



## REGULAR MEETING OF THE RCWD BOARD OF MANAGERS

Wednesday, March 12, 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

#### CALL TO ORDER

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

#### ROLL CALL

Present: President Michael Bradley, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Pres. John Waller, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Pres. Steve Wagamon, Secretary Jess Robertson, and Treasurer Marcie Weinandt

Absent: None

Staff Present: District Administrator Nick Tomczik, Regulatory Manager Patrick Hughes, Outreach & Grant Technician Molly Nelson, Public Drainage and Facilities Program Manager Tom Schmidt, Program Technician Emmet Hurley (video-conference), Office Manager Theresa Stasica

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

Visitors: Scott Robinson

#### SETTING OF THE AGENDA

District Administrator Tomczik requested that a new #2 under Information and Discussion Items be added related to ACD 10-22-32 in the Pine Street Area. He stated that the internet provider was having internet issues, which meant that, at the moment, there is no virtual participation option. He stated that District Attorney Kolb was intending to participate virtually, yet because of the internet issues, he was on standby, via phone.

***Motion by Manager Waller, seconded by Manager Robertson, to approve the agenda, as amended. Motion carried 5-0.***

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Michael J. Bradley  
Ramsey County

Marcie Weinandt  
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John J. Waller  
Washington County

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

**Minutes of the February 26, 2025, Board of Managers Regular Meeting. Motion by *Manager Robertson, seconded by Manager Weinandt, to approve the minutes as presented.***

Manager Waller explained that he would abstain from the vote because he was not present at the meeting.

Manager Wagamon explained that he intended to vote on this item as he had participated in the meeting from home under health protocols.

***Motion carried 4-0-1 (Waller abstained).***

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

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

<b>No.</b>	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Plan Type</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
25-006	C Lino LLC	Lino Lakes	Final Site Drainage Plan Land Development	CAPROC 7 items
25-010	Ramsey County	Arden Hills	Final Site Drainage Plan Land Development	CAPROC 7 items
25-013	Protofab Holdings, LLC	Blaine	Final Site Drainage Plan	CAPROC 4 items

Manager Weinandt pointed out that Permit No. 25-010 was in the Rice Creek commons area and this may be the first of many that the District would be seeing.

***It was moved by Manager Waller and seconded by Manager Weinandt, to approve the consent agenda as outlined in the above Table of Contents in accordance with RCWD District Engineer's Findings and Recommendations, dated March 4, 2025. Motion carried 5-0.***

### **Water Quality Grant Program Cost Share Application**

<b>No.</b>	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Project Type</b>	<b>Eligible Cost</b>	<b>Pollutant Reduction</b>	<b>Funding Recommendation</b>
R25-01	Christ the King Church	New Brighton	Raingarden (2)	\$19,002.50	Volume: 20,298 cu-ft/yr TSS: 69 lbs/yr	75% cost share of \$10,000 not to exceed 75%; or \$10,000 whichever cost is lower

					TP: 0.38 lbs/yr	
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Outreach & Grant Technician Nelson gave a brief overview of the proposed project and noted that the District was also working with the Growing Green Hearts, LLC on plans to work with Highview Middle School and Bellaire Elementary School on some education and outreach related to the rain gardens.

Manager Weinandt asked if this money would be coming from the District and asked how it aligned with their Water Management Plan.

Outreach & Grant Technician Nelson confirmed that it was the District's money and explained that this had been identified in the Water Management Plan.

Manager Robertson stated that this was thoroughly discussed at the recent CAC meeting and noted that the main takeaway was that the church community was really excited about this project and had volunteers already lined up who were ready to help maintain them.

***It was moved by Manager Robertson and seconded by Manager Weinandt, to approve the consent agenda as outlined in the above Table of Contents in accordance with RCWD Outreach and Grants Technician's Recommendations dated February 26, 2025.***

District Administrator Tomczik noted that the water quality and volume control may, as in this project, go hand in hand and here is a pretty significant reduction in volume. He stated that this was located in New Brighton in an area where there are concerns related to flooding and RCD 2, 3, and 5 and these kinds of projects do help address those matters.

***Motion carried 5-0.***

## **PERMIT APPLICATIONS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION**

<b>No.</b>	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Plan Type</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
25-061	City of Columbus	Columbus	Street & Utility Plan	VARIANCE REQUEST
	City of Forest Lake	Forest Lake	Wetland Alteration	CAPROC 9 items
			Floodplain Alteration	

Regulatory Manager Hughes explained that the applicants were requesting a variance from the District's Rule E.3(e) which required compensatory floodplain storage volume for over 100 cubic yards of floodplain fill. He noted that they are proposing 319 cubic yards of fill without any compensatory floodplain storage.

### **Variance Request**

***It was moved by Manager Bradley and seconded by Manager Waller, to Approve the Variance request for variance application 25-061 as outlined in accordance with RCWD District***

*Engineer's Variance Technical memorandum, dated December 4, 2024. Motion carried 5-0.*

**Permit Application**

*It was moved by Manager Waller and seconded by Manager Wagamon, to Approve permit 25-061 as outlined in the RCWD District Engineer's Findings and Recommendations, dated March 4, 2024. Motion carried 5-0.*

**OPEN MIC/PUBLIC COMMENT**

Scott Robinson, 8179 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Lino Lakes, explained that he had a number of issues and concerns that he wanted to share with the Board and shared information about 3 culverts in his area that were in disrepair in his opinion. He explained that he had also brought this to the attention of District staff and the Board in 2024 but was concerned about potential water issues for the area during the spring. He referenced the lowering of the culvert on Pine Street and shared concerns that this would put more water on him. He explained that he understood it was supposed to be ACSIC, but he would argue that the rest of the ditch has not been repaired to the ACSIC condition and noted that there was still a section of the ditch that hadn't yet been repaired even though it had been ordered around 2008. He stated that he did not believe the ditch had been cleaned out in his lifetime and asked what needed to be done in order for a landowner to get action on these types of things and expressed frustration that the Board did not seem to be doing what they were supposed to be doing.

President Bradley explained that the Board had discussed this topic at the Workshop meeting on March 11, 2025, and asked Public Drainage and Facilities Manager Schmidt to explain what the District was planning related to maintenance on ACD 10-22-32 in 2025.

Public Drainage and Facilities Manager Schmidt explained that the District had included stretches of the main trunk and noted that the portion that Mr. Robinson was referring to was not planned for the entire stretch, but noted that portion that is immediately downstream of Main Street that has emergent vegetation which they planned to remove, as soon as the conditions will allow and they can gain access. He reviewed some possible options of gaining access to this area and stated that he believed the survey was done by the District Engineer about 2 or 3 years ago which said that there was not a significant impediment.

District Engineer Otterness corroborated the approximate date of the survey.

Public Drainage and Facilities Manager Schmidt stated that he agreed with Mr. Robinson that it was likely that there was organic material in the bottom that could and should be removed.

President Bradley asked about the prison.

Public Drainage and Facilities Manager Schmidt noted that the prison area was already planning to be done as soon as it was dry enough.

District Administrator Tomczik noted that Public Drainage and Facilities Manager Schmidt was talking about cleaning out the ditch, but explained that the culvert at the prison was the responsibility of the landowner, which was the State of Minnesota. He asked if there was a scheduled time that the State will undertake the work on the culvert.

Public Drainage and Facilities Manager Schmidt stated that the prison culvert was in the process of replacing the culvert, and explained that they have submitted a permit application to the District. He noted that they were planning to replace it as soon as possible, because it was endangering their driveway. He explained that, in conjunction with that replacement, there were plans to get the ditch cleaned from the driveway up to 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue with the long reach backhoe in order to remove any obstructions that may be there.

Mr. Robinson asked about what elevation the prison culvert would be put in.

District Engineer Otterness stated that they would put it in at the current elevation, which was equivalent to the ACSIC.

Mr. Robinson asked why it would not be at the official profile which was set higher than the actual ACSIC.

District Engineer Otterness explained that those would be one in the same.

Mr. Robinson stated that they should be the same, but cautioned that the rest of the ditch was not. He explained that there were soil borings done prior to the repair that showed that the ditch was dug between 18 and 22 inches deeper than the official profile. He explained that he would like the whole system to be addressed and not just certain sections, so they end up having a situation like what has happened at Pine Street.

District Administrator Tomczik stated that for ACD 10-22-32, the Board had adopted the ACSIC, which was an assessment of all the best information available to the District as to what the profile was, as well as the functionality of the system was historically.

President Bradley asked when that had been done.

District Engineer Otterness stated that the functional profile was developed in 2011, which occurred in conjunction with the consolidation of ACD 10, ACD 22, and ACD 32. He noted that the District had done additional investigation north of Pine Street about 2 years ago, when the Board had adopted the ACSIC for the area.

President Bradley explained that the maintenance the District planned to do this year would take it down to the ACSIC from 2011 that was just mentioned by District Engineer Otterness.

Manager Wagamon asked if District Engineer Otterness had said that the ACSIC was the same as the original ACSIC on that culvert.

District Engineer Otterness stated that at the prison location, the functional profile was, as close as they could understand, at the ACSIC at that elevation but explained that the problem is that the whole system south of Pine Street has been so heavily modified from what was originally constructed 110 years ago, that it was nearly impossible for anyone to say, definitively, that the elevation was exactly where it was dug out. He noted that there were soil borings done on the system around 2006-2007, but there were only one or two for the whole system and he did not believe any were completed near the prison culvert. He shared that he felt the important thing was that the culvert, where it was proposed to be placed, provided positive grade upstream and downstream at this location and lowering the culvert would not provide any added benefit.

Office Manager Stasica noted that the internet issue had been resolved and Zoom was once again available for meeting participation.

District Administrator Tomczik stated that he felt this was a good discussion about the ACSIC and explained that the District could share this information with Mr. Robinson. He noted that Mr. Robinson had mentioned 3 culverts that had issues and they had already discussed the prison culvert. He suggested that they also address for clarity the other 2 culverts mentioned by Mr. Robinson and believed the one that he had mentioned had a previous obstruction, which he assumed was on the south side of Main Street.

Mr. Robinson described the location of the culvert he was referring to and gave examples of what happens to the water in that area.

District Administrator Tomczik stated that related to the culvert south of Main Street, the landowner had concerns about ownership of the culvert which he felt, presented a challenge to future work in the area, but believed that Public Drainage and Facilities Manager Schmidt had been able to pump around the culvert. He stated that his memory was that there was some sort of snag in the culvert, which caused water to back up, when they took a look they found a board and were able to remove it. He noted that at this point in time, it was functional, but asked if staff's feeling was that it was suspect and may cause a future problem.

Public Drainage and Facilities Manager Schmidt stated that the investigation had revealed that there was an old piece of plywood at the end that, historically, had been used upstream for retaining water for irrigation. He clarified that staff were unable to pull it out and explained that he had concerns about the integrity of the remaining pipe. He noted that he had been informed by Butch Robinson that his culvert did not currently have an obstruction with blocked flow and explained that the Board would have to decide if it was an obstruction or not and could choose to order that it be removed. He stated that he had offered to replace it as part of the system for Butch Robinson and explained that his hope was to try to continue to engage with Butch Robinson, Brad, and Brian, who are the other owners in order to get them to replace it, even if it involved the District contributing to it, because he felt it would be a worthy expense in order to provide certainty the system works correctly. He noted that he had spoken with District Attorney Kolb and they felt that there was not an immediate trigger that the District could say, without a doubt, that this culvert was an obstruction and had planned to continue to monitor it.

District Administrator Tomczik stated that he wanted to reinforce the distinction that the suspect culvert they were referring to belonged to a landowner, which meant it was their responsibility. He stated that Public Drainage and Facilities Manager Schmidt had extended the offer of funds in an attempt to help address the issue, which meant it would then become the District's property. He suggested that they move the discussion onto the 3<sup>rd</sup> culvert referenced by Mr. Robinson.

Public Drainage and Facilities Manager Schmidt noted that District staff had checked that culvert for actual failure and they found that it did not seem to be failing. He stated that, structurally, there were some voids in the driveway because the earth on top was going somewhere and stated that culvert was installed as part of the system when the District did the repair in 2013. He noted that he had a discussion with Dan Robinson, Scott's brother, yesterday and explained that the current feeling was that there was just residual ice in the culvert and would keep an eye on it. He stated that if it was necessary, they could engage a contractor to remove the ice or earth that may be obstructing it in order to keep it going.

President Bradley stated that he hoped that Mr. Robinson had heard, through today's discussion, that the District was 'on it' regarding the concerns he had raised.

Mr. Robinson suggested that if the District chose to lower culverts to the original or improved levels that the whole system should be at those same levels.

Manager Waller stated that over the winter, he and Manager Wagamon went out with Mr. Robinson to tour the areas he brought up today and explained that he had noticed that the portion between the prison and the south boundary of the Butch Robinson farm was that it was very deep and there were a lot of trees in there. He stated that with spring rains and more water coming down, he felt that he needed to do the downstream part first and he felt the minor maintenance program at the District needed to be stepped up. He clarified that he felt this was a good example of why they should fix the downstream stuff and that it should be done soon.

Manager Wagamon stated that he agreed with the statements that Manager Waller just made and also felt that the District should be getting it done even if it involved using more than one contractor. He noted that he had received a lot of phone calls about the culverts that the Board was considering moving and explained that many of their concerns were if the District was going to get the southern end done which he felt the District needed to do, because otherwise, he felt they would just be wasting time for an issue that effects people.

District Administrator Tomczik stated that the landowners on the system have great expectations of the system, but explained that the District was low and flat, which meant it was slow to drain. He noted that these were built a long time ago and the need to manage expectations because this was not going to make it dry land that would be useable for a different purpose.

Manager Wagamon stated that because the District was so flat, that was why he felt the District needed to be on top of this and maintain them without having stuff lying in the ditches.

Manager Robertson suggested that the Board, at a future Workshop, define what an 'Open Forum' is because this item had turned into a full-blown agenda item, which she did not feel was the intent of Open Forum. She stated that she understood that she was the least experienced Manager on the Board but expressed her frustration that they repeatedly got feedback from people about flooding issues along the system, without having historical information. She noted that when they had a vote on doing repairs to Pine Street, she did not vote in favor of it, because she felt it did not seem like it encapsulated the entire area. She explained that there seemed to be a disconnect and was frustrated to hear Mr. Robinson stated that there had not been any maintenance done the entire time he has been there. She stated that she was also frustrated that terms like 'benefited property owner' were being used because she did not feel that it was a benefit to have their property flooded. She stated that she felt the District was getting hung up by getting lost in the technical information and may be forgetting that the objective was to maintain the ditches and keep flooding off of people's properties.

President Bradley suggested that the Board move on to the next agenda item.

#### **ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION**

- 1. Check Register Dated March 12, 2025, in the Amount of \$151,280.22 Prepared by Redpath and Company**

*Motion by Manager Weinandt, seconded by Manager Robertson, to approve check register dated March 12, 2025, in the Amount of \$151,280.22 prepared by Redpath and Company. Motion carried 5-0.*

#### **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND INFORMATION**

- 1. Ramsey County Ditch (RCD) #1 Records Correction Public Hearing Update**

District Administrator Tomczik explained that this item was in response to the Public Hearing related to RCD 1 and the questions the Board had posed to the District Engineer regarding maintenance on the system and the adjacent benefited property owner, which was a statutory term.

District Engineer Otterness explained that the Board had asked staff to take a look at whether there would be any value or impact, if they were to repair the ditch, specifically in the County Road I/Hamline Avenue culvert, to the ACSIC elevation, or if there would be any floodplain impacts. He stated that the Board had also asked staff to have a dialogue with the Ramsey County Public Works Department to see if they had any records related to County Road I/Hamline Avenue and also coordinate with the DNR. He explained that the District had made multiple records requests to the Ramsey County over the last 15 years, but explained that they simply do not have a recent history of managing their county ditches because they have been urbanized. He noted that Ramsey County staff contact at that time were not familiar with public drainage systems. He stated that at the District's request, Ramsey County public works recently dug through their records and found about 10 records that related to RCD 1 and explained that 5 of the records were



not previously known by the District. He noted that of the 5 received, 2 of them were related to the as-constructed condition, one was an 'establishment document' from 1902 that indicated the cut depth and staff related it to the ACSIC and found it followed almost exactly with the grade/slope of the ditch that had been determined in their ACSIC report. He stated that the other record was a map developed by the Ramsey County surveyor in 1980 where they hand sketched in an alignment that had an arrow pointing to it that said 'County Ditch 1' and the sketch alignment went through Marsden Lake, but explained that the District believed that was erroneous, because they had not found any other documentation that would indicate that the ditch extended that far. He explained that based on the information that was provided, it did not change any of their conclusions, nor did it provide any more insight about the culvert at this location. He noted that they had a follow up discussion with the DNR in order to get a bit more insight and learned that they had no disagreement with the District's conclusions from the ACSIC report and were simply taking this opportunity to have dialogue on the drainage system and take a position on the jurisdiction that the DNR had. He stated that the jurisdiction would go beyond what was indicated on the public waters inventory maps. He explained that the DNR also wanted to make sure that the District was aware of the potential for consequences and intersection with DNR permitting requirements if work was done on the system down to the ACSIC elevation. He stated that staff had gone back to the District-wide model to ensure that they were accurately reflecting the influence of the inverted siphon pipe and also looked at a few alternatives that would potentially be done to the Hamline Avenue culvert. He stated that lowering this culvert would have very little hydrologic effect, other than day to day water elevations just upstream of the culvert. He explained that they do not see a need for District engagement to change the capacity of the culvert for the purposes of flood management or drainage, but there may be some interested from Ramsey County in trying to decrease the frequency of flooding over Hamline Avenue. He further noted that decreasing overtopping frequency of Hamline may require both upsizing the culvert and raising the road. He clarified that Ramsey County was the road authority and was responsible for the culvert and it would be up to them to find the appropriate sizing and road elevation, but the District could assist them in those determinations. He reminded the Board that they were planning to resume the Public Hearing at the March 26, 2025 Board meeting.

District Administrator Tomczik noted that the responses to Board questions from Houston Engineering at the initial Public Hearing had been presented as a draft document within the packet. He stated that the process now would be for Houston Engineering to finalize the memo and present the answers to the questions at the next meeting so it would be part of the record. He stated that the final item was the interface of the records correction proceedings and the Board's questions addressed in the Houston Engineering memo, which has historically been to adopt the records correction materials and proceed with repairs, as needed.

President Bradley stated that he believed the recommendation was that the District establish ACSIC, as suggested by the historical review that staff had conducted; engage Ramsey County about what they would like to do about their road with the use of the District information; and that the District would not do a repair that would effect that culvert without engagement of Ramsey County as the owner of the roadway.

District Administrator Tomczik stated that he felt that summary was pretty close and noted that, as always, the District would make their assessment of the drainage available and share how it may or may not impact their road system. He stated that if Ramsey County found their standards for maintaining the public driving surface for its ability to withstand any particular rain event, they may decide to put in a larger culvert, raise their roadway, or do nothing.

Manager Weinandt thanked District Engineer Otterness for his presentation and noted that she felt it was exactly what the Board had asked for at the initial Public Hearing. She noted that this area was under consideration for development and believed that the District had completed some 'pre-work' by identifying the ACSIC so when any development or road improvements occur, they would already have that information laid out and was ready for the Board to set the ACSIC at the March 26, 2025 Board meeting.

**2. Effect of Resolution 2024-08 Related to the Replacement Plan Application for Wetland Impacts Resulting from the Lowering of the Pine Street Culvert on ACD 10-22-32**

District Administrator Tomczik explained that Rinke Noonan had examined the last action of the Board and put together a memo which had been distributed to the Board. He stated that his understanding of the Rinke Noonan memo was that the past action concluded and any future consideration of action was subject to the Wetland Conservation Act and the District needed to resurrect the past application and send it through the process. He stated that within the memo from District Attorney Kolb, there was note made of the various rationales for the decision or 'failure to approve' and those would be best addressed within the future application.

President Bradley asked what the best way would be for action to be taken quickly.

Manager Weinandt clarified that they were talking about resubmitting an application because the original failed, which meant that they needed to start a zero again.

District Administrator Tomczik clarified that the past application could be utilized with some modifications, but it should substantiate the reasons the Board would consider for approval so they would not actually be starting from zero. He stated that for the question of how quickly they could do that would depend on a number of things but felt it was likely that the process would take about 20-25 days before it could be brought back to the Board for consideration.

372 President Bradley stated that it sounded like it may be able to come back to the first Board  
373 meeting in April and asked if a motion was needed.

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375 District Administrator Tomczik clarified that a motion was not needed and reiterated that  
376 the last time this was brought before the Board it failed to be approved, so that issue was  
377 completed and now they just needed consensus of the Board to proceed with the  
378 application.

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380 Manager Wagamon stated that when this was voted down, he was concerned about the  
381 southern end as well, but was also concerned about paying credits out on highly degraded  
382 wetlands, which he felt was ridiculous. He stated that this was a big issue with landowners  
383 because they did not want to pay for the credits because they want a culvert and  
384 explained that he had spoken with all of them and they seem to think this is what the  
385 credits are for and should be used if they have exhausted all the options. He clarified that  
386 his big concern was getting the Pine Street culvert done and noted that there had been  
387 talk about lumping in the 137<sup>th</sup> with it, which he felt was critical because there were  
388 farmland and septic systems that would be in play. He explained that he felt the District  
389 needed to continue downstream because it should not take much time to go through and  
390 do a minor cleaning, get rid of the obstacles, and get the system moving, so people down  
391 south would not take the brunt, and then the District could take the time to look at it  
392 holistically.

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394 President Bradley stated that he felt that there were at least 3 Board members in favor of  
395 moving forward to see what can get done on Pine Street and possibly 137<sup>th</sup>.

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397 Manager Wagamon asked District Administrator Tomczik to clarify his earlier comment  
398 regarding 137<sup>th</sup>.

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400 District Administrator Tomczik stated that the contemplation of the culvert at 137<sup>th</sup> began  
401 with the review of Alternative #4 components that could be done on ACD 10-22-32 in  
402 order to reduce water elevations upstream. He stated that lowering the culvert at 137<sup>th</sup>  
403 to the elevation which was reflected in the current DNR permit, would provide some drop  
404 in water elevation. He stated that this could be considered and would potentially not  
405 substantially increase the project costs.

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407 Manager Waller thanked District Attorney Kolb for the excellent memo that he wrote for  
408 the Board about the process and procedure. He read aloud a portion of the memo which  
409 stated, 'once those concerns were satisfied, the Board may consider a new replacement  
410 plan application'. He asked what the concerns were that needed to be satisfied and noted  
411 that in the original record, it was a concern with downstream conditions. He stated that  
412 before the Board does anything at their April meeting, he felt that they needed to fix  
413 everything that was downstream, in order to remove that concern, and then the Board  
414 'may' consider further action.

416 Manager Wagamon asked if there was any issue with doing minor maintenance on any of  
417 this system, for example, at least getting rid of the impediments to it will flow.

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419 Manager Weinandt asked if staff could display a map of the areas they are referring to,  
420 because when they talk about downstream, she would like to know how far downstream  
421 they are talking about.

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423 Public Drainage and Facilities Manager Schmidt stated that in light of the concerns  
424 expressed today, he would recommend that even if the culvert application was approved,  
425 that the work would not begin on any lowering until the downstream suspect areas were  
426 addressed. He noted that the District was already working to engage contractors to do  
427 that work and also waiting for the area to be dry enough to do the work.

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429 Manager Robertson felt what the Board was talking about today was whether they were  
430 going to restart this process. She noted that she felt the Board should dialogue things  
431 through that process and if staff was just looking for a consensus to move it forward, she  
432 did not think anyone on the Board would object to reviewing some sort of permanent  
433 improvement/maintenance/repair plan for this area.

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435 President Bradley stated that he felt the staff had received direction from the Board.

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437 **3. District Engineer Updates and Timeline**

438 President Bradley noted that he found District Engineer Otterness' charts helpful.

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440 Manager Robertson stated that she loved them so much that she has told her city  
441 engineering department that she would like to see something like them included in their  
442 packets. She stated that she felt the charts were a homerun, because they included things  
443 like budget targets, the contacts for the project, and how far along the project was.

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445 **4. Administrator Updates**

446 District Administrator Tomczik stated that staff had placed the 2026 budget planning  
447 schedule at the dais and reminded the Board that at the recent workshop, Public Drainage  
448 and Facilities Manager Schmidt had provided the public drainage and facilities program  
449 review with what is intended for 2026. He explained that Smith Partners was working on  
450 the trademark situation in trying to get the Blue Thumb trademark transferred over to  
451 Metro Bloom. He noted that Rinke Noonan was aware of Smith Partners' work and felt  
452 that they should finish that work. He stated that staff had sent out the Stormwater  
453 Management Grant Award letters. He noted that the District had not received a payment  
454 from Circle Pines on the outfall work previously discussed nor has he heard from them.  
455 He explained that a Washington County CAC member had stepped down and staff had  
456 begun searching for a replacement. He stated that BWSR had copied him on filing to the  
457 Secretary of State regarding the District's boundary adjustments.

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459 **5. Managers Update**

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461 Manager Waller expressed his appreciation to the Board, District staff, District  
462 consultants, and Advisory Committee members for their kindness in reaching out to him  
463 throughout the last 6 weeks when he was ill.  
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465 Manager Weinandt stated that last week, the Mounds View community had a lawn and  
466 garden show and she and Outreach Coordinator Sommerfeld managed the District booth  
467 where they received a lot of interest related to rain gardens and other items. She noted  
468 that she had seen information that there was going to be a salt workshop in Shoreview  
469 hosted by the District, and encouraged the Board to attend these kinds of events, when  
470 possible. She stated that there would be an audit review on March 13, 2025 and noted  
471 that she also planned to attend the Ramsey County Local Units of Government meeting  
472 on the same day.  
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474 President Bradley stated that, regarding the Circle Pines situation, the Board had heard a  
475 report at the last meeting from Manager Robertson that she had reached out and done  
476 everything she could to see if there could be some action. He stated that he planned to  
477 see if he could schedule a meeting with the mayor of Circle Pines, Mr. Anton, and District  
478 Administrator Tomczik in order to have a discussion about whether they intend to pay the  
479 District or not and if not, the Board would need to figure out how to move forward.  
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481 Manager Robertson stated that she felt that may have been misinterpreted.  
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483 President Bradley clarified that he felt it would be a chance to look at the contracts and  
484 explained that the Board had been waiting about 6 months for the report that Circle Pines  
485 had indicated was coming. He explained that he felt that this situation was not good for  
486 either side.  
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488 Manager Waller stated that he did not object to President Bradley's plans, but suggested  
489 that Manager Robertson also attend the meeting.  
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491 Manager Wagamon agreed because Manager Robertson has followed it the whole time.  
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493 President Bradley noted that Manager Robertson was welcome to come to the meeting.  
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#### 495 **ADJOURNMENT**

496 ***Motion by Manager Robertson, seconded by Manager Waller, to adjourn the meeting at 10:23***  
497 ***a.m. Motion carried 5-0.***  
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