



APPROVED

**RCWD BOARD OF MANAGERS WORKSHOP**

Monday, March 11, 2024

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, Marcie Weinandt (audio-conference), Steve  
3 Wagamon, Jess Robertson

4 Absent:

5 Staff: Administrator Nick Tomczik, Regulatory Manager Patrick Hughes, Drainage & Facilities Manager  
6 Ashlee Ricci, Communications & Outreach Manager Kendra Sommerfield (videoconference), Office  
7 Manager Theresa Stasica.

8 Consultants: District Engineers Chris Otterness & Adam Nies-Houston Engineering, Inc.

9 Visitors: City of Columbus Engineer Kevin Bittner, City of Columbus Council Member Janet Hegland.

10 **2024 Rule and Regulatory Program Revision**

11 Regulatory Manager Patrick Hughes gave a presentation on the process of the upcoming rule and  
12 regulatory program revisions. The 2024 rule revision priorities include: continuing to address variances,  
13 rule clarifications, and exemptions for low impact/risk activities. Staff have no major policy items or rule  
14 re-writing identified. At this time, staff is continuing to identify revisions based on comments from the  
15 Board, the public, and will be reviewed with our partners at the next City/County partner meeting. Staff  
16 also informed the Board that the District’s surety schedule also needs to be reviewed because the current  
17 surety being received from applicants does not cover potential cost of corrective actions. Staff reviewed  
18 the proposed timeline. The Board discussed the presentation with staff and by majority consensus agreed  
19 to the outline proposed.

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21 **PDS Facilities Annual Report & Forecast**

22 Drainage & Facilities Manager Ricci gave a presentation to the Board on the Drainage and Facilities  
23 Programs past year’s completed work, current year’s recommended inspection, maintenance, and repair  
24 activities. She also informed the Board of program’s intended work for the coming year and its related  
25 budgetary direction being like the current year.

26 District Engineers Otterness and Nies gave a presentation on the Board’s public drainage system (PDS)  
27 project prioritization list and provided an update on current activities and status of the Public Drainage  
28 Systems and branches of the system. District Engineers Otterness and Nies answered Board questions  
29 about the PDS projects and prioritization.

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31 The Board by consensus agreed to the current proposed PDS prioritization schedule.

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Marcie Weinandt  
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**PDS ACSIC Determination Step 2 – Anoka County Ditch 10-22-32**

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District Engineer Otterness stated today’s workshop is to provide an understanding of how the As-Constructed Subsequently Improved Condition (ACSIC) determination methodology was utilized on the ACD 10-22-32 system. He described the unique challenges, the collection of potentially relevant documents, and the consideration of how these documents may pertain to the ACSIC alignment, grade, and cross-section. Relevant documents included as-designed profiles/alignments/cut sheets, repairs, and prior profile reviews. District Engineer Otterness explained the ACSIC determination process used and how this methodology was used on ACD 10-22-32 north of Pine Street. District Engineer Otterness reviewed the workshop takeaways with the Board and answered their questions and the City of Columbus’s questions. The Board stated that this was an important discussion and should be memorialized in the record. District Administrator Tomczik stated he would work with Attorney Kolb on a document the Board could consider memorializing this.

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**Administrator Updates**

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- Staff discussed the current CAC membership and its attendance.
- District Engineer informed the Board that they are in the process of creating an additional services request for AWJD3 project and its on-site oversight for Board consideration.
- Staff informed the Board if the future Ramsey County Boundary recommendations is approved the Board current meeting location will be outside the District’s boundary and the Board to likely meet at City of Mounds View Facilities.
- Administrator Tomczik informed the Board that Senator Kunesh introduced SF 4337 to appropriate \$7 million dollars to RCWD for its flood mitigation work in the I35 corridor. He emailed this information to the Board this morning.

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The workshop was adjourned at 11:53 a.m.

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