

APPROVED

RCWD BOARD OF MANAGERS WORKSHOP

Monday, May 12, 2025

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

The Board convened the workshop at 9:03 a.m.

Attendance: Board members Mike Bradley, John Waller, Steve Wagamon, Jess Robertson,
Marcie Weinandt

Absent:

Staff: Administrator Nick Tomczik, Regulatory Manager Patrick Hughes, Outreach and
Grant Technician Molly Nelson, Project Manager David Petry, Lake and Stream
Manager Matt Kocian, Program Support Technician Emmet Hurley (video-
conference), Office Manager Theresa Stasica

Consultants: District Engineers Chris Otterness and Katie Cassidy – Houston Engineering Inc.
(HEI), District Attorney John Kolb-Rinke Noonan (video-conference); Corey
Boyer- PMA Financial Network, LLC (video-conference)

Visitors: Chris Stowe, Catherine Decker

RCWD Investments Update

Corey Boyer from PMA Financial presented the district's current investment portfolio, which includes CDs and treasuries. He also reviewed a limited term duration fund which the board may consider for future investments. The district's cash flow was discussed, and Mr. Boyer noted that the district has a strong liquidity position. The board discussed the potential risks and benefits of investing in the limited term duration fund, which offers a longer time horizon and potentially higher returns. The Board by consensus agreed to invest additional reserve dollars and guided Treasurer Weinandt and Administrator Tomczik to monitor and compare fixed rate (CD's/Treasuries) options to what projected yields are in the LTD Fund as investing additional reserve dollars based on the district's needs and financial situation.

Regulatory Program Review & 2025 Forecast

Regulatory Manager Hughes gave a presentation to the Board on the regulatory program 2024 accomplishments, comparison of permit activities 2020-2024, and current year activities with the implementation of the revised rule, which has been in effect since January 1st. Regulatory Manager Hughes also reported that the department will continue its work on reviewing its rule, open communication with cities and counties for projects in the future, work on open permit

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administration, CWPMP reports, Level 2 audits, BMP maintenance, and staff development and training.

5-minute break

Enhanced Street Sweeping Initiative - Prioritization Analysis

Outreach and Grants Technician Nelson and District Engineers Otterness and Cassidy gave a presentation to the Board on the completed Enhanced Street Sweeping Initiative - Prioritization Analysis technical memorandum directed by the Board's approved task order 2024-006. They discussed the effectiveness of street sweeping in removing pollutants such as phosphorus, nitrogen, sediment, and metals from roadways. They summarized the results of the engineers' analysis, which prioritized locations (cities) to invest funding for enhanced sweeping.

The Board discussed the district's potential financial support and whether to dedicate any funding for enhanced street sweeping or to simply provide the prioritization information to municipalities. Staff noted the potential for cost-sharing with municipalities for enhanced street sweeping, which could be more effective and cost-effective than other methods. The Board directed staff to do more research on potential grant opportunities.

Manager Robertson informed the Board that she needed to leave at 11:30 a.m. due to a previously scheduled city commitment.

Administrator Review Process

The Board discussed the evaluation form included in the agenda packet and the process. The Board discussed that each manager would complete the form every 6 months and provide their completed form to the District Attorney. The District Attorney will aggregate information and provide a rating average of the evaluation items to the managers. Manager comments will be confidential and not seen by other managers. The Board discussed completion of the first evaluation form by July 1st. The Board discussed the inclusion of the job description as the basis of the evaluation form, providing sufficient space for comments, and functionality in the evaluation form used by the managers.

Manager Robertson left the meeting.

Administrator Updates

- City of Columbus will be scheduling a meeting to discuss ACD 10-22-32, and he made himself available to attend.
- Staff handed out information to the Board for a new action item on Wednesday's agenda: Clearwater Creek Stabilization BWSR Watershed Based Implementation Funding (WBIF) Grant.
- Shared University of Northwestern discharge incident and potential comment at Wednesday's meeting.

The workshop was adjourned at 11:31 a.m.