



## REGULAR MEETING OF THE RCWD BOARD OF MANAGERS

Wednesday, July 9, 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, Treasurer Marcie Weinandt, and Secretary Jess Robertson

**Absent:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Pres. Steve Wagamon (with prior notice)

**Staff Present:** District Administrator Nick Tomczik, Regulatory Manager Patrick Hughes, Drainage & Facilities Manager Tom Schmidt, Lake and Stream Manager Matt Kocian, 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:** Catherine Decker, Chris Stowe

#### **OPEN MIC/PUBLIC COMMENT**

Catherine Decker, 614 Pine Street, read aloud a statement expressing her concerns related to ACD 10-22-32 regarding drainage/flooding issues, and the ethics of various Board members. Ms. Decker provided the Board and the Office Manager a copy of her statement to be included in the District's meeting file.

Chris Stowe, 426 Pine Street, read aloud a statement related to his concerns surrounding the process used by the District for the use of wetland credits, concerns about potential ethics violations related to projects getting preferential treatment due to members of the Board living in those areas, drainage/flooding issues near his property, and how the District uses the money they receive from taxpayers.

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MANAGERS**

**Jess Robertson**  
Anoka County

**Steven P. Wagamon**  
Anoka County

**Michael J. Bradley**  
Ramsey County

**Marcie Weinandt**  
Ramsey County

**John J. Waller**  
Washington County

Ms. Decker provided Mr. Stowe’s statement to the Office Manager to be distributed to the Board and included in the District’s meeting file.

### **SETTING OF THE AGENDA**

District Administrator Tomcik explained that at the July 7, 2025, Workshop meeting, there was consensus of the Board to not act on ACD 10-22-32, so Action item #1, Anoka County Ditch 10-22-32 Alternative 4, to be removed from the agenda.

***Motion by Manager Weinandt, seconded by Manager Bradley, to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried 4-0.***

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

***Minutes of the June 23, 2025, Board of Managers Regular Meeting. Motion by Manager Robertson, seconded by Manager Waller, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried 4-0.***

### **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**

<b>No.</b>	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Plan Type</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
23-059	The Orchard Group, LLC	Dellwood	After-the-fact single-family home build	Post Issued Amended CAPROC 5 items
25-052	Xavis Properties, LLC	Mahtomedi	Final Site Drainage Plan Land Development Wetland Alteration	CAPROC 9 items
25-063	Gregory S. Morenson; Leslie Holt	St. Anthony	Final Site Drainage Plan	CAPROC 6 items

Manager Weinandt referenced Permit No. 25-063 and asked if this was a new area within the District.

Regulatory Manager Hughes stated that this area was not part of the realignment and was already located within the District.

***It was moved by Manager Robertson and seconded by Manager Weinandt, to approve the consent agenda as outlined in the above Table of Contents in accordance with RCWD District Engineer’s Findings and Recommendations, dated July 1, 2025. Motion carried 4-0.***

70 **ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION**

71 **1. Silver Lake Carp Management Contract**

72 Lake & Stream Manager Kocian shared a brief presentation regarding the background of  
73 Silver Lake, water quality issues, past carp management efforts, proposed carp  
74 management driven by the lake residents, and reviewed the proposal from WSB for a carp  
75 management contract.

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77 Manager Waller stated that, to him, this was a necessary continuous program that  
78 managed erosion control below the water level. He asked if this program would be able  
79 to tell the District where the carp were migrating so they may be able to set up another  
80 electronic corral system in the future.

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82 Lake and Stream Manager Kocian acknowledged that the proposed agreement would  
83 look at carp movement and noted that the Silver Lake system is much less complex than  
84 the Long Lake/Lino Lakes chain system. He stated that because of this, the solution may  
85 be lower tech, such as a barrier system.

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87 Manager Waller asked if there would be a possibility of the DNR stocking the lake with  
88 some type of crappie that would eat the carp eggs.

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90 Lake and Stream Manager Kocian stated that both bluegill and crappie can eat carp eggs  
91 and noted that the DNR had stocked it a few years ago after a partial winter kill and  
92 believes that they would consider doing it in the future, if they deemed it necessary.

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94 Manager Waller stated that he would like to see it done regularly, as part of ongoing carp  
95 management efforts, and asked Lake and Stream Manager Kocian to encourage the DNR  
96 to consider that.

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98 Manager Robertson asked if the depth of Silver Lake fluctuated or if it was typically at 5  
99 feet, besides the 40-foot hole. She asked if the depth of the lake impacted the ability to  
100 manage things like algae blooms in the long term.

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102 Lake and Stream Manager Kocian stated that the lake depth does not fluctuate much and  
103 noted that the shallowness of the lake did make it more difficult to manage. He stated  
104 that fish kills have been a problem in the past, and explained that the shallowness of the  
105 lake was a contributing factor to that, which can also increase the carp population. He  
106 also noted that a new aerator was recently installed, which should prevent future  
107 winterkill.

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109 Manager Robertson asked about the engagement that had taken place with residents and  
110 asked if they had talked about reducing the use of lawn care products.

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112 Lake and Stream Manager Kocian stated that those types of conversations were  
113 happening and explained that most residential fertilizers do not contain phosphorus, but

do contain nitrogen, which can boost algae blooms. He noted that there are some new residents and leaders around the lake and explained that they were driving some of those points about the reduction of chemicals and fertilizers.

Manager Weinandt stated that half of the lake is part of the Three Rivers Park District and asked if the resident leadership had discussed establishing a lake association.

Lake and Stream Manager Kocian stated that there was already a lake association, but he was unsure how official it was.

***Motion by Manager Weinandt, seconded by Manager Waller, to authorize the Administrator to enter into a professional services agreement with WSB, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$46,029.00. The District Administrator is further authorized to approve contract amendments for additional work, not to exceed 10% of the contract cost (\$4,603). Motion carried 4-0.***

**2. HEI Task Order 2025-015 Lake Johanna Outlet Structure Feasibility Study**

Public Drainage & Facilities Manager Schmidt explained that Lake Johanna has been subject to historic flooding issues. He noted that the District had built the outlet structure in the late 1970s to address the fluctuating lake levels. He explained that the existing structure has deteriorated to the point where it can no longer be repaired.

District Engineer Otterness agreed that the structure was in very bad condition and stated that they had spoken with Ramsey County Parks to make sure it was closed off for the protection of the public. He stated that the hope was to be able to complete the planning and the work could be done next summer.

Public Drainage & Facilities Manager Schmidt stated that he had checked on the structure yesterday, and it remains roped off, but noted that there was somebody on it fishing when he was there.

***Motion by Manager Weinandt, seconded by Manager Robertson, to approve Task Order 2025 -015, Lake Johanna Outlet Structure Feasibility Study, not to exceed \$13,000, and further authorizes the District administrator to sign the task order.***

Manager Waller stated that the overall plan from 1974 was for flood control, so this structure was a long-term responsibility for the District.

***Motion carried 4-0.***

**3. Check Register July 9, 2025, in the Amount of \$185,611.14 Prepared by Redpath and Company**

*Motion by Manager Weinandt, seconded by Manager Robertson, to approve check register dated July 9, 2025, in the Amount of \$185,611.14 prepared by Redpath and Company. Motion carried 4-0.*

## **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND INFORMATION**

### **1. District Engineer Updates and Timeline**

### **2. Administrator Updates**

District Administrator Tomczik stated that the Oasis and White Bear Lake Iron Enhanced Sand Filters were up and running, and Hanson Park repair work should be coming to a conclusion by Friday. He reminded the Board that they intended to schedule the public hearing for ACD 53-62, branch 5, 6 for August 13, 2025, at the regular Board meeting. He noted that the District staff engaged BWSR regarding water quality and storage grant, and found out that the District was once again eligible for that grant. He stated that last night, he participated in a Centerville meeting for the Empowering Small Minnesota Communities program, which is a cooperative effort with the University of Minnesota. He noted to Centerville staff the District's work on JD3 and noted that the Centerville staff and City Council member has been pleased with the work that has been done on Centerville Lake. He reminded the Board that they had set July 30, 2025, as the date for a secondary workshop to discuss budget items.

### **3. Manager's Updates**

Manager Waller stated that, as mentioned at the recent workshop, he felt that the term 'restoration' was not very clear and would like to see if clarified a bit more. He explained that he brought with him the 1974 preliminary plan and noted that this eventually became the Watershed District Management Plan. He noted that the emphasis in this plan was on flood control and drainage and highlighted some of the items included in the plan.

Manager Weinandt stated that the Metro Watersheds has an online meeting on July 15, 2025. She noted that she had attended the Minnesota Watersheds meeting that was held in Roseau. She explained that she had brought back some interesting fact sheets from the Minnesota Watersheds meeting that she would give to Office Manager Stasica for possible use by District staff.

Manager Robertson stated that she would not be in attendance at the July 23, 2025, meeting.

President Bradley stated that if people wanted to know about the District's responsibilities, they can look at the Statute, which lists their authorities and also the District plans, which reflect their statutory obligations, which are broader than just drainage. He stated that he felt they had an excellent balance in their programs and that balance should be maintained moving forward.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

***Motion by Manager Robertson, seconded by Manager Bradley, to adjourn the meeting at 9:44 a.m. Motion carried 4-0.***