



REGULAR MEETING OF THE RCWD BOARD OF MANAGERS

Wednesday, April 22, 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, Drainage & Facilities Manager Tom Schmidt, Project Manager David Petry, Communications and Outreach Manager Kendra Sommerfeld, 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

Visitors: Erik Peterson, Kevin Minnig

Visitors monitoring via Zoom: Aaron Berg, Michael

OPEN MIC/PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments were made by the public.

SETTING OF THE AGENDA

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

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

31 **Minutes of the April 6, 2026, Workshop and April 8, 2026, Board of Managers Regular Meeting.**

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33 ***Motion by Manager Hegland, seconded by Manager Weinandt, to approve the April 6, 2026,***
34 ***Workshop minutes, with three non-substantive edits, as discussed. Motion carried 5-0.***

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36 ***Motion by Manager Hegland, to approve the April 8, 2026, minutes with the following***
37 ***suggested changes:***

38 Line 29 addition: No comments put forth by the public.

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40 Line 78-79 addition: ...but assured the Board that it was an isolated incident that was explained
41 and therefore not something they needed to be overly concerned about.

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43 Line 116 addition: The Board had no changes.

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45 Line 160-162, replace paragraph with: Manager Hegland stated that the Board was requesting
46 two modifications to build something like this for the other pots of money that are received and
47 to list the other sources of funding from the entity so the benefit could be filtered for the total
48 project cost as well as by the proportional contributions of the funding sources.

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50 ***Manager Bradley seconded the motion with the following friendly amendment not to accept***
51 ***the suggested change on line 116 of the minutes.*** He felt it wasn't needed since in the following
52 sentence of the minutes, he stated he made a few edits to the annual report.

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54 ***Manager Hegland accepted the friendly amendment.***

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

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58 **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

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

63 No.	63 Applicant	63 Location	63 Plan Type	63 Recommendation
64 26-015	64 City of New Brighton	64 New Brighton	64 Street & Utility Plan 65 Public/Private Drainage 66 System	64 CAPROC 3 items
67 26-018	67 Lucille V. Waldoch LLC 68 Asphalt Specialties Company	67 Columbus	67 Final Site Drainage Plan	67 CAPROC 7 items
69 26-019	69 Lyngblomsten at 70 Lino Lakes, LLC	69 Lino Lakes	69 Final Site Drainage Plan	69 CAPROC 3 items

73 President Bradley asked about Permit No. 26-019 and asked if the reference to 17.582 referred
74 to acre-feet.

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76 Regulatory Manager Hughes clarified that 17.582 referred to acres of land and explained that
77 they had not constructed everything under the 2019 master-plan permit, and this was a piece of
78 what they had planned for at that time.

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80 President Bradley suggested that staff add the word ‘acres’ to clarify what this number was
81 referring to.

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83 ***It was moved by Manager Hegland and seconded by Manager Weinandt, to approve the***
84 ***consent agenda as outlined in the above Table of Contents in accordance with RCWD District***
85 ***Engineer’s Findings and Recommendations, dated April 14, 2026.***

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87 Manager Weinandt stated that she appreciated the work being done by staff on these permit
88 applications and presenting the information to the Board so clearly within the packet materials.

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90 ***Motion carried 5-0.***
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92 **ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION**

93 **1. HEI Task Order 2026-006: Lake Johanna Outlet Structure Final Plans and Specifications**
94 Drainage and Facilities Manager Schmidt stated that staff were asking the Board to
95 approve a task order for Houston Engineering to produce final plans and specifications,
96 including contract administration for the removal and replacement of the existing Lake
97 Johanna outlet structure.

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99 District Engineer Otterness gave a brief overview of the current condition of the Lake
100 Johanna outlet structure, history of the structure, details from the 2025 inspection report,
101 follow-up activities, and noted that this project was included in the 2026 budget. He
102 outlined the alternatives that had been considered for the project and shared details of
103 the design choice for a precast box culvert with a top slab. He noted that the proposed
104 timeline for the project would be for construction in the fall of 2026.

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106 Manager Weinandt stated that her understanding was that there was a lot of rust in the
107 current structure and asked how that tied into the work that Catherine had been doing in
108 checking chloride in the lakes. She asked if, for example, the salt run-off had an impact
109 on this structure.

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111 District Engineer Otterness stated that the salt has been a known issue in this portion of
112 the District for over 40 years. He stated that the chloride levels in the lake led to
113 accelerated degradation of the structure. He explained that this was also part of the

114 reason they were suggesting a concrete structure because it wouldn't be affected to the
115 same degree as steel would from the salt.

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117 Manager Hegland asked about alternative #2 and asked if the costs of alternatives #1 and
118 #2 were approximately the same.

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120 District Engineer Otterness gave a brief overview of alternative #2 and stated that one of
121 the challenges of alternative #2 would be the public having open access to the site. He
122 stated that alternative #1 was found to be more cost-effective as it involved bringing out
123 a pre-made concrete box to the site as opposed to alternative #2 which would need to be
124 constructed entirely on site.

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126 Manager Hegland asked how the District typically funds this type of project.

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128 District Administrator Tomczik stated that the District had included this project in the
129 2026 budget and noted revenue is from both levy and fund balance. He noted that the
130 current cost estimate from the engineer's report, combined with the cost estimate for
131 engineering services, is higher than the 2026 budgeted amount. Staff would bring
132 information back to the Board.

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134 ***Motion by Manager Bradley, seconded by Manager Weinandt, to approve Task Order***
135 ***2026-006, Lake Johanna Outlet Structure Final plans and specifications, as***
136 ***recommended by Houston Engineering, to select Alternative #1, a precast box culvert,***
137 ***not to exceed \$73,400, and further authorizes the District administrator to sign the task***
138 ***order. Motion carried 5-0.***

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140 **2. Ramsey County Ditches (RCD) 2 and 5 – Initiate Proceedings**

141 Drainage and Facilities Manager Schmidt stated that the District was initiating
142 proceedings to modify portions of RCD 2 and RCD 5 to complete some components of the
143 Basic Water Management Project 2013-01.

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145 District Engineer Otterness gave a brief presentation on the proposed modification
146 related to Jones Lake and the ditch realignment.

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148 Manager Weinandt asked if the RCD 5 stops in the wetland.

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150 District Engineer Otterness explained that the downstream end was at the edge of Jones
151 Lake, so Jones Lake creates a gap between RCD 5 and RCD 2.

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153 ***Motion by Manager Weinandt, seconded by Manager Bradley, to adopt Resolution***
154 ***2026-05 Findings And Order Petitioning Action And Initiating Proceedings To Modify***
155 ***Drainage System (Ramsey County Ditch 5 Main Trunk; Ramsey County Ditch 2***
156 ***Impoundment) Pursuant To Statutes Section 103E.227:***

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158 Manager Waller suggested that the District have pre-meetings with the railroad because
159 their rules are very different than what most people expect.

160 Therefore, the RCWD Board of Managers makes the following:

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163 **ORDER**

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- 165 A. The Board of Managers hereby initiates proceedings under section 103E.227 and
166 appoints Houston Engineering, Inc., to review the proposed modifications of RCDs 2
167 and 5 and to prepare a report and recommendation for the Board’s review and
168 consideration.
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 - 170 B. Upon receipt of the Engineer’s report, and after consultation with the Board, staff is
171 directed to notice a public hearing on the petitioned modifications pursuant to
172 Minnesota Statutes section 103E.227.
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174 **ROLL CALL:**

175 ***Manager Bradley – Aye***

176 ***Manager Hegland - Aye***

177 ***Manager Robertson – Aye***

178 ***Manager Waller – Aye***

179 ***Manager Weinandt – Aye***

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

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182 District Administrator Tomczik noted that the District continues work to obtain a DNR
183 permit to dredge Jones Lake restoring its ecological functions. He explained that the DNR
184 requires exploration of all possible alternative options.

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186 **3. Krejcarek Memorial Donations Resolution**

187 Outreach and Communication Manager Sommerfeld explained that Gary Krejcarek was a
188 member of the Citizens’ Advisory Committee and a water steward who had completed an
189 incredible project on Bald Eagle Lake that included a shoreland restoration and a rain
190 garden. She stated that the District had received memorial donations in honor of Mr.
191 Krejcarek and planned to use them for a new educational sign that included a memorial
192 and maintenance care for the BMP space.

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194 ***Motion by Manager Bradley, seconded by Manager Weinandt, to adopt Resolution***
195 ***2026-06 Krejcarek Memorial Donations:***

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197 **THEREFORE,** the Board resolves as follows

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199 Funds donated to the District in memory of Gary Krejcarek shall be used for the following
200 public purposes in order of priority:

- 202 1. To advance communication, education, and outreach by updating and modifying the
203 education signage related to Gary Krejcarek’s Capstone Best Management Project,
204 “Bald Eagle Lake Raingarden” located near the junction of West Bald Eagle Boulevard
205 and West Avenue (5199-5181 West Ave, White Bear Township, MN);
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207 2. To improve the function and condition of the Bald Eagle Lake Raingarden; and
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209 3. To advance communication, education, and outreach efforts of the District, generally,
210 by accounting for remaining funds, if any, in fund 30-03 (communication, education,
211 and outreach) and authorizing use of such funds in any manner consistent with the
212 purpose of fund 30-03.
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214 **ROLL CALL:**

215 ***Manager Bradley – Aye***

216 ***Manager Hegland - Aye***

217 ***Manager Robertson – Aye***

218 ***Manager Waller – Aye***

219 ***Manager Weinandt – Aye***

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

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222 President Bradley stated that he felt this use of the donation was a fitting tribute for Mr.
223 Krejcarek’s family as well as for the District. He noted that staff had sent letters to those
224 who donated, which he felt was a nice touch from the District.
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226 Outreach and Communication Manager Sommerfeld explained that the Bald Eagle Lake
227 Rain Garden project was featured on the District website and gave a brief overview of the
228 information and photos included on the website.
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- 230 **4. Check Register Dated April 22, 2026, in the Amount of \$401,944.05 and April Interim**
231 **Financial Statements Prepared by Redpath and Company**

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233 ***Motion by Manager Weinandt, seconded by Manager Bradley, to approve the check***
234 ***register dated April 22, 2026, in the Amount of \$401,944.05 and the April Interim***
235 ***Financial Statements prepared by Redpath and Company. Motion carried 5-0.***
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237 **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND INFORMATION**

- 238 **1. Staff Reports**

239 Reviewed.
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- 241 **2. May Calendar**

242 District Administrator Tomczik stated that on May 13, 2026, following the regular Board
243 meeting, a proposed field trip for Jones Lake has been planned.
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245 **3. Administrator Updates**

246 District Administrator Tomczik stated the Centerville Lake project is moving into phase 2
247 being funded by the Clean Water Fund. He noted that phase 1 had gone well and
248 expected the same outcome for phase 2. He stated that on ACD-53-62, there is an erosion
249 issue associated with a municipal outfall and that District Engineer Otterness would be
250 investigating it more closely.

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252 District Engineer Otterness noted the outfalls were constructed as part of the repairs to
253 the Main Trunk of ACD 53-62 in Circle Pines. He displayed photos that staff had taken
254 yesterday of the erosion in the area.

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256 Drainage and Facilities Manager Schmidt stated that he had informed the City of Circle
257 Pines that District staff would be investigating the erosion. He and noted staff had also
258 put up construction fencing around the area to discourage people from getting too close
259 to the erosion area.

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261 District Engineer Otterness explained that this is a corridor that the public is not supposed
262 to access, but the public still does. They felt the addition of the construction fencing was
263 important.

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265 **4. Manager Updates**

266 Manager Waller stated that he had attended the legislative sessions and shared some of
267 the opportunities he had to speak with Senator Pappas about the District's bonding
268 requests. He stated that he had also met with Senators Green, Putnam, and Kupec, who
269 also expressed their support for the bill. He explained that he had attended the last
270 meeting of the House Environmental Committee and took the opportunity to speak as a
271 member of the public, and gave a brief overview of his service and duties within the
272 District. He gave a brief explanation of the conversation he had with the Co-Chair of the
273 House Environmental Committee following the meeting about District staff, their
274 expertise, experience, and also the District's consultants. He noted that the bill was laid
275 over, so there may be a chance that the House Environmental Committee would meet
276 again and the District's bill could be heard.

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278 President Bradley noted that Manager Waller called him after he attended the legislative
279 sessions and expressed his appreciation for his efforts on behalf of the District. The Board
280 thanked Manager Waller for his efforts.

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282 **ADJOURNMENT**

283 ***Motion by Manager Bradley, seconded by Manager Waller, to adjourn the meeting at 10:00***
284 ***a.m. Motion carried 5-0.***