



REGULAR MEETING OF THE RCWD BOARD OF MANAGERS

Wednesday, April 8, 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**

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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, 1st Vice-Pres. John Waller, 2nd Vice-Pres. Jess Robertson, Treasurer Marcie Weinandt, Secretary Janet Hegland

Absent: None

Staff Present: Administrator Nick Tomczik, Regulatory Manager Patrick Hughes, Outreach and Grants Technician Molly Nelson, Lake and Stream Manager Matt Kocian, Project Manager David Petry, Communications and Outreach Manager Kendra Sommerfeld, Program Technician Emmet Hurley (video-conference), Watershed Technician/Inspector Ali Chalberg, Office Manager Theresa Stasica

Consultants: District Engineer Chris Otterness from Houston Engineering, Inc. (HEI) & District Attorney John Kolb-Rinke Noonan, Rebecca Petersen-Redpath and Company

Visitors: None

Visitors monitoring via Zoom: Michael, Timothy Wood

OPEN MIC/PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments put forth by the public.

SETTING OF THE AGENDA

Motion by Manager Weinandt, seconded by Manager Robertson, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

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

32 **Minutes of the March 25, 2026, Board of Managers Regular Meeting and March 25, 2026,**
33 **Special Meeting/Workshop. *Motion by Manager Hegland, seconded by Manager Bradley, to***
34 ***approve the March 25, 2026, Board of Managers Regular minutes, as presented. Motion***
35 ***carried 5-0.***

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37 ***Motion by Manager Hegland, seconded by Manager Robertson, to approve the March 25, 2026,***
38 ***Special Meeting/Workshop minutes, with two amendments, as discussed. Motion carried 5-0.***

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40 **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

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

No.	Applicant	Location	Plan Type	Recommendation
26-011	Escape Properties, LLC	Columbus	Final Site Drainage Plan	CAPROC 7 items

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48 Regulatory Manager Hughes explained that he had one change on page 14 of the packet and
49 noted that since the packet was put together, the property had been sold to the developer
50 (Urban Companies) which was listed as a “Permit Contact” and is now considered the
51 “Applicant/Landowner”.

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53 ***It was moved by Manager Hegland and seconded by Manager Weinandt to approve the***
54 ***consent agenda as outlined in the above Table of Contents in accordance with RCWD District***
55 ***Engineer’s Findings and Recommendations, dated March 31, 2026, noting the change in***
56 ***property ownership, as discussed. Motion carried 5-0.***

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

No.	Applicant	Location	Project Type	Eligible Total Project Cost	Pollutant Reduction	Funding Recommendation
A26-01	Greene	Circle Pines	Shoreline Stabilization & Restoration	\$29,919.00	Volume: 1,478 cu-ft/yr TSS: 3,941 lbs/yr TP: 1.99 lbs/yr	\$10,000.00 not to exceed 50% of eligible project costs or up to \$10,000.00.
R26-04	Ramsey County	Shoreview	Shoreline Stabilization & Restoration	\$74,308.66	Volume: 28,661 cu-ft/yr TSS: 1,568.59 lbs/yr TP: 1.611 lbs/yr	\$10,000.00 not to exceed 50% of eligible project costs or up to \$10,000.00.
R26-05	Anderson	New Brighton	Slope Stabilization	\$6,694.75	Volume: 3,160 cu-ft/yr	\$6,694.75 not to exceed 50% of eligible project

			& Restoration		TSS: 349.70 lbs/yr TP: 0.26 lbs/yr	costs or up to \$10,000.00.
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60 Outreach and Grants Technician Nelson stated that all of the applications presented were reviewed
61 by the CAC and had been recommended for approval by an 8-0 motion.

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63 *It was moved by Manager Weinandt, and seconded by Manager Hegland, to approve the*
64 *consent agenda as outlined in the above Table of Contents in accordance with RCWD Outreach*
65 *and Grants Technician’s Recommendations, dated April 1, 2026. Motion carried 5-0.*

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67 **ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION**

68 **1. 2025 District Financial Reports and Audit**

69 Manager Weinandt explained that she had been working with staff and Redpath on the
70 District’s audit and monthly billing cycles. She introduced Rebecca Petersen from
71 Redpath to present the 2025 Audit and Financial Reports.

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73 Rebecca Petersen, Redpath and Company, gave a brief presentation outlining the 2025
74 audit results and explained that they had issued a ‘clean’, unmodified opinion regarding
75 the District’s 2025 Financial Statements and found that there were also no internal
76 control findings. She stated that for Minnesota legal compliance, there is one finding of
77 noncompliance report related to prompt payment, but assured the Board that it was an
78 isolated incident that was explained and therefore not something they needed to be
79 overly concerned about.

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81 Manager Hegland stated that a question was raised at their last meeting about the
82 stormwater credits, which she realizes are different than wetland credits, but asked how
83 that differed and fit into the audit information.

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85 District Administrator Tomczik stated that the District’s previous rules included provisions
86 for stormwater management debits and credits. He noted that the District has revised
87 its rules removing the system, yet the ledger of entities with debits and credits remains,
88 and the District provides for those situations to resolve. He clarified that there is no
89 adjustment, public entities do not pay fees for applications to the District, and there are
90 no associated costs, value, with that on the District’s side.

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92 Manager Weinandt asked Ms. Petersen to explain a bit more about Redpath and
93 Company since they handle the District’s audit and their overall financial management.

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95 Ms. Petersen explained that she was the Managing Director for the District’s audit, which
96 takes place out of their St. Paul office, and noted that the monthly accounting work is
97 conducted out of their White Bear office. She stated that they take a lot of care to

98 maintain their independence from each other, so they don't cross any lines, and explained
99 that they do not make any kind of management decision for the District.

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101 ***Motion by Manager Weinandt, seconded by Manager Waller, to accept and authorize***
102 ***the filing of the Rice Creek Watershed District's 2025 Annual Report and Audit. Motion***
103 ***carried 5-0.***

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105 **2. Ramsey County Lake Monitoring Services 2026**

106 Lake and Stream Manager Kocian explained that the Board had entered into a contract
107 with Ramsey County for lake monitoring for the last 10 years. He gave a brief overview
108 of the fine points contained within the agreement and details of the water quality
109 monitoring program.

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111 ***Motion by Manager Weinandt, seconded by Manager Hegland, to authorize the***
112 ***Administrator to enter into an agreement with Ramsey County for lake monitoring***
113 ***services in 2026 for an amount not to exceed \$26,559.55. Motion carried 5-0.***

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115 **3. RCWD Annual Report Approval**

116 Outreach and Communication Manager Sommerfeld asked if the Board had any additions
117 or revisions.

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119 President Bradley noted that he had a few edits he would share with her following the
120 meeting, but clarified that they were not substantive.

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122 Manager Hegland stated that the Annual Report was very well done, and she learned a
123 lot. She noted that she also really liked the way it was formatted and flowed.

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125 Manager Weinandt stated that the Annual Report represented a lot of work done by the
126 District throughout the year.

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128 ***Motion by Manager Hegland, seconded by Manager Weinandt, to approve the 2025***
129 ***Annual Report with any necessary changes from the Board and authorize submission to***
130 ***the Board of Water and Soil Resources and other required recipients by the deadline.***
131 ***Motion carried 5-0.***

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133 **4. Check Register Dated April 8, 2026, in the Amount of \$91,878.40, Prepared by Redpath**
134 **and Company**

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136 ***Motion by Manager Weinandt, seconded by Manager Waller, to approve the check***
137 ***register dated April 8, 2026, in the Amount of \$91,878.40, prepared by Redpath and***
138 ***Company. Motion carried 5-0.***

140 **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND INFORMATION**

141 **1. ArcGIS Dashboard Tool**

142 Watershed Technician/Inspector Chalberg introduced herself and gave a brief overview
143 of what she does in her position at the District.

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145 Communications and Outreach Manager Sommerfeld shared a presentation on the
146 ArcGIS Dashboard tool, what it can be used for, and why the District decided to use it.

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148 Watershed Technician/Inspector Chalberg explained that the ArcGIS system is web-based
149 and highlighted the data available and details on how the dashboard can be used.

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151 The Board discussed the dashboard, various funding sources, and how to reflect this
152 information within the dashboard to show what was being done in this geographic area
153 to support water resources.

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155 Communications and Outreach Manager Sommerfeld assured the board that the ArcGIS
156 was scalable so they could input other data, for example, other funding sources.

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158 Watershed Technician/Inspector Chalberg agreed that it was very scalable and explained
159 that they were thinking of trying to separate the projects into different pages on the
160 website, so it would not show a thousand projects on one map.

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162 Manager Hegland stated that the board was requesting two modifications to build
163 something like this for the other pots of money that are received, and to list the other
164 sources of funding from the entity so the benefit could be filtered for the total project
165 cost as well as by the proportional contributions of the funding sources.

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167 Manager Weinandt asked if Houston Engineering was helping with layering this
168 information.

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170 Watershed Technician/Inspector Chalberg stated that Houston Engineering was not
171 helping and was all being done in-house by staff.

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173 Communications and Outreach Manager Sommerfeld reviewed the purpose behind this
174 type of outreach and how she had seen it used in her other roles. She explained that
175 she felt it was a good visual tool for people to be able to get information more easily and
176 quickly about where funds have been disbursed and where things were happening. She
177 stated that this is available on the website, so anyone can view it, yet they could not make
178 changes.

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180 President Bradley suggested that this may be a project that the District could support for
181 an award from the Minnesota Watersheds.

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183 District Administrator Tomczik stated that it was always good to be recognized for their
184 efforts and commended Communications and Outreach Manager Sommerfeld and
185 Watershed Technician/Inspector Chalberg for their hard work to get the Dashboard to
186 this point as it is not a small task.

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188 **2. District Engineer Updates and Timeline**

189 District Engineer Otterness referenced the Anoka-Ramsey JD1 repair report and noted
190 that they had just received permission for, and completed, the drone flights through the
191 area. He stated that District staff had also hired a contractor to televise the Branch 2
192 Lateral 1 which goes underneath an industrial building, which gave them valuable
193 information.

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195 **3. Administrator Updates**

196 Administrator Tomczik stated that the District will need to initiate 103E proceedings and
197 would bring that to the April 22, 2026, meeting agenda and asked Project Manager Petry
198 to give the Board an overview of this item.

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200 Project Manager David Petry stated that this was related to the Jones Lake project and
201 explained that the proposed plans include constructing a forebay that will collect
202 sediment before going into the lake. He stated that in order to do that, and have an
203 access route in and out of the property, the District will need to petition itself for ditch
204 realignment through the 103E process. He explained that he would work alongside
205 District Engineer Otterness and District Attorney Kolb to draft this and bring it to the next
206 Board meeting.

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208 District Administrator Tomczik stated that the Board had discussed a possible visit to
209 Jones Lake, and they are also looking at doing that on April 22, 2026, after the Board
210 meeting. He reminded the Board that Minnesota Watersheds had put out a request for
211 resolutions and asked the Board for their interest. He explained that he had
212 communicated with Birchwood Village on the HEI sediment report, the likely work at
213 Tighe Schmitz Park, and how those may interplay. He briefly reviewed the Senate and
214 House bills that had been introduced. He noted that he had smaller maps of the District
215 that the Board could utilize if they were interested.

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217 **4. Manager Updates**

218 Manager Waller gave a brief overview of recent legislative activities, companion bills, and
219 the possibility of sending letters to members of the committees for those bills, as well as
220 the bonding bill.

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222 ***There was a consensus of the Board to send the letters to members of the legislative***
223 ***committees, as discussed.***

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225 Manager Waller gave an update on the Met Council and White Bear Lake situation and
226 possible solutions.

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228 Manager Weinandt reiterated her commendation of the ArcGIS Dashboard and noted
229 that it provided a lot of information that can be used to make decisions moving forward.
230 She stated that she felt it would be a benefit to show this to people on the Clean Water
231 Council who are from the District, when it is ready.

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233 Manager Hegland stated that she attended the Citizens' Advisory Commission (CAC) and
234 found it to be a pleasure. She stated that she was very impressed with the quality of
235 their discussion and gave a brief overview of the agenda items.

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237 Manager Robertson explained that she would be out of town on the Special meeting date
238 to discuss ACD 10-22-32.

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240 Manager Weinandt stated that she would prefer that they reschedule it so the full Board
241 can be present.

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243 District Administrator Tomczik stated that staff would look at other dates to find one that
244 worked for the Board.

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246 **ADJOURNMENT**
247 ***Motion by Manager Robertson, seconded by Manager Waller, to adjourn the meeting at 10:08***
248 ***a.m. Motion carried 5-0.***

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