



APPROVED

RCWD BOARD OF MANAGERS WORKSHOP

Monday, May 11, 2026

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: Mike Bradley, Jess Robertson, John Waller, Marcie Weinandt, Janet Hegland

3 Staff: Administrator Nick Tomczik, Regulatory Manager Patrick Huges,
4 Communications & Outreach Manager Kendra Sommerfeld, Program Support
5 Technician Emmet Hurley (video-conference), Office Manager Theresa Stasica

6 Consultants: District Engineer Chris Otterness -Houston Engineering Inc., District Attorney
7 John Kolb-Rinke Noonan; Corey Boyer-PMA Financial (video conference)

8 Visitors:

9 **Administrator Updates**

- 10 • Staff gave the Board a brief update on their meetings with DNR regarding the Jones Lake
- 11 project.
- 12 • MN Watersheds Summer Tour is in Detroit Lakes August 25-26.

13 **RCWD Investments Update**

14 Corey Boyer-PMA Financial presented an overview of the 4M Fund investment portfolio for Rice
15 Creek Watershed District, highlighting the current allocation across different investments
16 including liquid money market programs, limited term duration funds, and longer-term fixed
17 income investments laddered over 5-yr timeframe. The presentation showed how the district's
18 investment strategy has evolved over the past three years, moving from primarily liquid
19 investments to a more diversified portfolio with fixed income securities and brokered CDs. Mr.
20 Boyer responded to the Board questions.

21 **Regulatory Program Annual Review and Forecast**

22 Regulatory Manager Hughes provided a comprehensive review of the regulatory program
23 covering accomplishments in 2025-2026, results from a regulatory work session, and trends in
24 permit activity. He also reviewed current 2026 permit activities (applications received, permits
25 issued, Inspections, permit closures). The 2027 Regulatory Program budget will remain similar
26 to the current year.

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28 **2026 MN Watersheds Resolutions**

29 Board and staff reviewed the MN Watersheds resolutions memo from agenda packet. The Board
30 would like to submit a resolution to MN Watershed to replace Resolution 2023-03 (which is
31 sunseting) with language similar to 2026 legislative file numbers HF 4863 & SF 4814.

32 The Board also discussed the Minnesota Watersheds resolution process, deciding not to pursue
33 a new resolution requiring 60-day permit review from DNR, since Resolution 2025-03 already
34 addresses permit efficiency concerns.

35 The workshop was adjourned at 10:56 a.m.

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