  
401 District Administrator Tomczik noted that Minnesota Watersheds wanted to know the  
402 delegates would be attending because they wanted to make sure that they had a quorum  
403 for the Special Meeting.

404  
405 Manager Weinandt stated that she attended the Board meetings for Minnesota  
406 Watersheds because she gives reports from the Clean Water Council where they  
407 discussed this and asked if they needed 43 total delegates, but not every watershed  
408 district had to be represented. She asked if at the meeting they were simply deciding that  
409 they would change the method of how they do this.

410  
411 President Bradley explained that the goal was to adopt authorized Minnesota Watersheds  
412 bylaws to put in place something that, come August, they could start implementing and  
413 voting on resolutions.

414

415 Manager Weinandt stated that she would be happy to have President Bradley serve as a  
416 delegate for the special meeting and noted that if they ended up being short of the  
417 required delegates that she could also attend.

418  
419 ***Motion by Manager Bradley, seconded by Manager Robertson, to Appoint Manager***  
420 ***Bradley and Manager Weinandt to serve as delegates for the Minnesota Watersheds***  
421 ***Special Meeting on March 21, 2025.***

422  
423 ***Motion carried 4-0.***

424  
425 District Administrator Tomczik reminded the Board that when the delegates vote on  
426 issues, such as the proposed language changes, their vote should reflect the District's  
427 policy positions on matters, as they saw fit.

428  
429 **4. Check Register February 26, 2025, in the Amount of \$402,873.20 and February Interim**  
430 **Financial Statements Prepared by Redpath and Company**

431  
432 Manager Weinandt pointed out an item in the check register to District Administrator  
433 Tomczik and asked if he had found out what a specific line item was for.

434  
435 Office Manager Stasica explained that it was for 2 Stormwater Management Grant  
436 reimbursements.

437  
438 Manager Weinandt referenced page 215 of the packet and explained that she wanted to  
439 point out the line item that was just explained by Office Manager Stasica and noted that  
440 this was where you can connect what happens in the payment to the staff reports. She  
441 explained that they would see a surety release of \$1,000 that was put in place in 1997  
442 because the historic records were being reviewed and staff have been meeting about it  
443 and getting those taken care of, as a group.

444  
445 ***Motion by Manager Weinandt, seconded by Manager Robertson, to approve check***  
446 ***register dated February 13 through February 26, 2025, in the Amount of \$402,873.20***  
447 ***and February Interim Financial Statements prepared by Redpath and Company.***  
448 ***Motion carried 4-0.***

449  
450 Manager Wagamon asked about the legal expenses shown for Smith Partners and if it was  
451 due to winding down their involvement and switching over to Rinke Noonan.

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453 Manager Weinandt confirmed that was correct.

454  
455 District Administrator Tomczik clarified that it is for the transition period that District  
456 Attorney Kolb had spoken to the Board about at a previous workshop meeting.

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458 **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND INFORMATION**

459 **1. Audit Update/Outstanding Receivables**

460 Manager Weinandt stated that the District was in the middle of its audit and explained  
461 that she wanted to point out that there was one outstanding receivable for \$45,800 which  
462 was first billed on December 28, 2023. She noted that another invoice was sent on  
463 February 11, 2024, and suggested that at their next Workshop meeting, they discuss  
464 further action if payment had still not been received. She stated that they were trying  
465 to clean up this type of thing before the 2024 audit was completed.

466  
467 **2. Staff Reports**

468 Manager Weinandt stated that the Board sees a very limited amount of what District staff  
469 actually do and noted that she very much enjoyed seeing and making connections about  
470 all the work that staff actually does and asked if they were fully staffed or if they had any  
471 open positions.

472  
473 District Administrator Tomczik stated that they did not have any open positions.

474  
475 Manager Weinandt expressed her appreciation to staff for the work they have been doing  
476 on the historic permits and their efforts over the last year to get them cleaned up.

477  
478 **3. March Calendar**

479 District Administrator Tomczik noted that the March calendar could be found on page 164  
480 of the packet and stated that the Minnesota Watersheds special meeting had been  
481 included.

482  
483 President Bradley asked if Manager Robertson would be able to make the 5:30 p.m.  
484 meeting on March 5, 2025.

485  
486 Manager Robertson confirmed she would be able to attend the March 5, 2025 meeting.

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488 **4. Administrator Updates**

489 District Administrator Tomczik noted that there was a new State law for paid family and  
490 medical leave program and explained that he was working with a potential HR firm and  
491 Rinke Noonan on how this may impact the District. He stated that the District was working  
492 on an application to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency for an implementation grant  
493 on stormwater resilience for the Jones Lake project, potentially \$5 million, and all  
494 opportunities require financial matches. He stated that the District was continuing to  
495 engage with elected officials on potential future bonding opportunities. He stated that  
496 he would also like to say that he was open to any Board direction regarding comments  
497 from Mr. Stowe during open microphone at today's meeting. He stated that his  
498 recollection of the letter Mr. Stowe had handed out was that it had been an attachment  
499 to an e-mail, so the date would have been when the e-mail was sent.

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501 Manager Wagamon stated that he needed to look at that information again.

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503 District Administrator Tomczik stated that because the Board was juggling a lot of other  
504 issues, their March workshop meeting was already rather full, but assured the Board that  
505 he kept track of these kinds of items.

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507 **5. Managers Update**  
508 Manager Weinandt stated that she completed her training related to security and gave a  
509 brief overview of recent topics and noted that she would recommend that the Board  
510 complete this training.

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512 Manager Robertson stated that she had a meeting with the city manager from Circle Pines  
513 earlier this week regarding what was referenced in the audit. She stated that Circle Pines  
514 had gotten a very thorough report back from WSB and explained that they intended to  
515 reach out to the District in the next few weeks to set up a time to go through the data  
516 from the work they did with WSB related to the phosphate and sediment levels. She  
517 noted that she would be happy to facilitate the meetings, but for her to serve as the go-  
518 between did not seem like the most responsible thing to do.

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520 Manager Weinandt explained that the issue she brought up surrounding the audit actually  
521 had nothing to do with the issue just shared by Manager Robertson and were two  
522 separate actions.

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524 Manager Robertson agreed that they were two separate actions, but felt that they were  
525 related and briefly shared her interpretation on the feelings of Circle Pines around the  
526 situation.

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528 President Bradley noted that he planned to reach out to Manager Waller later today in  
529 order to let him know that the Board cared.

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531 **ADJOURNMENT**  
532 ***Motion by Manager Robertson, seconded by Manager Wagamon, to adjourn the meeting at***  
533 ***10:19 a.m. Motion carried 4-0.***

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