

APPROVED

RCWD BOARD OF MANAGERS WORKSHOP

Monday, March 10, 2025

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: Board members Mike Bradley, John Waller, Steve Wagamon, Jess Robertson,
3 Marcie Weinandt

4 Absent:

5 Staff: Administrator Nick Tomczik, Drainage & Facilities Manager Tom Schmidt, Operations &
6 Maintenance Inspector Abel Green, Regulatory Manager Patrick Hughes, Project Manager
7 David Petry, Communications & Outreach Manager Kendra Sommerfeld (video-conference),
8 Program Support Technician Emmet Hurley (video-conference), Office Manager Theresa
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10 Consultants: District Engineers Chris Otterness and Adam Nies -Houston Engineering, Inc.
11 (HEI), District Attorney John Kolb-Rinke Noonan

12 Visitors:

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14 President Bradley stated Manager Wagamon contacted him stating he would like to possible
15 reconsider the Board action taken under Board resolution 2024-08. A majority of the Board failed
16 to approve this resolution. The resolution was for approval of Replacement Plan Application for
17 wetland impacts resulting from a proposed lowering of the Pine Street culvert on Anoka County
18 Ditch 10-22-32.

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20 District Attorney Kolb stated he would outline parliamentary procedure for reconsidering the
21 failed motion. Staff will review Wetland Conservation Act noticing obligations for Pine Street
22 culvert project and determine if a new application is needed. This information will be brought
23 back to the Board.

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25 **2024 Public Drainage System and Facilities: Inspection, Maintenance Report, &** 26 **Recommendations**

27 Staff and District Engineers gave a presentation to the Board on the 2024 public drainage system
28 and facilities maintenance, Capital Improvement Projects (CIP), and the prioritization of the CIP
29 ditch repair projects. The Board agreed to move forward with the current prioritized ditch repair
30 project CIP list. This prioritization is subject to potential adjustments based on stakeholder input.

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The Board and staff reviewed challenges in balancing drainage obligations with environmental policies, discussed changes to the Wetland Conservation Act, and addressed the need for continued communication with stakeholders.

Manager Robertson informed the Board she needed to leave at 11 a.m. due to previously scheduled city commitment.

The Board discussed the importance of all members being present for the Administrator Review Process item. The item will move to their next workshop as the first item on the agenda.

5-minute break

Regulatory Program Presentation

Regulatory Manager Hughes gave a presentation to the Board on the regulatory program. The presentation highlighted the purpose of the regulatory program, the district's rules, a comparison of the rules with state standards, a comparison of rule triggers with other local agencies, and the importance of early coordination between the district and cities on development projects. The regulatory program team will continue coordination on inspection reports with cities in the district, follow up on compliance procedures, including incentivizing quicker compliance. Staff and consultants will be reviewing the district's surety schedules and work on closing out open permits.

Administrator Updates

- Office lease expires end October 2024; program managers find the current facilities good, renewal discussion with property owner includes opportunity for additional pod storage space and clarity on vehicle parking.
- Peter Larson, Washington County Citizen Advisory Committee member, has resigned. Staff will begin to look for candidates to fill the vacancy.
- Continue to work with President Bradley on administrator review process materials for Board discussion.
- Past board members updates and recognition.

The workshop was adjourned at 12:12 p.m.