



## REGULAR MEETING OF THE RCWD BOARD OF MANAGERS

Wednesday, May 28, 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:

Staff Present: District Administrator Nick Tomczik, Regulatory Manager Patrick Hughes, Project Manager David Petry, Program Technician Emmet Hurley (video-conference), Office Manager Theresa Stasica

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

Visitors: Brian Robinson

#### **SETTING OF THE AGENDA**

Administrator Tomczik requested a new action item: HEI Task Order 2025-004 – East Moore Lake Stormwater Resilience and Water Quality Analysis.

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

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

**Minutes of the May 12, 2025, Workshop and May 14, 2025, Board of Managers Regular Meeting. Motion by Manager Robertson, seconded by Manager Wagamon, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried 5-0.**

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## 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 the opportunity for discussion:

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

No.	Applicant	Location	Plan Type	Recommendation
24-076	KCR Investments LLC	Lino Lakes	Final Site Drainage Plan Land Development Wetland Alteration	CAPROC 18 items
24-085	Tyme Properties, LLC/ Alino LLC	Lino Lakes	Final Site Drainage Plan Wetland Alteration Floodplain Alteration	CAPROC 11 items

*It was moved by Manager Wagamon and seconded by Manager Robertson, to approve the consent agenda as outlined in the above Table of Contents in accordance with RCWD District Engineer's Findings and Recommendations, dated May 20, 2025. Motion carried 5-0.*

## OPEN MIC/PUBLIC COMMENT

Brian Robinson, 310 Main Street, Lino Lakes, explained that he wanted to discuss the culvert crossing that was going to be replaced on the south side of their farm, adjacent to Carl Street. He noted that he had been told that the District would replace it with a smaller-sized culvert and asked if that was correct and if this type of downsizing had been done before within the District.

District Engineer Otterness stated that he and Drainage and Facilities Program Manager Schmidt had discussed this location and explained that the intent was to replace it with a 60-inch culvert, as the downstream culvert at the air park was also a 60-inch pipe. He stated that there have been instances where the District had replaced pipes with smaller pipes in cases where the pipe had been oversized. He noted that if the landowner wanted the larger pipe size, they could pay for the additional costs.

Mr. Robinson referenced the frequent references from the Board to ACSIC conditions, and this culvert was constructed with the 72-inch pipe, by his grandfather, and asked why they were not replacing it with the ACSIC conditions. He explained that his family was concerned about the downsizing of the pipe and asked the Board to take into consideration that this land had been designed to shed a large amount of water in a short amount of time. He questioned how long it might take to correct this problem if they put in the smaller culvert and it becomes a problem.

President Bradley asked about the distance between Mr. Robinson's culvert and the next downstream culvert.

District Engineer Otterness stated that the next downstream culvert is at Carl Street, which is about a few hundred yards downstream.

70 Manager Wagamon asked if this decision was made due to costs.

71 District Engineer Otterness stated that a 72-inch culvert would be a bit more expensive than a  
72 60-inch culvert, and explained that there would also be no engineering reason to make it larger  
73 than 60 inches because of the size of the culverts downstream from it.

74 Manager Wagamon asked about the cost difference between the two sizes.

75 District Engineer Otterness explained that he did not know that information off the top of his  
76 head, but ballparked a cost of around \$40/foot.

77 Manager Waller asked if Carl Street existed when this culvert was installed in the early 1950s and  
78 how many streets there were downstream when it was built. He stated that he felt it was  
79 possible that all the new culverts that have been in downstream may be undersized and noted  
80 that engineering was done at the time this was installed.

81 President Bradley asked if anyone on the Board would like to make a motion.

82 Manager Robertson stated that she was willing to make a motion, but stressed that this was not  
83 what Open Forum was supposed to be used for. She explained that her recommendation would  
84 be to replace the pipe with the same size as the current pipe, so there would be no potential for  
85 disruption.

86 ***Motion by Manager Robertson, seconded by Manager Waller, to direct staff to replace the***  
87 ***culvert pipe referenced by Mr. Robinson with the same size as the current pipe. Motion***  
88 ***carried 5-0.***

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90 President Bradley assured District Engineer Otterness that this action was not a reflection on his  
91 engineering efforts, but on the Board's efforts to complete maintenance without creating further  
92 problems.

#### 93 94 **ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION**

##### 95 **1. Minnesota Watershed's Request for Resolutions**

96 District Administrator Tomczik stated that Communication and Outreach Manager  
97 Sommerfeld was unable to attend today's meeting. He reminded the Board that at their  
98 May 12, 2025 workshop meeting, they had discussed several possible topics which staff  
99 had researched based on the Board's input. He stated that one topic had been identified  
100 to advance related to expanding wetland exemptions for all public drainage repairs,  
101 regardless of wetland age.

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103 ***Motion by Manager Waller, seconded by Manager Bradley, to direct staff to submit the***  
104 ***proposed resolution with attachments, Expanding Wetland Exemption for All Public***  
105 ***Drainage Repair, to MN Watersheds.***  
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Manager Waller thanked the District staff and consultants who worked on this item and felt it was well written.

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

**2. MPCA OSG Grant Award – Moore Lake Stormwater Resilience Analysis**

Project Manager Petry stated that in partnership with the City of Fridley, the District had applied for and was awarded the grant for East Moore Lake Stormwater Resilience and Water Quality Analysis. He noted that District Attorney Kolb had reviewed the grant agreement and had no objections.

***Motion by Manager Weinandt, seconded by Manager Robertson, to accept the \$71,000 grant from MPCA and authorize the Administrator to execute the grant agreement for the Moore Lake Stormwater Resilience Analysis project.***

Manager Weinandt commented on the importance of educational components regarding Iron Enhanced Sand Filters (IESF), related to maintenance and function.

Project Manager Petry noted that Communication and Outreach Manager Sommerfeld had been working with some partners, such as the University of Minnesota and the Fresh Water Society, to organize a workshop around the operations of IESF and stated that he would share details with the Board once it was available.

Manager Waller stated that he would agree that many cities are not up to snuff on what it takes to maintain the IESF and shared the example of Forest Lake, which did not realize that they should have a regular program of raking it in the springtime.

District Administrator Tomczik noted that this item was related to an analysis of the watershed and not specifically related to IESFs.

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

**3. HEI Task Order 2025-004 – East Moore Lake Stormwater Resilience and Water Quality Analysis**

Project Manager Petry explained that this was added to the agenda to approve the task order for Houston Engineering to complete the work for East Moore Lake Stormwater Resilience and Water Quality.

***Motion by Manager Weinandt, seconded by Manager Wagamon, to approve HEI's Task Order 2025-004 East Moore Lake Stormwater Resilience and Water Quality Analysis, not to exceed \$77,000, and to authorize the District Administrator to execute the task order.***  
***Motion carried 5-0.***

- 151 **4. Check Register May 28, 2025, in the Amount of \$248,573.27 and May Interim Financial**  
152 **Statements Prepared by Redpath and Company**

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154 *Motion by Manager Weinandt, seconded by Manager Robertson, to approve check*  
155 *register dated May 28, 2025, in the Amount of \$248,573.27 and May Interim Financial*  
156 *Statements prepared by Redpath and Company. Motion carried 5-0.*  
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158 **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND INFORMATION**

159 **1. Staff Reports**  
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161 **2. June Calendar**

162 District Administrator Tomczik reminded the Board that tonight was the public  
163 information meeting related to ACD 53-62, Branch 5 and 6, at 6:00 p.m. in the Mounds  
164 View City Council Chambers.

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166 Manager Waller noted that their second meeting in June was previously changed to  
167 Monday, June 23, 2025.  
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169 **3. Administrator Updates**

170 District Administrator Tomczik stated he attended yesterday's meeting organized by the  
171 City of Columbus related to drainage in the northern reach of ACD 10-22-32 and noted  
172 that it had included representatives from the city, the District, the DNR, the County,  
173 landowners, and consultants. He gave a brief overview of some of the topics that were  
174 discussed at the meeting and explained that the City of Columbus, based on the  
175 broadness of the topic, was intending to hold another meeting.  
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177 **4. Manager Updates**

178 Manager Waller reiterated that staff had done a great job with the writing for the  
179 resolution related to expanding the wetland exemption for public drainage repair,  
180 especially Outreach and Communications Coordinator Sommerfeld.  
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182 Manager Weinandt noted that Governor Walz signed the legacy budget and had  
183 bipartisan support and thanked Senators Housley, Kunesh, Marty, and Gustafson for their  
184 support.  
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186 **ADJOURNMENT**

187 *Motion by Manager Robertson, seconded by Manager Wagamon, to adjourn the meeting at*  
188 *9:33 a.m. Motion carried 5-0.*  
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