

APPROVED

RCWD BOARD OF MANAGERS WORKSHOP

Monday, June 22, 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, Drainage & Facilities Manager Tom Schmidt,
4 Program Support Technician Emmet Hurley (video-conference), Office
5 Manager Theresa Stasica

6 Consultants: District Engineers Chris Otterness & Adam Nies -Houston Engineering Inc.,
7 District Attorney John Kolb-Rinke Noonan

8 Visitors: Teresa O'Connell, Perry Wagamon, Ryan Johnson-City of Roseville, Craig
9 Schlichting-City of New Brighton, Pauline Alfors

10 Visitors monitoring via Zoom: Asst City Admin, Sue Wagamon, Jack Davis

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12 **Background and History of Anoka County Ditch 10-22-32**

13 District Engineer Otterness reviewed the history and current status of the drainage system. The
14 presentation covered three key periods: pre-2008 history when multiple drainage systems
15 (County Ditch 10, 22, and 32) were constructed with the original purpose of removing surface
16 water; the middle period from 2008-2020 when the District completed system-wide repairs and
17 maintenance; and the most recent period (post 2020) that includes ongoing maintenance.
18 District Engineer Otterness reviewed the investigation of Alternative 4 and the completion of the
19 maintenance components referred to as "Alternative 3". The Board discussed various challenges
20 to maintaining the system including pipeline installations and land development impacts. The
21 Board identified the need to bring this item to a meeting to consider whether to proceed with
22 Alternative 4 before presenting the Board direction to municipalities and county.

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24 **Background and History of Ramsey County Ditches 2, 3, & 5; and Basic Water** 25 **Management Project #2013-01 as petitioned by the Cities of New Brighton, Saint** 26 **Anthony, and Roseville**

27 District Engineer Otterness provided a presentation that covered the project's history, including
28 Phase one and two reports that identified 18 problem areas and 25 projects, with Jones Lake
29 being identified as the top priority for addressing regional flooding risks. The Board and staff
30 reviewed the various alternatives. The recommended alternative would reduce the 100-year

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31 flood elevation by over 1.4 feet. District Engineer Otterness stated DNR has requested additional
32 information to consider the District's permit. Among other items, this information included a
33 more expansive alternatives analysis, a detailed restoration plan, and a narrative describing the
34 restoration within a historical context. The task order considered at the last board meeting was
35 to support the development of DNR requested information regarding site ecology using Critical
36 Connections Ecological Services, recognized wetland ecology experts. The Board was informed
37 that to re-consider the task order, a Board member in the majority side of the vote would have
38 to bring the item back to a meeting for consideration. Board and staff discussed next steps.

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40 The workshop was adjourned at 11:58 a.m.
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