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RCWD BOARD OF MANAGERS REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Monday, August 24, 2026, 9:00 a.m.

Mounds View City Hall Council Chambers
2401 County Road 10, Mounds View, Minnesota
Virtual Monitoring via Zoom Webinar

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Agenda

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

OPEN MIC/PUBLIC COMMENT

Any RCWD resident may address the Board in his or her individual capacity, for up to three minutes, on any matter not on the agenda. Speakers are requested to come to the podium, state their name and address for the record. Additional comments may be solicited and accepted in writing. Generally, the Board of Managers will not take official action on items discussed at this time, but may refer the matter to staff for a future report or direct that the matter be scheduled on an upcoming agenda.

SETTING OF THE AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: AUGUST 10, 2026, WORKSHOP; AUGUST 12, 2026, REGULAR MEETING

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 opportunity for discussion:

Table of Contents-Permit Applications Requiring Board Action

No.	Applicant	Location	Plan Type	Recommendation
26-072	Wells Fargo	Shoreview	Final Site Drainage Plan	APPROVAL

It was moved by Manager _____ and seconded by Manager _____, to approve the consent agenda as outlined in the above Table of Contents in accordance with RCWD District Engineer's Findings and Recommendations, dated August 13, 2026.

PUBLIC HEARING: PROPOSED 2027 BUDGET, LEVY, AND WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT CHARGES

PUBLIC HEARING: RAMSEY COUNTY DITCHES 2 & 5 PETITION FOR REALIGNMENT AND IMPOUNDMENT

ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

1. Ramsey County Ditches 2 & 5 Petition for Realignment and Impoundment (Tom Schmidt)
2. Anoka Washington Judicial Ditch #3 – Petition for the Partial Abandonment and Realignment of Branch 2 (Tom Schmidt)
3. Anoka County Ditch 10-22-32 Repair Alternative 4 (Tom Schmidt)
4. HEI Task Order 2026-012 – 2026 District Wide Modeling Program Annual Updates (Nick Tomczik)
5. Washington Judicial Ditch #2 Ditch Bank Repair (Tom Schmidt)
6. Anoka County Ditch 53-62 Branches 5 & 6 Repair – Final Pay Request (Tom Schmidt)
7. Check Register Dated August 24, 2026, in the Amount of \$359,083.20 and August Interim Financial Statements Prepared by Redpath and Company

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND INFORMATION

1. Staff Reports
2. September Calendar
3. Administrator Updates
4. Manager Updates

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES: AUGUST 10, 2026, WORKSHOP; AUGUST
12, 2026, REGULAR MEETING**

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RCWD BOARD OF MANAGERS WORKSHOP

Monday, August 10, 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

The Board convened the workshop at 9:00 a.m.

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

Staff: Administrator Nick Tomczik, Regulatory Manager Patrick Hughes, Lake &
Stream Manager Matt Kocian, Drainage & Facilities Manager Tom Schmidt,
Project Manager Jen Oknich, Program Support Technician Emmet Hurley
(video-conference), Office Manager Theresa Stasica

Consultants: District Engineer Chris Otterness-Houston Engineering Inc., District Attorney
John Kolb-Rinke Noonan

Visitors:

Visitors monitoring via Zoom:

Proposed 2027 Draft Budget

Administrator Tomczik reviewed the Proposed 2027 Draft Budget with the Board. The Board discussed the budget and fund balances, raising interest in the accumulation of dollars in the project anticipation fund. The Board requested information on the project anticipation fund composition, funding sources. They would also like to review the general fund balance policy at a future workshop. The Board reviewed the proposed general levy increase of 2.8% and by consensus agreed to hold it flat, same amount as 2026 using fund balance to do so. The Board by consensus agreed to publish the draft budget with the adjustment discussed and directed staff to notice the budget public hearing for August 24, 2026, at 9 a.m.

2026 MN Watersheds Resolutions: Select Delegates and Alternates

Staff informed the Board that the Minnesota Watersheds Annual Meeting on Resolutions and Petitions will be held by Zoom on August 31, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. The board needs to appoint 2 delegates and an alternate. Staff has provided the Board with the meeting packet for review. The Board by consensus agreed to designate Manager Weinandt and Manager Hegland as the delegates and Manager Bradley as the alternate. The Board will make the official motion at Wednesday's meeting.

30 **Administrative Updates**

- 31 • City of Circle Pines outfall investigation. District engineer, counsel, and staff are reviewing
- 32 the city's report and will bring back findings to the Board.
- 33 • Anoka Ramsey JD1 Repair Report landowner meeting Wednesday, August 12th, 6 p.m.,
- 34 Mounds View Council Chambers. Plans have been updated per Board direction for tree
- 35 clearing on both sides. WMD memo created and will be in public hearing materials.
- 36 • Lake Johanna Outlet- Staff are working with Ramsey County on an access agreement.
- 37 Staff are also responding to landowners who are concerned with the structure.
- 38 • JD3/Clearwater Creek Repair Report landowner meeting 6 p.m., Monday, September 14,
- 39 2026, at Centerville Council Chambers.

40 The workshop was adjourned at 11:08 a.m.

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For Consideration of Approval at the August 24, 2026 Board Meeting.
Use these minutes only for reference until that time.

REGULAR MEETING OF THE RCWD BOARD OF MANAGERS

Wednesday, August 12, 2026

Mounds View City Hall Council Chambers
2401 County Road 10, Mounds View, Minnesota
Virtual Monitoring Via Zoom Webinar

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, 1st Vice-Pres. John Waller, 2nd Vice-Pres. Jess Robertson, Treasurer Marcie Weinandt, Secretary Janet Hegland

Absent: None

Staff Present: Administrator Nick Tomczik, Regulatory Manager Patrick Hughes, Outreach & Grant Technician Molly Nelson, Project Manager Jen Oknich, Program Support Technician Emmet Hurley (video conference), Communications & Outreach Manager Kendra Sommerfeld, Office Manager Theresa Stasica

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

Visitors: William Bergeron

Visitors monitoring via Zoom: Jack Davis, Michael Miller, Pauline

OPEN MIC/PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were made.

SETTING OF THE AGENDA

Manager Waller explained that he would like to remove item #1 under Items Requiring Board Action because he felt this was premature and he still had questions about the outlet structure and size of the culverts.

Motion by Manager Waller, seconded by Manager Robertson, to amend the agenda by removing item #1 under Items Requiring Board Action.

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38 President Bradley stated that the District knew that this needed to be done this year and stated that this
39 would set the project back by a year, which is why he would vote against this amendment of the agenda.
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41 Manager Robertson referenced the Special Workshop meeting related to this project, and noted that it was
42 her understanding, which was shared by staff, and reiterated by the team at the City of New Brighton, that
43 any costs associated with Critical Connections, the City of New Brighton had offered to cover those costs.
44 She asked if that was referenced in the packet materials. She noted that following the workshop, she had
45 asked Office Manager Stasica to send her audio of the meeting since she had to leave early that day. She
46 stated that she had indicated that she wanted to receive feedback from the DNR on the two alternatives
47 that seemed to have been proposed during the context of the meeting. She explained that she was
48 confused as to why this was placed on the agenda when the District s had not received answers to their
49 questions yet.
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51 President Bradley stated that the costs can be separated and recovered through the WMD, so they would
52 not be charged to the ad valorem, which was option 1. He explained that option 2 was the volunteer
53 statement that the City of New Brighton and/or Roseville would pay for and address it, and had also
54 indicated that after the project, they would do vegetation management in the future.
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56 Manager Weinandt stated that she felt Manager Robertson was indicating that she wanted the answers to
57 the two options presented prior to approving this subcontract. She noted that her understanding was
58 that without the subcontract, a permit cannot be given by the DNR from which the District can get their
59 responses to the two options.
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61 District Engineer Otterness stated that his understanding was that the DNR would require the District to
62 provide additional documentation on the restoration aspect of the project.
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64 Manager Robertson explained that she wasn't trying to hit pause on the project. She stated that she
65 would like some additional context, whether this item stays on the agenda or not, by having an agreement
66 with the City of New Brighton that memorializes their intent to cover these costs, because that was not
67 indicated in the packet materials.
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69 President Bradley agreed that the District should get an agreement from the City of New Brighton to
70 document what they have offered the District orally, so it is on the record. He stated that he felt the Board
71 should still proceed in getting authorization, so they can work on the little details without stopping the
72 project for another year.
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74 Administrator Tomczik stated that the future requirements are unknown as to what would be required of
75 the District or its partners for the future conditions. He stated that he would be reluctant to take that step
76 to agreement, but acknowledged that an offer had been made.
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Manager Waller stated that until there is a determination on the size of the culverts, or if there will be culverts, he felt there wasn't a need to start figuring out what to do with the DNR's lake. He stated that the DNR has not made a formal request, which is why he felt this action was premature and that the District should wait until the DNR, for example, says it wants to see a plant study. He asked why they wouldn't just put in the outlet structure.

Manager Hegland clarified that the motion on the table was to remove the Jones Lake item from the agenda and briefly reviewed the points that were made by the Board and District staff. She stated that if she was understanding this correctly, she felt those issues could be discussed during the agenda item and would support leaving it on the agenda.

Motion failed 2-3 (Weinandt, Bradley, and Hegland opposed).

READING OF THE MINUTES AND THEIR APPROVAL

Minutes of July 22, 2026, Board of Managers Regular Meeting and August 3, 2026, Workshop.

Motion by Manager Hegland, seconded by Manager Weinandt, to approve the July 22, 2026 meeting minutes and August 3, 2026, workshop minutes. Motion carried 5-0.

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 an opportunity for discussion:

Table of Contents-Permit Applications Requiring Board Action

No.	Applicant	Location	Plan Type	Recommendation
26-033	Blaine Ventures, LLC	Blaine	Final Site Drainage Plan Public/Private Drainage System Wetland Alteration Floodplain Alteration	CAPROC 13 items
26-060	Rendova Partnership LLC	Blaine	Final Site Drainage Plan	CAPROC 7 items

Manager Hegland asked about the jellyfish device and if it was included in the draft declaration of stormwater management facilities.

Regulatory Manager Hughes confirmed that this would be included as part of the declaration. He noted that sometimes they have included language related to manufacturer's recommendations for what should be done for maintenance of the filters.

Manager Hegland asked that this information be included now and in the future, so this understanding is clear to all parties.

It was moved by Manager Hegland and seconded by Manager Robertson, to approve the consent agenda Permit 26-033 and Permit 26-060, as outlined in the above Table of Contents in accordance with RCWD District Engineer's Findings and Recommendations, dated August 4, 2026. Motion carried 5-0.

Water Quality Grant Program Cost Share Application

No.	Applicant	Location	Project Type	Eligible Total Project Cost	Pollutant Reduction	Funding Recommendation
R26-07	Chase	White Bear Township	Shoreline Stabilization & Restoration	\$29,616.13	Volume: 4,176 cu-ft/yr TSS: 1,685 lbs./yr TP: 1.145 lbs./yr	\$10,000.00 not to exceed 50% of eligible project costs or up to \$10,000.00.
R26-08	Meier	New Brighton	Raingardens & Native Planting	\$12,974.42	Volume: 7,656 cu-ft/yr TSS: 116.58 lbs./yr TP: 0.51 lbs./yr	\$6,487.21 not to exceed 50% of eligible project costs or up to \$10,000.00.
R26-09	Kippels	White Bear Township	Raingarden	\$9,019.50	Volume: 2,558 cu-ft/yr TSS: 33.6 lbs./yr TP: 0.125 lbs./yr	\$4,509.75 not to exceed 50% of eligible project costs or up to \$10,000.00.
W26-02	Dowdal	Mahtomedi	Green Roof	\$21,700.00	Volume: 0.0205 acre-ft/yr TSS: 6.5 lbs./yr TP: <0.01 lbs./yr	\$10,000.00 not to exceed 50% of eligible project costs or up to \$10,000.00.

Manager Hegland explained that she was intrigued by the green roof project and noted that she believed this was the first one.

Outreach & Grant Technician Nelson stated it was the first one and explained that this had been passed in 2024 as part of the annual program review. She noted that the applicant was also looking to do a shoreland restoration project in the future, which would turn this into a treatment train situation.

Manager Hegland asked if there would be a formal evaluation provided and noted that this kind of seemed like it was a pilot project.

Outreach & Grant Technician Nelson stated that was correct and confirmed that the District would be keeping close tabs on the project. She stated that she could work with the Washington Conservation

District to get a report written up after everything was done and work with the contractor so they are able to see where there were successes or challenges.

Manager Waller stated that he had seen green roofs in Argentina, generally above a restaurant or hotel, but noted that they typically have some type of animal present to trim the grass.

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 Outreach and Grants Technician's Recommendations, dated August 3, 2026. Motion carried 5-0.

ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

1. Jones Lake Restoration Project - Subconsultant

Project Manager Oknich stated that this item was a portion of the District addressing a petition from New Brighton, St. Anthony Village, and Roseville. She noted that this was a portion of moving the project forward because they need a robust assessment of the current biological conditions there. She stated that this will help the District determine its permitting path and provide the District with something to measure against once the project is complete.

Motion by Manager Weinandt, seconded by Manager Bradley, to accept Houston Engineering's proposed amendment to Task Order 2025-012, revised scope of work for the Jones Lake Final Design and Permitting (Jones Lake Restoration Project) and authorize engagement of Critical Connections Ecological Services as a subconsultant under the terms outlined in the revised scope of work.

Manager Waller stated that he would like to see this contract be put out for bid, so it would be competitive. He explained that Critical Connections Ecological Services was the choice of Houston Engineering, and he didn't have much confidence in their choice.

President Bradley noted that the District had used Critical Connections Ecological Services for something at the last meeting and there weren't any concerns raised about them at the time. He stated that he has offered to sequester all of these costs and recover them through the WMD so there would be no cost to White Bear, Hugo, or Blaine residents. He stated that there was no reason to make the cost a concern for this project, because it was a local cost that had local benefit. He noted that going forward, the cities have stated that they will not abandon the project once it is completed and didn't feel having an MOA would be a problem. He begged the Board to approve this motion so this project can be kept on track and get done. He stated that he felt there would be an appropriate time to nail down how the costs would be recovered.

Manager Waller stated that the District has had problems with the contractor in the past. He stated that he and former Manager Haake had to go down to Environmental Services at the DNR over the \$100,000 that it had become. He stated that going to another firm for outside bidding

174 was not an uncommon practice for various projects. He noted that he would like to see a change
175 in the District so they start looking at other contractors that do this type of work.

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177 Manager Weinandt stated that there has been a lot of discussion about this issue and didn't think it
178 was a good use of their time to rehash it again. She stated that Manager Waller was making a
179 statement that would impact all the work the District does and wants a bigger pool of businesses
180 who can provide information to the District. She explained that she would urge the Board to pass
181 this motion so they can continue moving forward on Jones Lake and noted that all the other issues
182 can be dealt with at subsequent times.

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184 Manager Waller called the question.

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186 ***Motion failed 3-2 (Waller, Robertson, and Hegland opposed.)***

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188 Manager Hegland explained that she had intended to offer a friendly amendment to the motion,
189 before it was rushed through a vote, that would have addressed her concern. She stated that her
190 proposed motion was that it would be contingent upon obtaining a written agreement with the City
191 of New Brighton to fund the initial and ongoing requirements for this work.

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193 Managers Weinandt and Bradley stated that they would accept that friendly amendment to their
194 original motion.

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196 ***Motion by Manager Weinandt, seconded by Manager Bradley, to allow a friendly amendment to***
197 ***the motion to include language that this was contingent upon obtaining a written agreement with***
198 ***the City of New Brighton to fund the initial and ongoing requirements for this work. Motion***
199 ***carried 5-0.***

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201 Administrator Tomczik noted that the petition came from three municipalities that benefit from the
202 work and suggested that instead of singling out New Brighton, they change it to partners or
203 something similar.

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205 Manager Hegland stated that she thought New Brighton was the one who had offered to cover these
206 costs, but would support the proposed change to 'partners.'

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208 Manager Robertson asked if Manager Hegland was suggesting that, based on the conversations in
209 the Special Workshop meeting with the City of New Brighton, final approval was contingent on an
210 MOA by New Brighton or the partner cities to cover the upfront and ongoing costs in perpetuity
211 related to restoration.

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213 Manager Hegland stated that was correct and would alleviate her concern.
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215 Manager Weinandt asked if this would hold up the contract until the District received the written
216 MOA.

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218 District Attorney Kolb indicated that, per the motion, it would.

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220 Manager Weinandt stated that meant that the various City Councils would need to approve this
221 action.

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223 Manager Robertson stated that it would depend on the latitude the various City Administrators may
224 have. She noted that she felt this was a fair compromise because it has been a key component of
225 the holdup, and that she would support the proposed amendment.

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227 President Bradley stated that he had already proposed that they recover the costs through the
228 WMD, which meant they wouldn't need the cities to do this. He explained that he felt that
229 approach was better than a contract in perpetuity.

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231 Manager Hegland asked District Attorney Kolb to weigh in on this because her understanding from
232 their discussion was that this wasn't a straightforward pathway and she didn't know how that would
233 work on an ongoing basis.

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235 District Attorney Kolb stated that the cities have to agree, so if they don't agree, then this whole
236 thing will go away. He noted that if they agree to it, they will spread those costs over their entire
237 municipality, and the difference between that and what President Bradley was describing was that
238 if the District takes the cost and spreads it across the WMD charge, then not everyone in those cities
239 will end up paying for it, just the portion of those in the cities that would be benefitted by this
240 project. He stated that he did not think they were there yet, nor could they have a true MOA
241 because they don't know what the obligations are yet. He noted that he had also heard a
242 representative of the city state that they would be willing to take on the costs, which he felt was
243 sincere. He stated that he was okay with the original language for a written agreement because
244 he thinks they will be able to get a commitment from the cities pretty quickly. He stated that
245 Houston Engineering cannot add a subconsultant without Board consent and noted that the costs
246 of the subconsultant were being internalized within the current task order, so there should be no
247 additional cost to the District for this additional work. He explained that he understood the
248 concerns that have been raised by the Board, but they don't even know if there will be subsequent
249 costs, because the project hasn't been established yet. He clarified that there will still be a lot of
250 ground to cover related to Jones Lake, and this proposal will get them to the point where they can
251 have meaningful conversations with the DNR because they have made it clear that this project
252 cannot be done without clear evidence that it was a restoration project. He stated that Houston
253 Engineering has essentially told the District that out of all the available consultants for this work,
254 Critical Connections Ecological Services was the one that had the most sway and credibility with the
255 DNR for what the District was proposing to do. He reiterated that he thinks they will be able to get

a written agreement with the cities that memorializes their commitment to actively participate financially, but did not feel that they were at the point where they could have a true MOA.

Motion by Manager Weinandt, seconded by Manager Bradley, to accept Houston Engineering's proposed amendment to Task Order 2025-012, revised scope of work for the Jones Lake Final Design and Permitting (Jones Lake Restoration Project) and authorize engagement of Critical Connections Ecological Services as a subconsultant under the terms outlined in the revised scope of work, contingent upon obtaining a written agreement with the City of New Brighton to fund the initial and ongoing requirements for this work. Motion carried 4-1 (Waller opposed).

2. Anoka County Ditch 46 – Petition for the Partial Abandonment of Branch #5

Drainage & Facilities Manager Schmidt explained that the District had received a petition to partially abandon ACD-46, Branch #5 in Columbus.

Motion by Manager Waller, seconded by Manager Robertson, to adopt Resolution 2026-09 Findings and Order Accepting Petition and Directing Appointment of an Engineer.

Therefore, the Board makes the following:

ORDER

- A. The Board of Managers accepts the Petition and appoints Chris Otterness, P.E., and Houston Engineering, Inc. to investigate the effect of the proposed action under the standards found in sections 103E.806 and 103E.227 and file a report of findings.**
- B. The Engineer is directed to include in its investigation an assessment of effects from the proposed action to private property which may require Petitioners to acquire flowage or other easements related to the diversion of drainage system waters and an assessment of the impact of the proposed action on the function and integrity of the remainder of the ACD 46 system.**
- C. This order is not an approval of the proposed action, nor does it modify the drainage system or abandon any portion thereof. Subsequent proceedings on the Petition will occur consistent with the requirements of Minnesota Statutes, sections 103E.806 and 103E.227.**

Manager Waller stated that this would be called the Potomac Wetland Bank project and asked who owned it.

Regulatory Manager Hughes stated that it was currently owned by Lake Drive Properties.

Manager Waller asked if they were a development company.

Regulatory Manager Hughes stated that he presumed they were a development company.

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299 Manager Hegland stated that she knew a bit about this property because it was located in Columbus.
300 She noted that there had been a lot of speculation about what they plan to do with this property
301 and noted that she believed that Lake Drive Properties was an affiliate of North Pine Aggregate.
302 She stated that she had questions about the legal petitioning process for the District. She noted
303 that Columbus has an ordinance that prohibits turning high land into wetlands and asked if this
304 applicant had presented this concept to the City of Columbus to see if it would be legal within the
305 City. She noted that she understood that wasn't the District's business, but she would hate to
306 engage the District Engineer and pay for an evaluation of something that may be stopped dead in
307 the water by the city. She explained that she would feel better about moving forward knowing
308 that they had at least presented this concept to Columbus and they were open to the idea.
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310 District Attorney Kolb explained that the District requires the petitioner to pay the costs for the
311 engineering review and gave a brief overview of the typical petitioning process that the District
312 follows.
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314 Regulatory Manager Hughes stated that the applicant had submitted a wetland bank application for
315 review. During the prospectus stage, it was noted that the City of Columbus may have concerns.
316 He explained that when the District sends out the formal notice of application for comment, they
317 include the city, but no comments have been received from the city at this point.
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319 Manager Hegland explained that she hadn't been through this process before and wanted to ensure
320 that they were not spending District resources to look into this work.
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322 District Engineer Otterness noted that the petitioner had already submitted a bond to pay for this
323 work.
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325 Manager Waller referenced page 123 of the packet that outlines the area they were discussing and
326 wanted to clarify that the abandonment is all on one ownership, but on two parcels.
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328 District Engineer Otterness stated that the alignment crosses three different parcels but had the
329 same owner. He noted that it would be the entire portion of ACD-46, Branch 5, that is south of
330 153rd.
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332 Manager Waller asked if there was anyone upstream that would lose their benefit from this action.
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334 District Engineer Otterness explained that was what he needed to determine during the review and
335 study.
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337 **ROLL CALL:**

338 **Manager Bradley – Aye**

339 **Manager Hegland - Aye**

340 **Manager Robertson – Aye**

341 **Manager Waller – Aye**

342 **Manager Weinandt – Aye**

343 **Motion carried 5-0.**

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345 **3. Jones Lake Restoration Project – MPCA and USACE Permit**

346 Project Manager Oknich stated that this item proposes that the Board accept the conditions of the
347 MPCA and USACE Permit and authorize Administrator Tomczik to sign the permit. She noted that
348 this action would be a step in acting on the petition from the cities of New Brighton, St. Anthony
349 Village, and Roseville, not legally obligate the District to construct the project or to keep it static,
350 which meant that they could request permit modifications in the future if the project changes.

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352 ***Motion by Manager Weinandt, seconded by Manager Bradley, upon review of the Corps' Clean***
353 ***Water Act permit for the Jones Lake Restoration Project and its conditions, to authorize the***
354 ***Administrator to sign the permit and direct further engagement with the Corps' project manager***
355 ***as status and design of the project become clear.***
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357 Manager Robertson stated that she understood Project Manager Oknich's statement that this, for
358 the most part, was boilerplate language. She stated that similar to item #1 on the agenda, the
359 District had not locked in a final program plan for what these repairs will look like. She stated that
360 they have two alternatives that they had asked staff to bring to the DNR and asked if this impeded
361 any additional dialogue that may lead to a change in the scope of the project. She stated that she
362 understood that the permitting process for regulatory agencies was complex, but it felt a bit weird
363 for the Board to be asked to approve a permit when they really don't know what the project will
364 actually look like.

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366 Project Manager Oknich stated that she understood that concern, but clarified that there was no
367 obligation to sign it; it was pretty commonplace for modifications to be requested. She gave the
368 example of this particular document being written that it would be finished by the end of 2029,
369 which means they have a lot of space before that time to figure out if they will stick with the permit
370 as applied or if it would be modified.

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372 District Attorney Kolb stated that the Corps had determined that anything they do to move material
373 within the boundary of Jones Lake requires a Corps' permit, which included the two alternatives
374 referenced by Manager Robertson. He stated that the only thing that would change this Corps'
375 permit is if the District was going to create a new impact to waters of the United States that was not
376 anticipated in the original application. He clarified that there will be ongoing dialogue, which is
377 why there was language in the motion directing engagement with the Corps' project manager as the
378 status and design of the project becomes clear.
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Manager Waller referenced the map on page 147 of the packet and found it interesting that the excavation above the runout to the cattail fringe is 154,000 cubic feet and 16.25 acres. He noted that this was the maximum amount they were proposing to dig out, but acknowledged that it could be less than that.

Motion carried 5-0.

4. 2026 Minnesota Watersheds Resolutions: Appoint Delegates and Alternates

Motion by Manager Weinandt, seconded by Manager Bradley, to designate Manager Weinandt and Manager Hegland as the delegates for the 2026 Annual Meeting on Resolutions and Petitions, with Manager Bradley as the alternate, and instruct the delegates to vote in accordance with the stated RCWD positions.

Manager Weinandt asked if what was put on the dais was intended to replace what had been included in the packet.

Administrator Tomczik clarified that a single sheet was left at the dais for the Board that included the update from the Workshop discussion. He noted that he had discussed 2026-07, the Hazard Mitigation Fund, with Outreach & Communications Manager Sommerfeld. He stated that the District had noted its concern with the Flood Hazard Mitigation Fund and its lack of funding here; and the resolution it appears to coincide with the emergency management positions of the counties. He stated that they were miles away from final language and wasn't sure if this would establish a more robust bar for the District to receive funds, but felt support of this was important.

Manager Weinandt stated that during the Workshop, they noted that Matt was going to provide some additional information on the recommendation because he felt that the wake boat resolution was poorly written, so there may be some edits to what they were looking at today.

Administrator Tomczik stated that staff can follow up with Matt and communicate his thoughts on the way it was currently written to the Board. He noted that for Resolution 2026-08, there had been some updates, so a revised version was placed on the dais.

Manager Waller stated that he had read through the changes in Resolution 2026-08 and supported them.

Manager Weinandt asked if they wanted to suggest alternate language related to the wake boat, if they should also send it out to the delegates before the meeting, or present it at the meeting.

President Bradley noted that it would behoove the District to get any proposed language changes into their hands before the meeting.

Administrator Tomczik explained the process for sharing information with Minnesota Watersheds on the proposed resolutions.

Motion carried 5-0.

Manager Weinandt expressed appreciation to Outreach & Communications Manager Sommerfeld for her work in helping to organize the large Mounds View rain garden. She noted that there were monarch butterflies flying all over, so the pollinator patch was working.

5. Jones Lake Sediment Forebay and Public Drainage Maintenance Corridor Construction – Bid Authorization

Project Manager Oknich stated that this item was for solicitation of bids to construct the Jones Lake sediment forebay, realign the public ditch, and create a maintenance corridor access path and reminded the Board that this was part of the petition from the cities of New Brighton, St. Anthony Village, and Roseville.

Motion by Manager Waller, seconded by Manager Bradley, to acknowledge receipt of the Jones Lake sediment forebay and public drainage maintenance corridor access path construction plans, dated August of 2026, and authorize District staff and HEI to advertise a solicitation of bids for this project.

Manager Waller stated that he supported this portion of the project but would also like to see the outlet portion come forward.

District Engineer Otterness stated that the DNR would require the District to get a permit to do anything to the outlet. He stated that they will be proposing doing something different for the outlet than the current situation and would significantly change storage and water levels upstream. He noted that staff was still working on addressing all the questions from the DNR on those items.

Manager Robertson asked if this part of the project was part of the uses for the grant dollars that the District had been awarded.

District Engineer Otterness confirmed that this was all part of the larger project and the District was getting flood reduction out of this pond. He explained that one of the reasons that they wanted to move this part of the project forward was in order to meet the June 30, 2027 deadline for the MPCA grant.

Motion carried 5-0.

6. Check Register Dated August 12, 2026, in the Amount of \$270,104.05 Prepared by Redpath and Company

Motion by Manager Weinandt, seconded by Manager Bradley, to approve check register dated August 12, 2026, in the Amount of \$270,104.05 prepared by Redpath and Company.

Manager Hegland asked for an explanation of the void and reissue from the check register.

Office Manager Stasica explained that they were uncashed surety return checks. Affidavit for lost checks were completed by each applicant, the checks were stopped, and replacement checks are being issued.

Motion carried 5-0.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND INFORMATION

1. District Engineer Updates and Timeline

District Engineer Otterness noted that the work for ACD 53-62, Branches #5 and 6 has been completed. He stated that the as-built records for ACD 10-22-32, Branch #4, and a few segments of JD-4 were also completed.

Manager Weinandt asked about the upcoming public information on Anoka Ramsey JD-1 and who would be there from staff.

Administrator Tomczik stated that it was a public information meeting and stated that he, Drainage & Facilities Manager Schmidt, District Engineer Otterness, and one other engineer will be there.

Manager Weinandt asked if staff had gotten any calls on this project.

Drainage & Facilities Manager Schmidt stated that he had not received any phone calls. He noted that Abel and Connor would also be at the meeting.

2. Administrator Updates

Administrator Tomczik stated there were citizen concerns regarding a proposed development in Arden Hills near County Road I and Fairview Avenue. He noted that he had adjusted the proposed 2027 budget utilizing fund balance so it would be consistent with the 2026 levy amount. He stated that there have been funding comments about the basic Water Management Project for RCD 2,3, and 5, but the project hasn't been ordered yet. He explained that the budget may be adjusted at a later date and make note of the WMD use in the later collection of the dollars. He stated that he was assembling materials for the fund balance accumulation questions that were raised and would email this to the Board when it was compiled. He reminded the Board that for ACD 10-22-32, alternative #4 will be on the agenda for their August 24, 2026 meeting for Board action. He gave

502 a brief update for the Circle Pines outfall on ACD 53-62 and noted that they have asked HEI to weigh
503 in with an engineering position. He explained that he would bring this to their September
504 workshop meeting for further discussion.

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506 **3. Manager Updates**

507 Manager Waller gave an overview of what took place at the recent CAC meeting where they toured
508 the Hansen Park project. He reiterated that, as he mentioned at the workshop, when it comes to
509 consultant services, he would like to see a robust competition.

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511 Manager Weinandt noted that she would not be physically present for the August 24, 2026,
512 meeting, but would be attending via Zoom.

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514 **ADJOURNMENT**

515 ***Motion by Manager Robertson, seconded by Manager Waller, to adjourn the meeting at 10:19 a.m.***

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

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 opportunity for discussion:

Table of Contents-Permit Applications Requiring Board Action

No.	Applicant	Location	Plan Type	Recommendation
26-072	Wells Fargo	Shoreview	Final Site Drainage Plan	APPROVAL

It was moved by Manager _____ and seconded by Manager _____, to approve the consent agenda as outlined in the above Table of Contents in accordance with RCWD District Engineer's Findings and Recommendations, dated August 13, 2026.

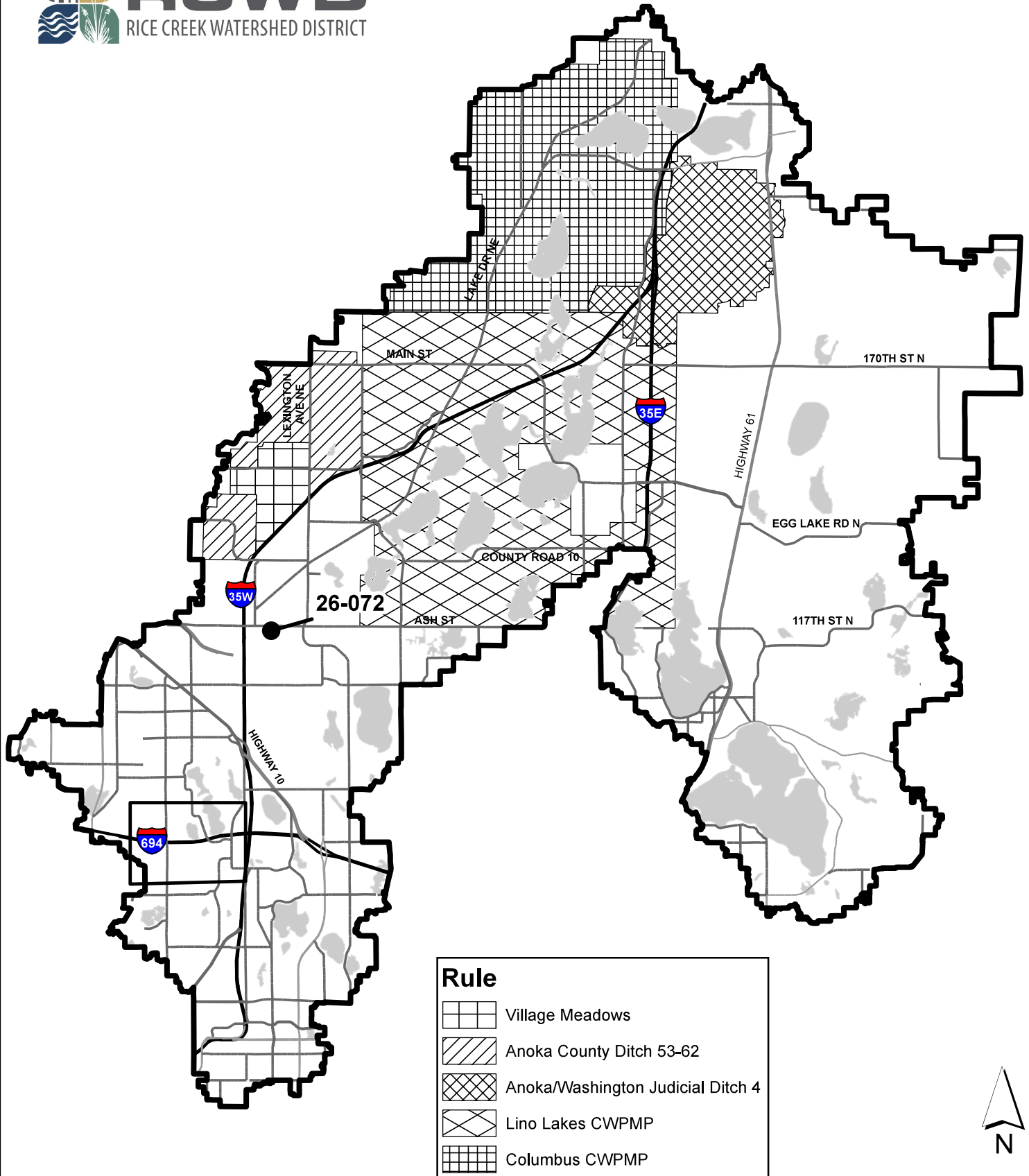
**RICE CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT
CONSENT AGENDA**

August 24, 2026

It was moved by _____ and seconded by _____
_____ to Approve, Conditionally Approve Pending Receipt
Of Changes, or Deny, the Permit Application noted in the following Table of Contents, in
accordance with the District Engineer's Findings and Recommendations, as contained in
the Engineer's Findings and Recommendations, as contained in the Engineer's Reports
dated August 13, 2026.

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26-072	Wells Fargo	23	Approve



Permit Reviews
08/24/2026 Agenda

Permit Application Number:

26-072

Permit Application Name:

Wells Fargo Campus Parking Lot Reconstruction

Applicant/Landowner:

Wells Fargo
Attn: Raven Gaddist
550 South 4th St
Minneapolis, MN 55415

Permit Contact:

Braun Intertec
Attn: Travis Fristed
11001 Hampshire Avenue S
Minneapolis, MN 55438
Ph: 952-500-1180
tfristed@braunintertec.com

ACI Asphalt Concrete, LLC.
Attn: Jake Juedes
10285 89th Avenue North
Maple Grove, MN 55369
jake.juedes@aciasphalt.com

Project Name: Wells Fargo Campus Parking Lot Reconstruction

Purpose: FSD – Final Site Drainage; After-the-fact application for parking lot reconstruction at the Wells Fargo Shoreview Campus

Site Size: 49.2± acre parcel / 0.39 ± acres of disturbed area; existing and proposed impervious areas for the project are 0.39 ± acres and 0.39 ± acres, respectively

Location: 1801 Park View Dr, Shoreview

T-R-S: N ¼, Section 4, T30N, R23W

District Rule: C, D

Recommendation: APPROVAL

It is recommended that this Permit Application be approved.

Stipulations: None.

Exhibits:

1. Plan set containing 11 sheets dated 07-25-2025 and received 08-03-2026
2. Permit application, dated 07-31-2026 and received 08-03-2026
3. Permit narrative, area quantifications, storm sewer map, dated 07-31-2026 and received 08-03-2026
4. Geotechnical Evaluation Report, dated 07-21-2025, received 08-03-2026.
5. Permit files 01-052, 99-045, 10-017 and 21-093.

Findings:

1. Description – The permit application is for an after-the fact (work has been completed) reconstruction of approximately 16,886± SF of pavement on a 49.2± acre parcel located in Shoreview. The project did not increase the impervious area nor disturb any additional area. The reconstructed parking area drains to the existing NE NURP Pond which drains to an existing NW NURP Pond, which discharges through site storm sewer to Park View Drive, which ultimately flows south to a regional pond located east of Rice Creek Parkway before discharging to Rice Creek. Runoff from the site ultimately reaches Long Lake, which is the Resource of Concern. The applicant has submitted a \$3,000 application fee for a Rule C permit creating less than 5 acres of new and/or reconstructed impervious surface.
2. Stormwater – The applicant is using the BMPs as described below for the project:

BMP Description	Location	NURP requirement	Volume provided	EOF
Existing NE NURP Pond	East end of Shoreview Corporate Park	2.88 AF	3.79 AF	NA
Off-site existing Regional Pond	South end of Shoreview Corporate Park	Rate control only		

Soils on site are primarily SP-SM silty sands (HSG B). Infiltration has been deemed infeasible on the northern portion of the site due to a high the water table. The new/reconstructed impervious area is 16,886± square feet. Per Rule C.6(c)(1), the Water Quality requirement is governed by the NURP sizing requirement of run-off volume from the 2.5-inch rainfall event over the contributing area to the pond.

The pond sizing, outlets and overflows are consistent with the design criteria of Rule C.9(d). The applicant has treated 100% of the project area. Additional TSS removal is not required. The applicant has met all the Water Quality requirements of Rule C.6.

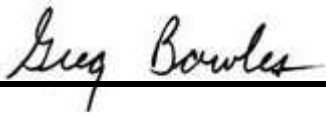
The project site drains to the regional NURP pond located off-site at the south end of the Rice Creek Corporate Park which is maintained by the City of Shoreview. Under Permit 18-076, the outlet from the regional pond was modified to meet the Flood Management Zone requirements. The project report for the modification included the impervious area for the proposed project expansion. Since the applicant has not increase the amount of impervious area, the applicant is compliant with Rule C.7.

The applicant has complied with the freeboard requirements of Rule C.9(h).

3. Wetlands – There are no wetlands located within the project area.
4. Floodplain – The site is not in a regulatory floodplain.
5. Erosion Control – The project disturbed less than 1 acre; neither an NPDES permit nor a SWPPP was required. The site has been adequately stabilized and no additional erosion control information is needed. The project complies with RCWD Rule D requirements. The project is within 1 mile of Rice Creek which is impaired for nutrients.
6. Regional Conveyances – Rule G is not applicable.
7. Public Drainage Systems – Rule I is not applicable.
8. Documenting Easements and Maintenance Obligations – The District received an acceptable maintenance obligation under permit 10-017 and a drainage easement exists over the pond.

9. Previous Permit Information – Stormwater management for this site was planned for and approved under Permit 99-045 and constructed under RCWD Permit 01-052. Additional site work and storm water calculations can be found under 10-017 and 21-093.

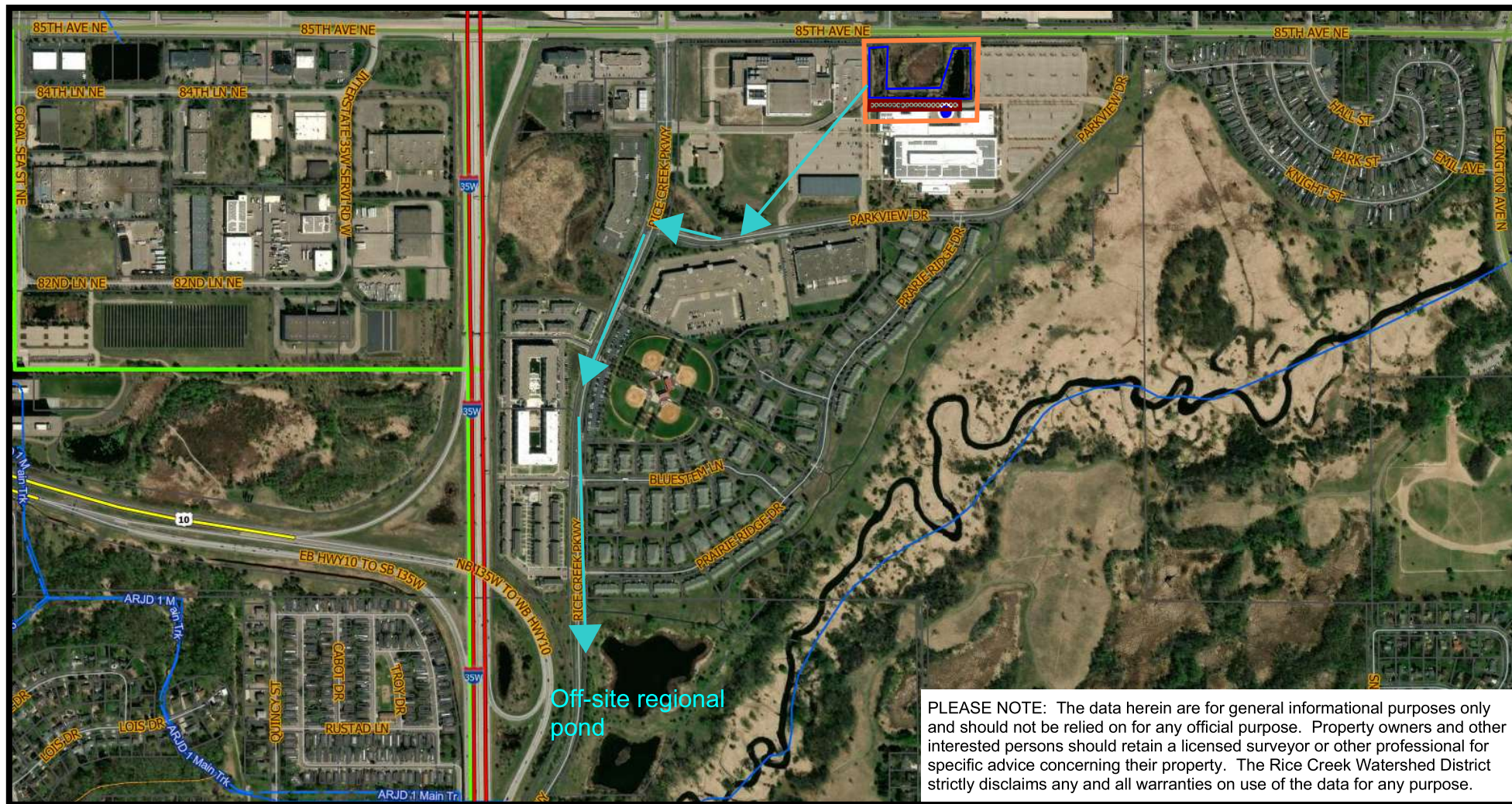
I hereby certify that this plan, specification or report was prepared by me or under my direct supervision and that I am a duly Registered Professional Engineer under the laws of the state of Minnesota.

 08/13/2026

Katherine MacDonald, MN Reg. No 44590

 08/13/2026

Greg Bowles, MN Reg. No 41929



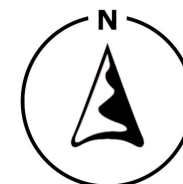
Legend

 Project Location

 Reconstructed Impervious Area

 NURP Ponds

 Drainage Arrow





Legend



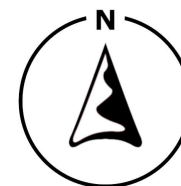
Project Location



Public Waterway



Public Ditch - Open Channel



**PUBLIC HEARING: PROPOSED 2027 BUDGET, LEVY, AND WATER
MANAGEMENT DISTRICT CHARGES**



St. Paul Pioneer Press newspaper August 13 and 19, 2026

White Bear Press newspaper August 19, 2026

Quad Community Press on August 18, 2026

The Life newspaper Blaine/SLP/Columbia Hts/Fridley August 21, 2026

Forest Lake Times newspaper August 20, 2026

Finance and Commerce Newspaper August 18, 2026

District website & posted at office notice August 11, 2026

District email noticing August 11, 2026

Notice of Public Hearing Regarding Proposed 2027 Budget,
Levy and Water Management District charges

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE That the Rice Creek Watershed District Board of Managers has scheduled a public hearing regarding Proposed 2027 Budget, Levy and Water Management District charges, on Monday, August 24, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. in the Mounds View City Council Chambers, 2401 County Road 10, Mounds View, MN. The purpose of this public hearing is to present and receive comments on the District's 2027 proposed budget and levy, which include Water Management District (WMD) local charges for the Anoka County Ditch 53-62 and Anoka Ramsey Judicial Ditch 1 WMDs. The proposed 2027 budget is \$15,118,735. The proposed total levy for the District is \$6,143,782. The Anoka County Ditch 53-62 WMD proposes to collect charges of \$78,524 and Anoka Ramsey Judicial Ditch 1 WMD proposes to collect charges of \$487,181.

The public may *monitor* meetings remotely using Zoom at the link below. Individuals may timely engage the District office to request reasonable accommodation.

Phone: (763) 398-3070

Email: info@ricecreek.org

Join Zoom Webinar:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86488313574?pwd=tL79om6dEqNNTNyQZluKTigPTyI345.1>

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RCWD complies with Minnesota Open Meeting Law, Statutes chapter 13D. One or more Managers may attend remotely in accordance with Statutes section 13D.02.

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RCWD Proposed 2027 Budget

Fund No. & Sub-Account	Name	Classification of District Funds	2026 Budget	Projected 2026 Expenditures	Proposed 2027 Budget	% Change
10	General Administration		\$ 541,279	\$ 523,402	\$ 569,982	5.30%
	Salaries, Taxes, PERA, HSA, Benefits, Office Expenses (Watershed Districts, General Fund, Administrative)	40% Cash Flow Reserve	\$ 541,279	\$ 523,402	\$ 569,982	5.30%
30	Communication & Outreach		\$ 314,720	\$ 308,481	\$ 382,083	21.40%
	Salaries, Taxes, PERA, Benefits, Office Expenses Etc. (Water Planning & Project Implementation, "509", Administrative)	40% Cash Flow Reserve	\$ 201,220	\$ 193,333	\$ 207,083	2.91%
-02	Watershed Communication & Outreach		\$ 13,000	\$ 13,000	\$ 13,000	0.00%
-03	Visual Media Program (Replacing Minnesota Water Steward Program)		\$ 17,000	\$ 17,000	\$ 17,000	0.00%
-04	Outreach Partnerships		\$ 46,000	\$ 46,000	\$ 46,000	0.00%
-05	Mini-Grants Program		\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	0.00%
-06	Engineering & Technical Support		\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ 4,000	60.00%
-08	Watershed Plan Maintenance		\$ 5,000	\$ 6,649	\$ 65,000	1200.00%
35	Information Management		\$ 275,386	\$ 272,116	\$ 284,337	3.25%
	Salaries, Taxes, PERA, Benefits, Office Expenses Etc. (Water Planning & Project Implementation, "509", Administrative)	40% Cash Flow Reserve	\$ 160,386	\$ 157,116	\$ 163,337	1.84%
-03	Boundary Management Program		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
-04	District Wide Model		\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000	0.00%
-05	Databases (MS4 Front, Drainage DB), GIS Viewer		\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000	\$ 56,000	40.00%
-15	District Website		\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 5,000	-66.67%
60	Restoration - Project Planning & Implementation		\$ 4,159,896	\$ 1,492,946	\$ 7,514,484	80.64%
	Salaries, Taxes, PERA, Benefits, Office Expenses Etc. (Water Planning & Project Implementation, "509", Administrative)	40% Cash Flow Reserve	\$ 389,693	\$ 374,679	\$ 412,777	5.92%
-01	Anoka Chain of Lakes Water Management Project		\$ 1,114,241	\$ 142,464	\$ 1,224,000	9.85%
-02	Lower Rice Creek WMD (IDLE)	Restricted	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
-03	Lower Rice Creek Water Management Project		\$ 288,500	\$ 140,000	\$ 779,000	170.02%
-04	Middle Rice Creek Water Management Project		\$ 175,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 175,000	0.00%
-05	Bald Eagle Lake WMD	Restricted	\$ 28,486	\$ 2,302	\$ 25,677	-9.86%
-06	Bald Eagle Lake Water Management Project		\$ 150,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 50,000	-66.67%
-07	RCD 2, 3 & 5 WMD (IDLE)	Restricted	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
-08	RCD 2, 3 & 5 Basic Water Management Project		\$ 555,903	\$ 304,650	\$ 3,270,000	488.23%
-09	Silver Lake Water Management Project		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
-10	Golden Lake Water Management Project		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
-11	Regional Water Management Partnership Projects		\$ 48,332	\$ 42,091	\$ 100,000	106.90%
-15	Stormwater Management Cost Share	Committed	\$ 1,119,741	\$ 391,260	\$ 1,118,030	-0.15%
-24	Southwest Urban Lakes Implementation		\$ 100,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 100,000	0.00%
-29	Clear Lake Water Management Project		\$ 85,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 90,000	5.88%
-33	Forest Lake Planning WMD (IDLE)	Restricted	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
-34	Columbus Planning WMD (IDLE)	Restricted	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
-35	Stormwater Master Planning		\$ 40,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 110,000	175.00%
-36	Municipal CIP Early Coordination Program		\$ 10,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 10,000	0.00%
-37	Groundwater Management & Stormwater Reuse Assessment Program		\$ 55,000	\$ 15,500	\$ 50,000	-9.09%
70	Regulatory		\$ 1,476,440	\$ 1,481,800	\$ 1,473,425	-0.20%
	Salaries, Taxes, PERA, Benefits, Office Expenses Etc. (Water Planning & Project Implementation, "509", Administrative)	40% Cash Flow Reserve	\$ 636,440	\$ 568,280	\$ 650,425	2.20%
-01	Rule Revision / Permit Guidance		\$ 15,000	\$ 7,257	\$ 5,000	-66.67%
-03	Permit Review, Inspection and Coordination Program		\$ 825,000	\$ 906,263	\$ 818,000	-0.85%
80	Ditch & Creek Maintenance		\$ 1,914,514	\$ 1,810,237	\$ 2,945,223	53.84%
	Salaries, Taxes, PERA, Benefits, Office Expenses Etc. (Water Planning & Project Implementation, "509", Administrative)	40% Cash Flow Reserve	\$ 332,304	\$ 315,137	\$ 335,638	1.00%
-01	Natural Waterway Management		\$ 10,000	\$ 2,500	\$ 10,000	0.00%
-02	Ditch Maintenance		\$ 450,000	\$ 493,978	\$ 574,000	27.56%
-03	Repair Reports & Studies		\$ 209,000	\$ 209,000	\$ 94,000	-55.02%
-04	ACD 10-22-32 WMD	Restricted	\$ -	\$ 5,693	\$ 318	0.00%
-05	ACD 31 WMD	Restricted	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
-06	ACD 46 WMD	Restricted	\$ 37,451	\$ 37,451	\$ 23,267	-37.87%
-07	RCD 4 WMD	Restricted	\$ 82,389	\$ 86,944	\$ -	-100.00%
-08	RCD 4 Repair		\$ -	\$ 35,000	\$ -	0.00%
-09	ARJD 1 WMD (IDLE)	Restricted	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 916,800	
-10	ARJD 1 Repair		\$ 70,000	\$ 70,000	\$ 611,200	
-15	Municipal PDS Maintenance	Committed	\$ 35,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 50,000	42.86%
-20	WJD 2 Branch 1/2 Repair		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
-21	AWJD 3 Repair		\$ -	\$ 55,000	\$ -	
-22	ACD 15 / AWJD 4 WMD	Restricted	\$ 18,370	\$ 18,370	\$ -	-100.00%
-23	ACD 15 & AWJD 4		\$ 50,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 230,000	360.00%
-24	ACD 53-62 WMD	Restricted	\$ 372,000	\$ 291,415	\$ -	-100.00%
-25	ACD 53-62 Repair		\$ 248,000	\$ 174,749	\$ -	-100.00%
-26	ACD 10-22-32 Repair				\$ 100,000	0.00%
-27	NEW - RWJD 1 Repair Construction Plans / Permitting				\$ -	0.00%
-28	NEW - RWJD 1 WMD	Restricted			\$ -	0.00%
90	Lake & Stream Management		\$ 1,149,963	\$ 872,896	\$ 1,297,256	12.81%
	Salaries, Taxes, PERA, Benefits, Office Expenses Etc. (Water Planning & Project Implementation, "509", Administrative)	40% Cash Flow Reserve	\$ 396,725	\$ 369,374	\$ 409,623	3.25%
-01	Water Quality Grant Program	Committed	\$ 273,238	\$ 145,060	\$ 402,633	47.36%
-04	Surface Water Monitoring & Management Program		\$ 240,000	\$ 240,000	\$ 245,000	2.08%
-26	Common Carp Management		\$ 200,000	\$ 106,461	\$ 200,000	0.00%
-27	Curly Leaf Pondweed Management		\$ 40,000	\$ 12,000	\$ 40,000	0.00%
95	District Facilities		\$ 1,360,895	\$ 1,180,150	\$ 651,946	-52.09%
	Salaries, Taxes, PERA, Benefits, Office Expenses Etc. (Water Planning & Project Implementation, "509", Administrative)	40% Cash Flow Reserve	\$ 234,935	\$ 217,609	\$ 234,196	-0.31%
-03	District Facilities Repair		\$ 933,210	\$ 933,210	\$ 275,000	-70.53%
-04	Inspection, Operation & Maintenance		\$ 192,750	\$ 29,331	\$ 142,750	-25.94%
	TOTAL		\$ 11,193,092	\$ 7,942,028	\$ 15,118,735	35.07%

Rice Creek Watershed District
Fund Balance Estimation

2027 FUND BALANCE ESTIMATION - Fund Balances and Transfers determined under Final Budget

FUND BALANCE CASH FLOW OPERATING RESERVE 1/1/2027					
REQUIRED 40% GENERAL FUND	REQUIRED 40% IMPLEMENTATION ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET	RESTRICTED FUND BALANCE Post 2026 1st Half Settlement & ARJD 1 - 2027 Outlay	COMMITTED FUND BALANCE 7/2026	PROGRAM/PROJECT ANTICIPATION FUND 12/31/2027	ASSIGNED FUND BALANCE 12/31/2027
\$ 227,993	\$ 965,231	\$ (1,053,152)	\$ 870,633	\$ 7,318,989	\$ 505,399

PROPOSED FUND TRANSFERS WITH 2027 BUDGET

FUND	PROPOSED TRANSFER	1/1/2027 FUND BALANCE
10 General Administration	\$ (220,639)	\$ 227,993
30 Communication & Outreach	\$ (88,806)	\$ 117,833
35 Information Management	\$ (253,372)	\$ 65,335
60 Restoration Projects	\$ 3,344,309	\$ 6,118,568
70 Regulatory	\$ (1,029,128)	\$ 260,170
80 Ditch & Creek Maintenance	\$ (1,291,547)	\$ 23,248
90 Lake & Stream Management	\$ (253,261)	\$ 478,142
95 District Facilities	\$ (143,022)	\$ 437,416
99 Project Anticipation		\$ 7,318,989
TOTAL	\$ 64,534	\$ 15,047,694

99 PROJECT ANTICIPATION SUBFUND ALLOCATION		
99-60 Restoration	\$ -	\$ 4,700,000
99-80 Ditch & Creek	\$ (64,534)	\$ 2,218,989
99-90 Lake & Stream	\$ -	\$ 200,000
99-95 District Facility	\$ -	\$ 200,000
TOTAL	\$ (64,534)	\$ 7,318,989

General Fund – covers the general administrative expenses of the District, including salaries, benefits, and office expenses.

Implementation Administrative Budget – covers the administrative costs of preparing or amending the District’s plan and the administrative costs of implementation of the plan through projects and programs, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 103B.241.

Restricted Fund – amounts are subject to externally enforceable legal restrictions, such as funds levied in a Water Management District (WMD) which are restricted to the defined purpose.

Committed Fund - amounts that can be used only for the specific purposes determined by a formal action of the government's highest level of decision-making authority, such as grant program awards. The commitments may be changed or lifted only by the government taking the same formal action that imposed the constraint originally.

Program/Project Anticipation Fund – funds accumulated and committed as an alternative to issuing bonds to finance improvements based on findings as to the potential future need of funds for a particular purpose.

Assigned Fund - amounts a government intends to use for a specific purpose.

2027 Budget Public Hearing

The proposed 2027 budget supports implementation of Rice Creek Watershed District's 10-year Watershed Management Plan (WMP). The WMP provides resource management direction to the District, establishing its budget framework for projects and programs. The framework guides development of the District's annual budget and long-range fiscal planning. The WMP is not the definitive as to the annual District budget, but a foundation to it.

The 2027 District budget includes dollars for the District's general administration and operations. These funds address the administrative needs of District managers, staff, and the resources for implementation of the District's work, such as office rent and fleet vehicle maintenance. The 2027 budget notably includes the funds for consultant services, and includes all current District staff position salary and benefits consistent with the District's organizational chart. Each of the District's individual funds uniquely contribute to the shared goal of water resource management.

The following is a list of the District's individual funds supporting 2027 programs and projects.

Communication and Outreach – Fund 30:

- Various outreach efforts for District projects and programs including Citizen Advisory Committee expenses (creating resources, printed materials, utilizing specialized software).
- Design and purchase of educational materials, project support, interpretive signage for projects of the District's Water Quality Grant, Stormwater Management Grant, as well as other District and collaborative public water projects throughout the District's cities/counties.
- Includes support for media programming/visual art through initiatives with city/county programs, outreach initiatives, support for public workshops with cities/counties, and support for outreach programs with organizations such as Growing Green Hearts, Freshwater, support for schools/community center programming and projects like Resilient Roseville, Friends of the Mississippi River also support for regular partner programs like Blue Thumb.
- Mini-Grant Program funding is maintained at \$30,000.
- Pre-Plan Strategic Planning for Watershed Management Plan Amendment.

Information Management – Fund 35:

- Information Technology security, maintenance, and updates.
- Rymark Information Technology support services.
- District Wide Model Program annual updates/maintenance, including with Current Condition curve numbers and regional ponding.
- Floodplain assistance to municipalities in application of District Wide Model, flood study support.
- Maintain the District's databases and further develop tools supporting institutional knowledge (Drainage DB, MS4Front, GIS layers)
- This fund host/support the District's Website.

Restoration - Project Planning & Implementation – Fund 60:

- " Restoration - Project Planning & Implementation" fund is used for capital projects that provide flood control, drainage, and/or water quality benefit. This account excludes efforts that are solely for the purposes of maintaining MS103E systems (Fund 80) or existing RCWD facilities (Fund 95).

- Clearwater Creek/Anoka-Washington Judicial Ditch 3 Stabilization and Stream Restoration, design and construction (District secured Board of Water and Soil Resources Watershed Based Implementation Fund Grant of \$75,000).
- Anoka County Ditch 72 (ACD 72) Outlet Water Quality initiative
- Peltier Lake Alum Drip Trial Project to address WQ issues, severe algae blooms, and on-going efforts to address Peltier Lake water quality issues.
- Shenandoah Water Quality Stormwater Improvement Project.
- Rice Creek Streambank Stabilization and Stormwater Treatment at Old Central Avenue
- Middle Rice Creek bank stabilization at County Road I, canoe access point.
- Channel stability issues impacting water quality, including assessment of Middle Rice Creek near Irondale High School.
- Ramsey County Ditch 2, 3 & 5 Basic Water Management Project at Jones Lake Phase 1 addressing flood mitigation (primary), ditch stability, water quality, and public outreach. District secured Mn Pollution Control Agency Resiliency Grant of \$1,173,207 and additional State appropriation of \$840,000.
- Hardwood Creek/Judicial Ditch 2 Watershed Storage feasibility study. BWSR \$50,000 Grant.
- Les Bolstad Property Storm Water Management Study
- Stormwater Management Grant Program maintained at \$400,000 to address Board's guidance on potential applications and existing committed grant awards.
- Clear Lake Shoreline Stabilization in conjunction with Forest Lake's Eureka Avenue project.
- Regional Stormwater study funds to investigate judicial Ditch 4 in Forest Lake, Arden Hills Arden Manor and fund Stormwater Research Council.
- Groundwater studies/projects efforts under various entities such as: TCAPP, White Bear Lake, Columbus/ACD 10-22-32.

Regulatory – Fund 70:

- 2027 regulation implementation, pre-permit engagement, permit application review, management of open permits.
- Reporting requirements of Wetland Conservation Act, Comprehensive Wetland Protection and Management Plans, and level 2 city audits.
- Public Drainage System petition review processing.
- Permit guidance document updates, permit cost evaluation, surety schedule updates and utilization policy.
- Partnership inspection contracts with county conservation districts.

Ditch & Creek Maintenance – Fund 80:

- Maintain public drainage system right-of-way by annual drone inspection, survey inspection, dredging, mowing/spraying, and other maintenance activities. The fund reflects increasing maintenance pressure and increasing costs.
- The District's Public Drainage System prioritization plan includes the required repair reports of Anoka Ramsey Judicial Ditch 1, expenses include both legal support, legal noticing, and engineering support.
- Ramsey Washington Judicial Ditch 1 (AWJD 1) Repair Report
- Anoka Ramsey Judicial Ditch 1 (ARJD 1) Repair Implementation

- Peak flood control in Judicial Ditch 4 watershed peak flood mitigation efforts in partnership with Forest Lake.
- Support for efficient public drainage system maintenance by municipal partners.
- Provide potential support consistent with the natural waterway management policy.

Lake & Stream Management – Fund 90:

- Water Quality Grant Program continuance at \$250,000 and completed project payouts.
- Surface Water Monitoring & Management Program continuance.
- Common Carp Management Program and Curly Leaf Pondweed Management program continuance.

District Facilities – Fund 95:

- RCWD facilities start up, inspection, maintenance, and repair work preserving the public investment.
- New Brighton Family Service Center weir repair
- RCD 2 weir in South Hansen Park repair
- Prebie Lake Outlet Project sediment testing/removal.

Total 2027 proposed expenditures are **\$15,118,735**.

Revenue for 2026 is an assembly of projected:

- \$6,143,782 watershed-wide general property tax levy, same as 2026
- \$565,705 Water Management Districts
- \$817,931 fees and investment income
- \$6,224,674 fund balance
- \$1,366,643 secured grant and appropriation funding

The 2027 budget is \$15.1 million, consisting of roughly \$870,633 in previous years' committed spending, contributing to total fund balance spending of roughly \$6.2 million and evidence of the District's success in securing grants and saving in advance saving for projects which contributes, along with urban fringe development, to a stable levy. The District's fund balance remains sufficient, under the anticipated closing balance of 2027, to meet the 40% operating reserve fund balance policy.

The Board should consider the levy implications to property holders. The proposed 2027 budget resulting levy requirements are indicated to be flat or declining given the new development and market value of properties on the urban fringe. The calculus for the budget's levy impact on property owners is challenging as it is being allocated across four counties. There may be some increases or decreases in an individual property's estimated tax rate within counties, variation from year to year. This is beyond the District's control. In general, property market values have continued to increase over the preceding year and so the proposed budget will yield an increase in revenue from property tax commensurate with the increase in overall market value within the District. (Again, each individual properties' tax amount within the District is dependent on numerous factors (county, value change, other taxing authorities, etc.) and therefore the District must assess its levy under broad conditions.)

The 2027 property tax rates are not available at this time from which to calculate the District's tax impact, however; the tax impact will likely be declining from the 2026 property tax impact due to new development's added taxable market value and increasing taxable market value of existing property against a flat, 0%, 2027 District's levy over 2026. The RCWD 2026 property tax impact on \$400,000 of property value is estimated at around \$62 dollars per year down from estimates in previous years.

Property Tax Implications

Value	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
RCWD Levy on \$400,000 of property value	\$74.58	\$75.38	\$72.87	\$72.56	\$63.89	\$63.15	\$62.92	\$61.51	Information not available as of 8/19/2026; anticipated to be stable; declining from 2025, 2026 amount.

The District anticipates the 2027 Anoka County Ditch 53-62 Watershed Management District (WMD) charge to result in a total collection of \$78,524; and the 2027 Anoka Ramsey Judicial Ditch 1 Water Management District (WMD) charge to result in a total collection of \$487,181.

**PUBLIC HEARING: RAMSEY COUNTY DITCHES 2 & 5 PETITION FOR
REALIGNMENT AND IMPOUNDMENT**



St. Paul Pioneer Press newspaper August 3, 10, 17, 2026

Mailed notice to people potentially affected by the action August 3, 2026

Mail notice to City of New Brighton, Ramsey County; MnDOT and DNR on August 3, 2026

District website & posted notice at office August 3, 2026

District email noticing August 3, 2026

**Notice of Public Hearing on
Ramsey County Ditches 2 & 5 (RCD 2 & 5)
Petition for Realignment and Impoundment**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Rice Creek Watershed District (RCWD), Drainage Authority for Ramsey County Ditches 2 & 5 (RCD 2 & 5), will hold a public hearing under Minnesota Statutes §103E.227, in proceedings to realign and impound a portion of the Ramsey County Ditches 2 & 5 Drainage System. The public hearing will be held during the District's regular Board of Managers meeting on **Monday, August 24, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.** at the **Mounds View City Hall Council Chambers, 2401 County Hwy 10, Mounds View, MN.**

The Engineer's report on the proposed realignment & impoundment can be viewed at www.ricecreek.org or at the RCWD District office: 4325 Pheasant Ridge Drive NE, Suite 611, Blaine, MN 55449. Comments can be directed to Tom Schmidt at tschmidt@ricecreek.org (preferred), 763-398-3076, or by mail at the above address.

Only in-person comments will be taken during the hearing. The public may *monitor* the hearing remotely using Zoom at the link below. Individuals wanting to address the Board must attend in person. Individuals may timely engage the District office to request reasonable accommodation.

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RCWD complies with Minnesota Open Meeting Law, Statutes chapter 13D. One or more Managers may attend remotely in accordance with Statutes section 13D.02.

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Technical Memorandum

To: Nick Tomczik
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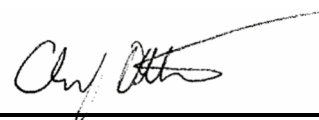
Cc: Tom Schmidt, RCWD Drainage and Facilities
Manager
John Kolb, Rinke-Noonan

Date: July 14, 2026

From: Chris Otterness, PE

Subject: Ramsey County Ditch 2 & 5 Petition for Realignment
and Impoundment -- Engineer's Findings

I hereby certify that this plan, specification, or report was prepared by me or under my direct supervision and that I am a duly Licensed Professional Engineer under the laws of the State of Minnesota.



7/14/2026

Chris Otterness
Reg. No. 41961

Date

HEI Project #: R005555-0366

INTRODUCTION

On April 22, 2026, the Rice Creek Watershed District (RCWD) Board of Managers under Resolution 2026-05 petitioned action and initiated proceedings to modify Ramsey County Ditch (RCD) 2 and RCD 5 pursuant to Minnesota Statute Section 103E.227. The purpose of the drainage system modifications is for the construction of a portion of the New Brighton / St. Anthony Village / Roseville Basic Water Management Project (#2013-01); specifically the Jones Lake Restoration Project. The RCWD Board of Managers appointed Houston Engineering, Inc. (HEI) to investigate the effects of the proposed modification under MS 103E.227 and file a report of findings. This memorandum documents the engineer's findings.

PROJECT BACKGROUND

The Jones Lake Restoration Project is part of an implementation plan developed through a comprehensive stormwater study of the RCD 2 watershed completed by RCWD and its partner cities. This study identified known flood damage locations and identified potential projects to mitigate risks of future flood damage. The currently proposed project on Jones Lake will create new temporary flood storage to avoid adverse downstream flooding from the implementation of future projects. The future projects, also identified in the RCD 2 implementation plan, include increasing culvert capacity at CSAH 88 on RCD 5 and increasing storm sewer capacity on RCD 2 Branch 1 to Jones Lake. Both projects are upstream of Jones Lake and without the project, the conveyance improvements would create adverse downstream flooding conditions, making them infeasible. In addition, the Jones Lake Restoration Project provides multiple benefits including water quality treatment and ecological restoration of the degraded water body.

The Jones Lake Restoration Project is situated at the upstream end of RCD 2 and the downstream end of RCD 5. Project components include excavation within Jones Lake (above and below the normal water level); modification of the existing lake outlet, construction of a sediment forebay, and construction of an access route to the project. To accomplish these project components will require modification of the RCD 2 and RCD 5 public drainage system, as indicated in **Figure 1**. The following is a summary of the proposed modifications of RCD 2 and 5.

- Modify the current impoundment of RCD 2 that serves as the outlet for Jones Lake. The existing structure will be removed and replaced with a new structure approximately 400 feet downstream. The new structure will maintain normal water levels at current conditions but will have a higher top crest to impound flood flows at a higher elevation and increase the storage capacity in the lake. This impoundment affects portions of RCD 2 that are upstream of the dam. In addition, RCD 5 is located just upstream of RCD 2 (via Jones Lake) and is likewise hydraulically affected by the impoundment.
- Realign the portion of RCD 5 that is downstream (north) of Lakeview Point Drive (approximately 850 feet of ditch). The ditch bottom will be moved approximately 20 feet to the east from its current location to enable access from Lakeview Point Drive to the Jones Lake Restoration Project for construction and maintenance. This will also make access easier for future maintenance of the public drainage system and decrease erosion in the channel.

Note: A sediment forebay will also be constructed as part of this project over a portion of RCD 5. The construction of this forebay will not affect the hydraulic function of RCD 5. A future phase of the Basic Water Management Project includes increasing the capacity of the RCD 5 culvert under CSAH 88 / I-35W interchange.

The proposed project is shown in **Figure 1**. All proposed modifications are within the property that is owned by the City of New Brighton, under a City easement, and/or within the RCD 2 & 5 right of way. The City of New Brighton is a project partner.

UTILITY OF SYSTEM / OUTLET ADEQUACY

In reviewing the utility of the system, we consider whether the petitioned modification will result in a decrease of capacity / outlet function for upstream landowners, the likelihood of the project affecting the adequacy of the outlet, and maintainability of the modified system into the future.

The RCD 2 and RCD 5 drainage systems were originally constructed to provide an outlet for agricultural lands. As the land developed in subsequent decades, the purpose and function of the system transitioned into a municipal outlet. As such, the utility of the system and adequacy of the outlet is related to the prevention of flood damage to upstream roadways (10 to 100-year rainfall recurrence) and prevention of flood damage to building structures (100-year rainfall recurrence).

The effects of the proposed modifications of RCD 2 and RCD 5 were evaluated at three locations:

- 1) Downstream of the project at the Old Highway 8 crossing: At this location, the proposed project reduces flood elevations downstream of Old Highway 8 for the 2-year through 50-year events, with decreases ranging from 0.1 feet for the 2-year event to 2.0 feet for the 50-year event. For the 100-year event, the proposed project increases the peak flood elevation by approximately 0.3 feet immediately downstream of the outlet structure which reduces to less than 0.1 feet by 1st St NW. These increases do not have the potential to impact any structures. As such, the project preserves and enhances the function of the downstream RCD 2 public drainage system, the maintainability of this portion of the drainage system will be preserved, and the outlet is adequate for the proposed modification
- 2) Upstream of RCD 2 at Jones Lake: The 100-year flood elevation at this location will increase from 899.11¹ to 900.44 as a result of the combined Jones Lake project and future capacity improvements through CSAH 88, an increase of 1.33 feet. The lowest adjacent structure is at elevation 903.12, approximately 2.7 feet above the proposed 100-year elevation. As such, the project provides adequate protection of adjacent structures and does not affect the capacity of the system or ability to outlet for adjacent landowners. Further, the proposed impoundment decreases the magnitude of maintenance needed into the future by stabilizing the outlet.
- 3) Upstream of CSAH 88: The project will decrease peak water levels upstream for the 100-year event by 1.1 to 1.4 feet. As such, this project results in no negative impact to upstream utility of the drainage system. The capacity and ability to outlet for these upstream landowners will not be negatively affected, nor will the ability to maintain upstream portions of the public drainage system. Rather, RCD 5 will be more stable and have greater access for inspection and maintenance.

BENEFITS

The proposed drainage system modifications are necessary for implementation of the Basic Water Management Project, and specifically to decrease flood risk on multiples structures upstream of CSAH 88 including the Interstate 35W roadway. Currently, the CSAH 88 interchange with I-35W acts as a dam, detaining water for large rainfall events. Increasing the capacity of the culvert under I-35W can decrease the upstream flood damage risk. However, doing this without mitigating downstream effects will increase the flood damage risk on downstream properties. To mitigate downstream effects requires the construction of additional storage capacity in a location that safely attenuate this flows. Jones Lake is the ideal location for this mitigation. As such, the proposed modifications to RCD 2 and 5 enable the future capacity

¹ All elevations provided herein are based on North American Vertical Datum of 1988 (NAVD 88).

augmentation of the CSAH 88 culvert which will significantly decrease flood risk for multiple commercial, industrial, and residential buildings as well as the I-35W roadway.

Other options including land buy-out and redevelopment have been considered in prior reports. These options have been determined to be infeasible and more costly than the proposed option.

In addition to flood reduction benefits, the proposed project also provides the opportunity to significantly reduce downstream sediment and nutrient delivery from Jones Lake via the dredging of accumulated organic material and the construction of a sediment forebay. Further, the project components also result in the ecological restoration of the historic lake habitat.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

The effects of the proposed project have been evaluated within an Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW). The EAW indicated that no significant environmental impacts would result from the project. The RCWD as Responsible Government Unit adopted a Negative Environmental Impact Statement Declaration, Findings of Fact, and Conclusions of Law and Order.

PERMITS

The project requires approvals from other agencies, including but not limited to:

- A Work in Public Waters permit from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources;
- Authorization from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources to increase floodplain levels on Jones Lake
- An NPDES Stormwater Permit for Construction from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency;
- A Section 401 Clean Water Certification from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency; and
- A Section 404 Permit per the Clean Water Act from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

The replacement of outlet structure has been deemed to be exempt from the Dam Safety permit program from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

CONCLUSION

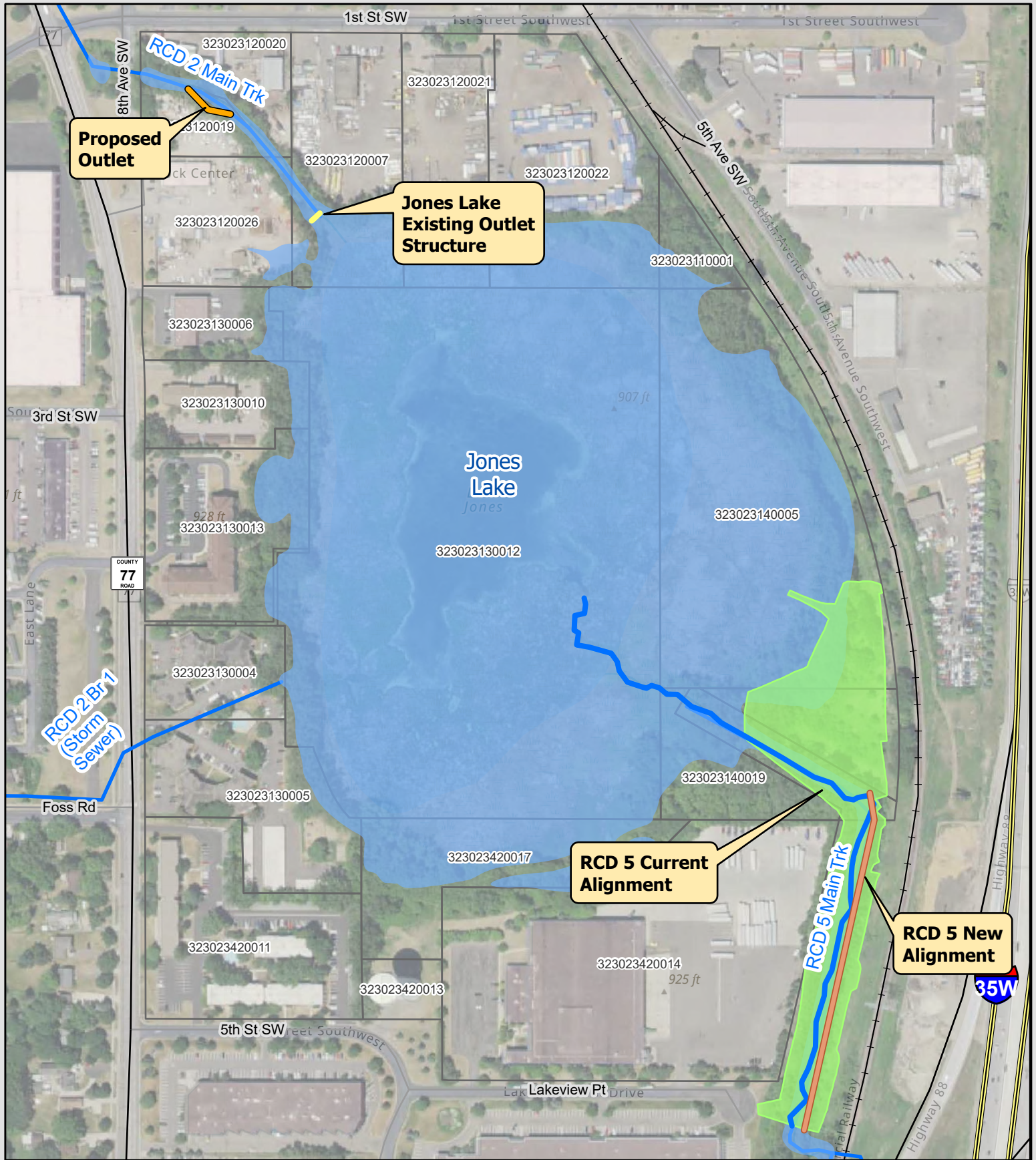
Minnesota Statute 103E.227, requires the drainage authority to make an order modifying the drainage system if the project will be of public or private benefit and that it will not impair the utility of the drainage system or deprive affected landowners of its benefit. The proposed project will not impair the utility of the system or deprive affected landowners of its benefit, but rather will enable increased efficiency for both

upstream (RCD 5) and downstream (RCD 2) portions of the drainage systems and provide multiple other public benefits.

As such, the modifications meet the requirements of Minnesota Statute 103E.227. We recommend the RCWD Board of Managers notice and hold a public hearing on the modifications of RCD 2 and 5. We further recommend the Board adopt a findings and resolution to realign RCD 5 and impound RCD 2 consistent with the proposed plans.

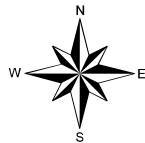
FIGURE 1 – RCD 2 AND RCD 5 MODIFICATIONS





Legend

- Existing Floodplain
- Existing Ditch Alignment
- Existing Outlet Structure
- Proposed Ditch Alignment
- Proposed Ditch and Forebay Boundary
- Proposed Outlet Structure
- Parcels



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Feet

Figure 1 – Jones Lake Project

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 **HOUSTON**
engineering, inc.

ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

1. Ramsey County Ditches 2 & 5 Petition for Realignment and Impoundment (Tom Schmidt)

Possible Action by Drainage Authority:

- a. Continue the hearing for further investigation.
- b. If at the hearing it appears from the engineer's report and other evidence presented that the project will be of a public or private benefit and that it will not impair the utility of the drainage system or deprive affected landowners of its benefit, the drainage authority shall make an order modifying the drainage system, to include the amount, if any, of drainage system funds approved for the project at the discretion of the drainage authority and issue an order authorizing the project.
- c. If at the hearing it appears from the engineer's report and other evidence presented that the project will not be of a public or private benefit or that it will impair the utility of the drainage system or deprive affected landowners of its benefit, the drainage authority shall make an order denying the petition.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-10

**RICE CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT
BOARD OF MANAGERS**

**FINDINGS AND ORDER GRANTING PETITION TO IMPOUND AND REROUTE DRAINAGE SYSTEM
WATERS WITH CONDITIONS**

Manager _____ offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Manager _____:

Findings:

1. The Rice Creek Watershed District is the drainage authority for Ramsey County Ditches 2 and 5 ("RCD 2 and RCD 5").
2. By Resolution 2013-23, and as modified by subsequent Resolutions, the Board of Managers initiated the New Brighton/Saint Anthony/Roseville Basic Water Management Project within the watershed areas of RCDs 2, 3 and 5, assigning Project Number 2013-01.
3. Project 2013-01 is a long term, phased project to address water quality and quantity management, habitat protection and enhancement, and community sustainability within the project area.
4. On April 22, 2026, the Rice Creek Watershed District Board petitioned itself to impound and reroute drainage system waters at the upstream end of Ramsey County Ditch 2 ("RCD 2") and the downstream end of Ramsey County Ditch 5 ("RCD 5") related to the construction of a portion of the New Brighton/St. Anthony Village/Roseville Basic Water Management Project (#2013-01); specifically, the Jones Lake Restoration Project ("Petition").
5. Various project components have been established and constructed as part of the overall implementation of Project 2013-01.
6. The Petition is offered as a result of the Jones Lake Restoration portion of Project 2013-01 which will create new temporary flood storage to avoid adverse downstream flooding from the implementation of future projects.
7. Specifically, the future projects, also identified in the RCD 2 implementation plan, include increasing culvert capacity at CSAH 88 on RCD 5 and increasing storm sewer capacity on RCD 2 Branch 1 to Jones Lake. Both projects are upstream of Jones Lake and without the project, the conveyance improvements would create adverse downstream flooding conditions, making them infeasible. In addition, the Jones Lake Restoration

Project provides multiple benefits including water quality treatment and ecological restoration of the degraded water body.

8. On April 22, 2026, the Drainage Authority appointed Houston Engineering Inc., as the engineering firm to investigate the effect of the proposed installation pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 103E.227, subd. 3(a).
9. Engineer Chris Otterness filed a report of findings with the Drainage Authority dated July 14, 2026.
10. The Drainage Authority set a public hearing for August 24, 2026, for review of the engineer's report of findings and directed Drainage Authority staff to provide at least 10 days advance notice, by mail, of the time and location of the hearing to the Petitioners, political subdivisions, and owners of property likely to be affected by the proposed impound, reroute, and diversion.
11. At the August 24, 2026, hearing, Engineer Otterness presented the work proposed in the Petition and a summary of the findings and conclusions in his engineer's report.
12. Engineer Otterness determined that the proposed impounding and rerouting of drainage system waters will be of public and private benefit; will not impair the utility of the drainage system; and will not deprive affected landowners of their benefits.
13. The Jones Lake Restoration Project is situated at the upstream end of RCD 2 and the downstream end of RCD 5. The proposed impoundment and reroute will include excavation within Jones Lake (above and below the normal water level); modification of the existing lake outlet, construction of a sediment forebay, and construction of an access route to the project. To accomplish these project components will require modification of the RCD 2 and RCD 5 public drainage system.
14. The project includes modifying the current impoundment of RCD 2 that serves as the outlet for Jones Lake. The existing structure will be removed and replaced with a new structure approximately 400 feet downstream. The new structure will maintain normal water levels at current conditions but will have a higher top crest to impound flood flows at a higher elevation and increase the storage capacity in the lake. This impoundment affects portions of RCD 2 that are upstream of the dam. In addition, RCD 5 is located just upstream of RCD 2 (via Jones Lake) and is likewise hydraulically affected by the impoundment.
15. The project also includes realigning the portion of RCD 5 that is downstream (north) of Lakeview Point Drive (approximately 850 feet of ditch). The ditch bottom will be moved approximately 20 feet to the east from its current location to enable access from Lakeview Point Drive to the Jones Lake Restoration Project for construction and

maintenance. This will also make access easier for future maintenance of the public drainage system and decrease erosion in the channel.

16. In addition to flood reduction benefits, the proposed project also provides the opportunity to significantly reduce downstream sediment and nutrient delivery from Jones Lake via the dredging of accumulated organic material and the construction of a sediment forebay. Further, the project components also result in the ecological restoration of the historic lake habitat.
17. During the public hearing, the President called for comments from the public and all comments submitted were taken and made part of the record of proceedings on file with the Drainage Authority. No comments were made at the public hearing that cast substantive doubt on the findings in Engineer Otterness's report or raised any reason why the Drainage Authority should not proceed with approving the Petition.
18. All proposed modifications are within the property that is owned by the City of New Brighton, under a City easement, and/or within the RCD 2 and RCD 5 culvert under CSAH 88/1-35W interchange.
19. Based on the record of proceedings before it, the Drainage Authority finds that the proposed impound and reroute will be of public and private benefit by supporting future actions related to Project 2013-01; providing consistent access to RCD 5 at its outlet; creating sediment control at the RCD 5 outlet; improving downstream water quality, and increasing temporary storage of floodwaters, thereby decreasing the burden on the downstream public drainage system.
20. Based on the record of proceedings before it, the Drainage Authority finds that the proposed impoundment and reroute will not impair the utility of the RCD 2 and RCD 5 public drainage systems or deprive other landowners of its benefit.

Order:

Based on the foregoing Findings and the entire record of proceedings before the Board, the Board, acting as the drainage authority for RCD 2 and RCD 5, hereby orders as follows:

- A. That the Drainage Authority's Petition to impound and reroute drainage system waters is granted subject to all of the conditions stated in this Order.
- B. The District shall be responsible for all costs associated with the design and construction of the proposed project, including all permits, for the rerouted portions, all costs incurred to conduct these proceedings, and all costs incurred by the Drainage Authority.

- C. Following construction, the original drainage system records shall be modified to reflect reroute and impoundment locations as described in the project concept plans and engineer's report of findings.
- D. Following construction, the Drainage Authority shall have jurisdiction over and be responsible for repairs of the modified portions of the drainage system.

The question was on the adoption of the Resolution and there were ____ yeas and ____ nays as follows:

	<u>Yea</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
BRADLEY	☐	☐	☐	☐
HEGLAND	☐	☐	☐	☐
ROBERTSON	☐	☐	☐	☐
WALLER	☐	☐	☐	☐
WEINANDT	☐	☐	☐	☐

Upon vote, the President declared the Resolution _____.

Janet Hegland, Secretary

Dated: August 24, 2026

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I, Janet Hegland, Secretary of the Rice Creek Watershed District, do hereby certify that I have compared the above resolution with the original thereof as the same appears of record and on file with the District and find the same to be a true and correct transcript thereof.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand this 24th day of August, 2026.

Janet Hegland, Secretary

ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

2. Anoka Washington Judicial Ditch #3 – Petition for the Partial Abandonment and Realignment of Branch 2 (Tom Schmidt)



MEMORANDUM

Rice Creek Watershed District

Date: August 16, 2026
To: RCWD Board of Managers
From: Tom Schmidt, Drainage & Facilities Manager
Subject: Anoka Washington Judicial Ditch #3 – Petition for the Partial Abandonment and Realignment of Branch 2

Introduction

Rice Creek Watershed District (RCWD), as the Drainage Authority for Anoka Washington Judicial Ditch #3 (AWJD #3), has received a petition to partially abandon and realign AWJD #3, Branch #2. The procedural steps are for the Board to consider and accept the petition and appoint its engineer to review and file a report.

Background

On August 4, 2026, the District, as Public Drainage Authority, received a petition from SPQR Hugo, LLC, to abandon & realign portions of AWJD #3 Branch #2.

The petition is being made to accommodate development of the property. The District's legal counsel has reviewed the petition and has deemed it complete. The Petitioners have submitted the required financial security in accordance with District policy.

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends adoption of Resolution 2026-11.

Proposed Motion

Manager _____ moves to adopt Resolution 2026-11, accepting the petition and directing the District Engineer to review and file a report with the Board. Seconded by Manager _____.

Attachments

- Petition for Partial Abandonment and Reroute of AWJD #3 Branch #2
- RCWD Resolution 2026-11



August 14, 2026

Public Ditch Authority
c/o Tom Schmidt, Rice Creek Watershed District
4325 Pheasant Ridge Drive
Blaine, MN 55449

Re: Petition for Realignment of Judicial Ditch 3 Branch 2 in Hugo, MN

Dear Mr. Schmidt:

With this letter and supporting documentation, SPQR Hugo, LLC (Petitioner) formally petitions the Rice Creek Watershed District (RCWD) as the drainage authority for Judicial Ditch 3, Branch 2, for permission to abandon and relocate a portion of the ditch that runs through the proposed Frenchman Village development. This petition is made pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 103E and RCWD Rule I.

Background

This request is made to accommodate a mixed-use commercial/residential development of property by the Petitioner. The current plan proposes a mixed-use development consisting of single-family homes, town homes, and commercial/medical/retail development. Judicial Ditch 3 Branch 2 traverses the site from east to west, from State Highway 61 on the east to Clearwater Creek on the west edge of the property. Judicial Ditch 3 Branch 2 is currently located within the area of the proposed development, necessitating the realignment.

Existing Conditions

This property is approximately 97 acres comprised of 9 separate parcels. The property is bound by State Highway 61 to the east, CSAH 8 (Frenchman Road) to the north and residential development to the south and west. The property is currently used for agriculture but for a few acres of unused farm buildings. Site access will come from Oneka Parkway, the proposed Fenway Avenue Extension to Frenchman Road and a connection to Victor Path at the west side of the project.

Proposed Conditions

The proposed Frenchman Village development requires the relocation of a portion of Judicial Ditch 3 Branch 2 (JD 3 Branch 2) to accommodate the proposed development.

Approximately 1,600 feet of JD 3 Branch 2 will be reconstructed along a new alignment. The relocated ditch will continue to collect and convey drainage from the surrounding area and will be discharged to Clearwater Creek.

The new outlet to Clearwater Creek will be located approximately 320 feet south of the existing ditch outlet. The proposed realignment has been designed to maintain the drainage function of the public ditch system while allowing for the development of the property.

The project includes grading, stabilization, and drainage improvements associated with construction of the new ditch. Existing ditch segments and drainage features within the development area that are no longer needed will be abandoned and filled as part of the project.

Supporting engineering plans and analyses have been prepared to demonstrate that the proposed realignment will continue to provide adequate drainage and will not negatively affect upstream or downstream properties.

See Attachment 2 for the grading plan showing the proposed development and ditch realignment.

Funding

The Petitioner will provide 100% funding for design, construction, and oversight costs associated with the ditch realignment. No funding from RCWD or other public entities is being requesting for this project.

“Terms of the Funds”

The following language in the petition served as the “terms” of the bond/cash deposit. This is taken directly from state statute:

1. Accompanying this petition is the Petitioner’s escrow deposit of \$10,000. Petitioner acknowledges and agrees that additional deposit may be required as additional costs are incurred in the proceedings. Petitioner agrees to pay all costs and expenses that may be incurred if the proceedings are dismissed.
2. Petitioner acknowledges that the costs incurred before the proposed drainage system modification is established may not exceed the amount in the amount of the Petitioner's deposit.
3. Petitioner acknowledges that a claim for expenses greater than the amount of the deposit may not be paid unless an additional deposit is filed.

4. Petitioner acknowledges that if the drainage authority determines that the cost of the proceedings will be greater than the Petitioner's deposit before the proposed drainage system modification is established, the drainage authority must require an additional deposit to cover all costs to be filed within a prescribed time.

5. Petitioner acknowledges that the proceeding will be stopped until the additional deposit prescribed by the drainage authority is filed.

6. Petitioner acknowledges that if the additional deposit is not filed within the time prescribed, the proceeding must be dismissed.

7. Petitioner acknowledges that the costs of the Rice Creek Watershed District in the proceedings will be paid from the deposit.

Maintenance

Ownership and maintenance of Judicial Ditch 3 Branch 2 shall continue to be the responsibility of the Rice Creek Watershed District. The Petitioner shall provide all easements necessary for operation, inspection, maintenance, and access to the relocated ditch alignment.

The Petitioner respectfully requests that the Rice Creek Watershed District establish a time and location for a public hearing on this petition and provide notice to all affected and benefited property owners in accordance with Minnesota Statutes Chapter 103E and applicable Rice Creek Watershed District procedures.

Please call me at 612-758-3080 with any questions or comments regarding stormwater issues for the this development.

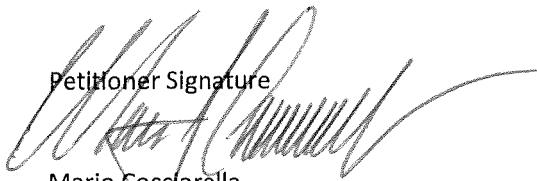
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Clark Wicklund, PE #40922

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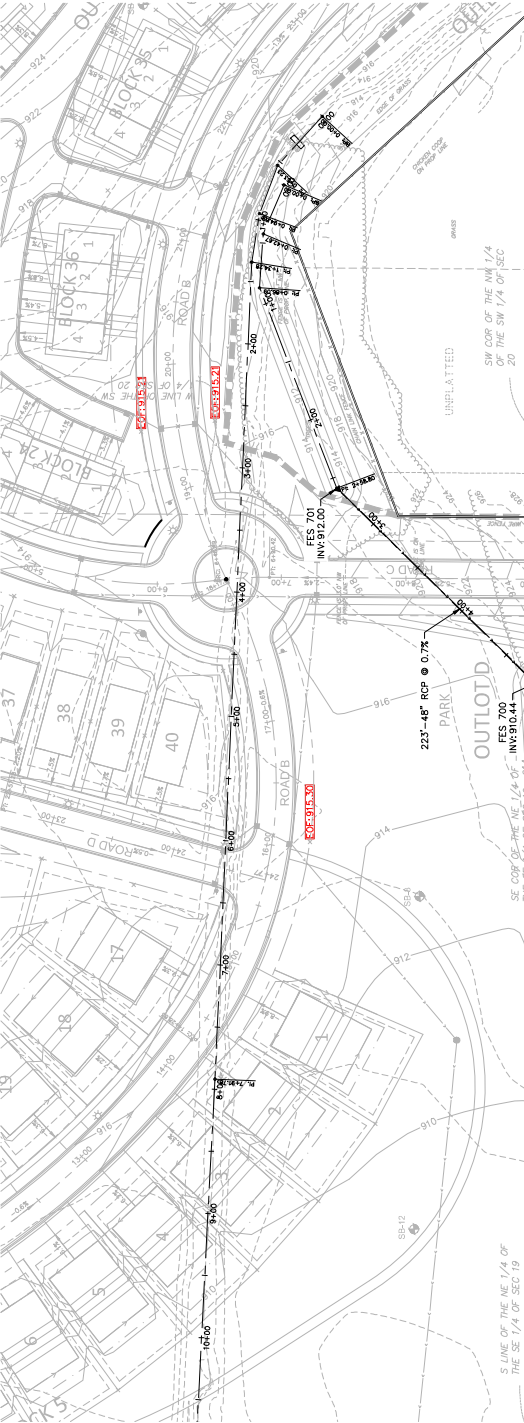
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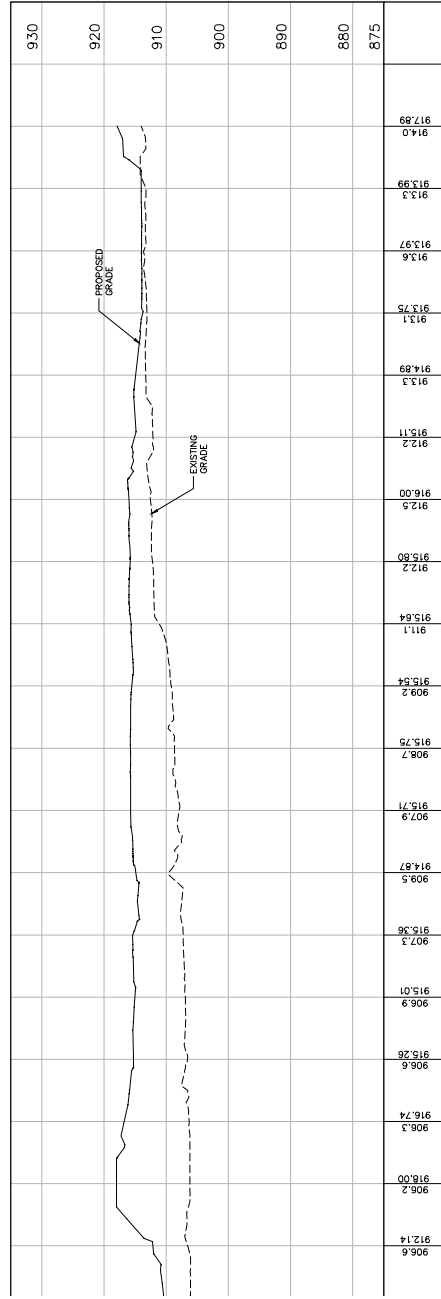
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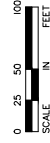


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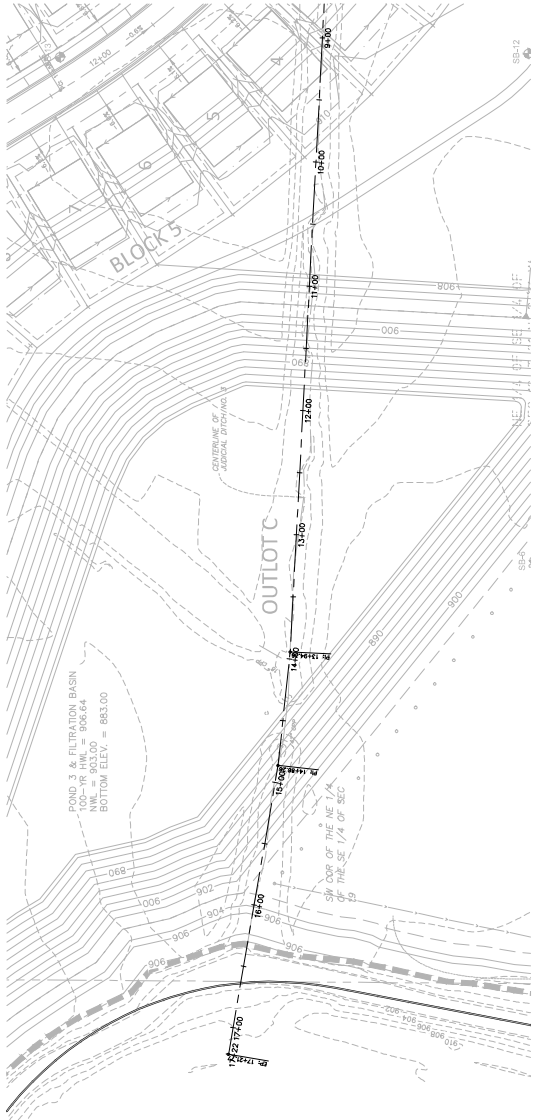
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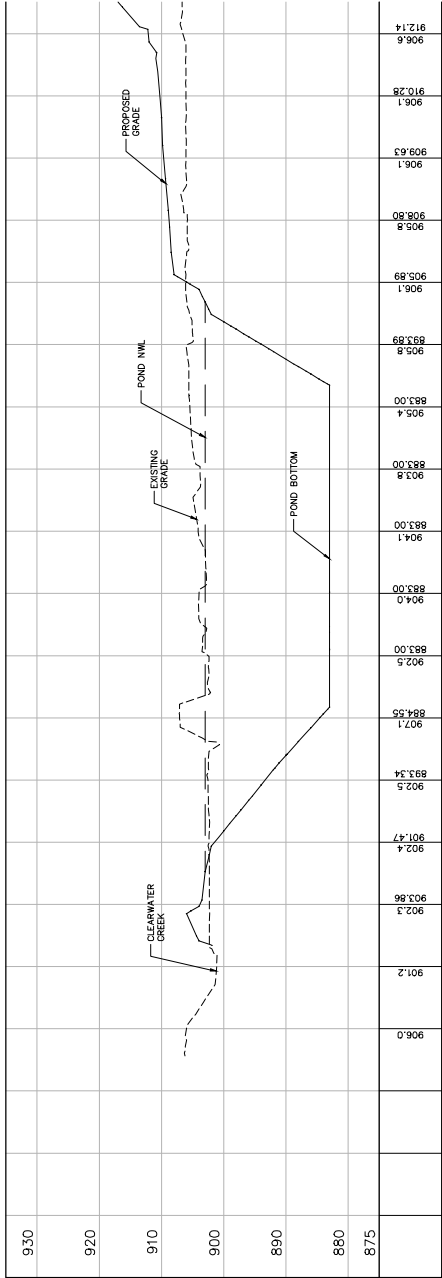


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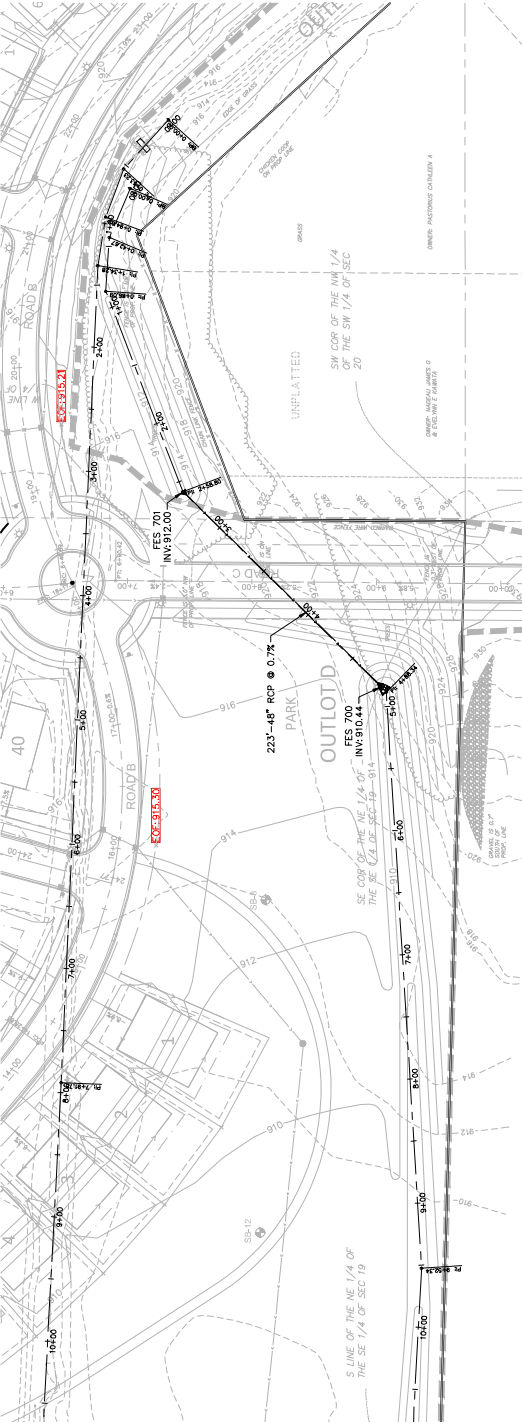


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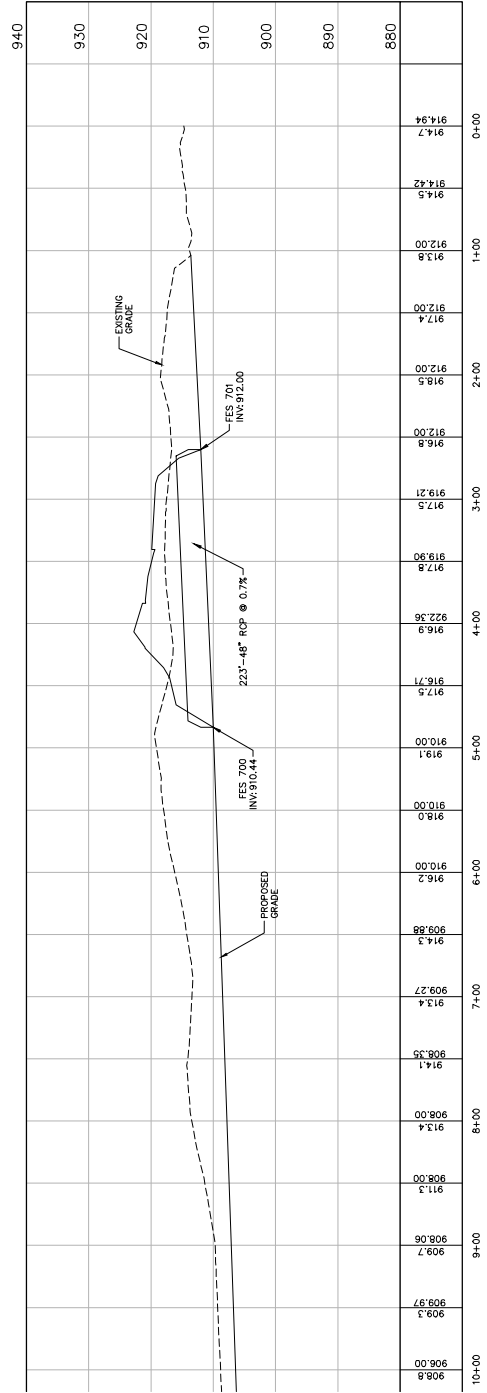


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CLARK WICKLUND, PE

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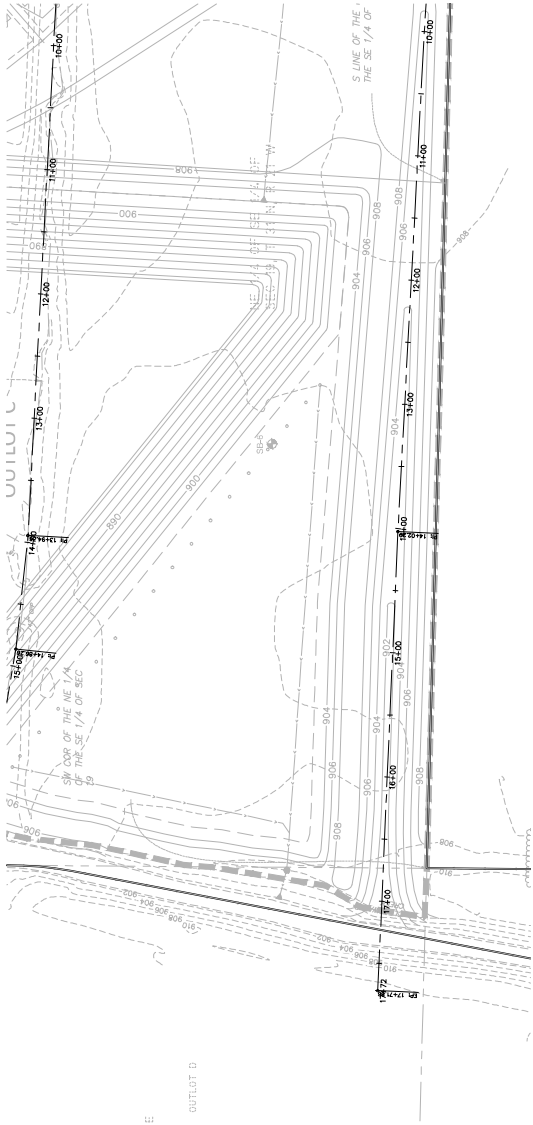
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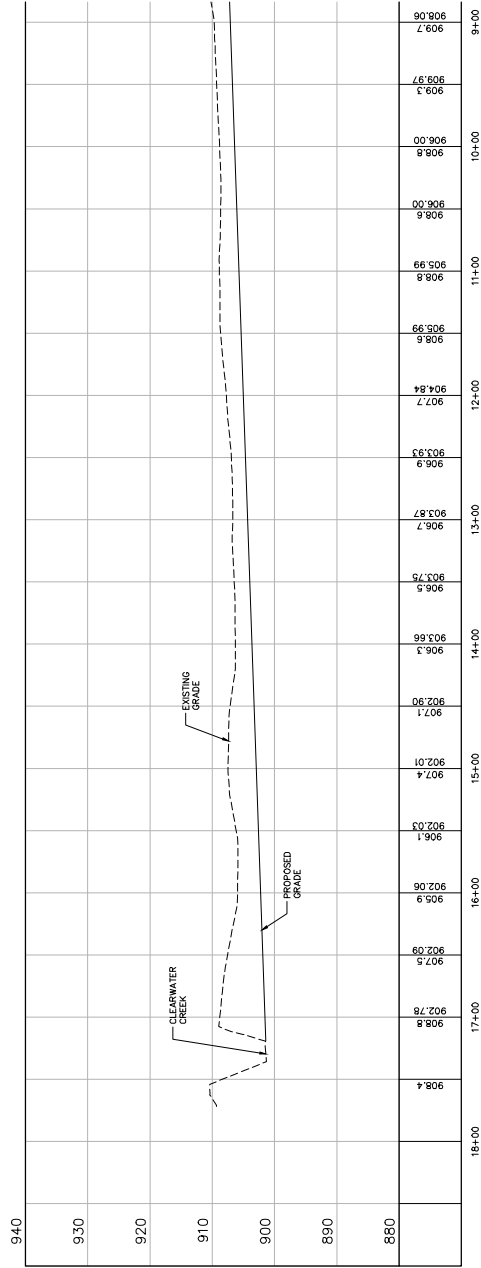
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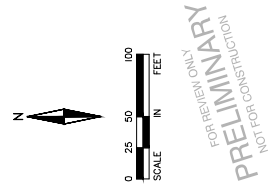
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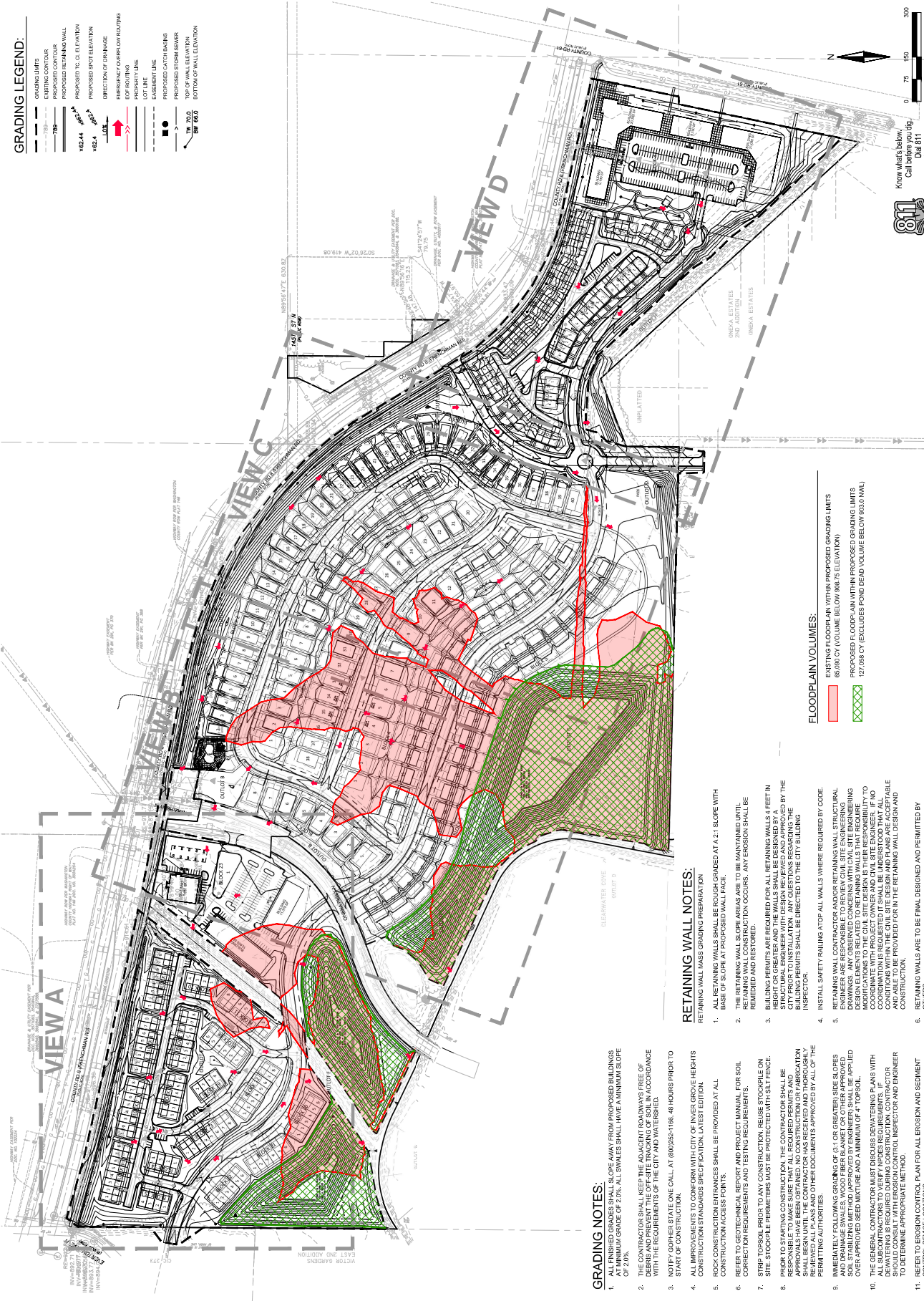
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ATTACHMENT 2
PRELIMINARY GRADING PLAN

CERTIFICATION I hereby certify that the above described work was done in accordance with the contract and specifications and that the same is complete and satisfactory. FOR RECORD ONLY NOT FOR RECONSTRUCTION DATE: 05/22/2022 PROJECT NO.: 4000000000		PROJECT TEAM DATA Designed By: JCL/TIC Drawn By: JCL/TIC Project No.: 4000000000
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GRADING NOTES:

1. ALL FINISHED GRADES SHALL BE 4" ABOVE PROPOSED BUILDING GRADE.
2. ALL SWALES SHALL HAVE A MINIMUM SLOPE OF 2.0%.
3. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL KEEP THE ADJACENT ROADWAY FREE OF OBSTRUCTIONS AND MAINTAIN IT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE CITY AND WATERSHED.
4. NOTIFY GOWDER STATE ONE CALL AT (800)252-1146 48 HOURS PRIOR TO START OF CONSTRUCTION.
5. ALL IMPROVEMENTS TO CONFORM WITH CITY OF INVER GROVE HEIGHTS CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS SPECIFICATION, LATEST EDITION.
6. CONSTRUCTION ACCESS POINTS.
7. REFER TO GEOTECHNICAL REPORT AND PROJECT MANUAL FOR SOIL CORRECTION REQUIREMENTS AND TESTING REQUIREMENTS.
8. STRIP TOPSOIL PRIOR TO ANY CONSTRUCTION. REUSE STOCKPILE ON SITE. STOCKPILE PERIMETERS MUST BE PROTECTED WITH SILT FENCE.
9. PRIOR TO STARTING CONSTRUCTION, THE CONTRACTOR SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR OBTAINING ALL NECESSARY PERMITS AND APPROVALS HAVE BEEN OBTAINED. NO CONSTRUCTION OR FORTIFICATION SHALL BEGIN UNTIL THE CONTRACTOR HAS RECEIVED THOROUGHLY REVIEWED AND APPROVED PERMITS AND APPROVALS FROM THE PERMITTING AUTHORITIES.
10. IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING GRADING OF 0.1' OR GREATER (USE SLOPES AND DRAINAGE SWALES, WOOD BERM BLANKET OR OTHER APPROVED SOIL STABILIZING METHOD APPROVED BY ENGINEER) SHALL BE APPLIED TO ALL EXPOSED EROSION CONTROL AREAS.
11. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL OBTAIN A SLOPE STABILIZATION PLAN WITH ALL SUB-CORRECTIONS TO VERIFY INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS. IF DETERMINED IS REQUIRED DURING CONSTRUCTION, CONTRACTOR TO OBTAIN APPROVED PLAN FROM THE CITY OF INVER GROVE HEIGHTS ENGINEER TO DETERMINE APPROPRIATE METHOD.
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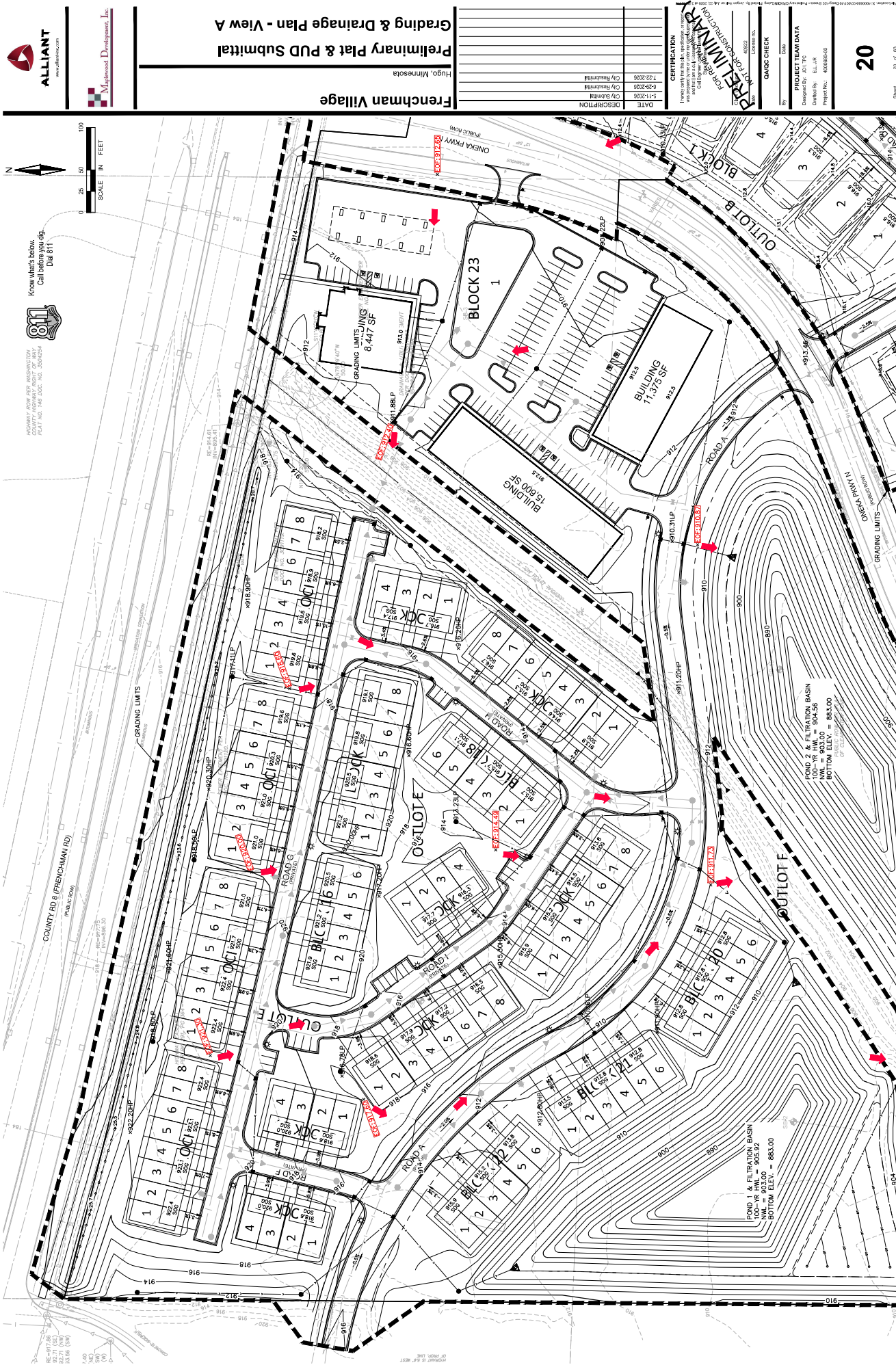
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4. INSTALL SLOPE PAILING AT/OF ALL WALLS WHERE REQUIRED BY CODE.
5. RETAINING WALL CONTRACTOR AND/OR RETAINING WALL STRUCTURAL DESIGNER IS RESPONSIBLE TO REVIEW ALL CITY ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT COMMENTS AND PROVIDE ALL NECESSARY ENGINEERING DESIGN ELEMENTS RELATED TO RETAINING WALLS THAT REQUIRE MODIFICATIONS TO THE CHIL SITE DESIGN. THEIR RESPONSIBILITY TO MODIFICATIONS IS REQUIRED. IT SHALL BE UNDERSTOOD THAT ALL COORDINATION IS REQUIRED. DESIGN SHALL BE UNDERSTOOD THAT ALL CONDITIONS WITHIN THE CHIL SITE DESIGN AND PLANS ARE ACCEPTABLE FOR CONSTRUCTION. ANY CHANGES TO THE RETAINING WALL DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION.
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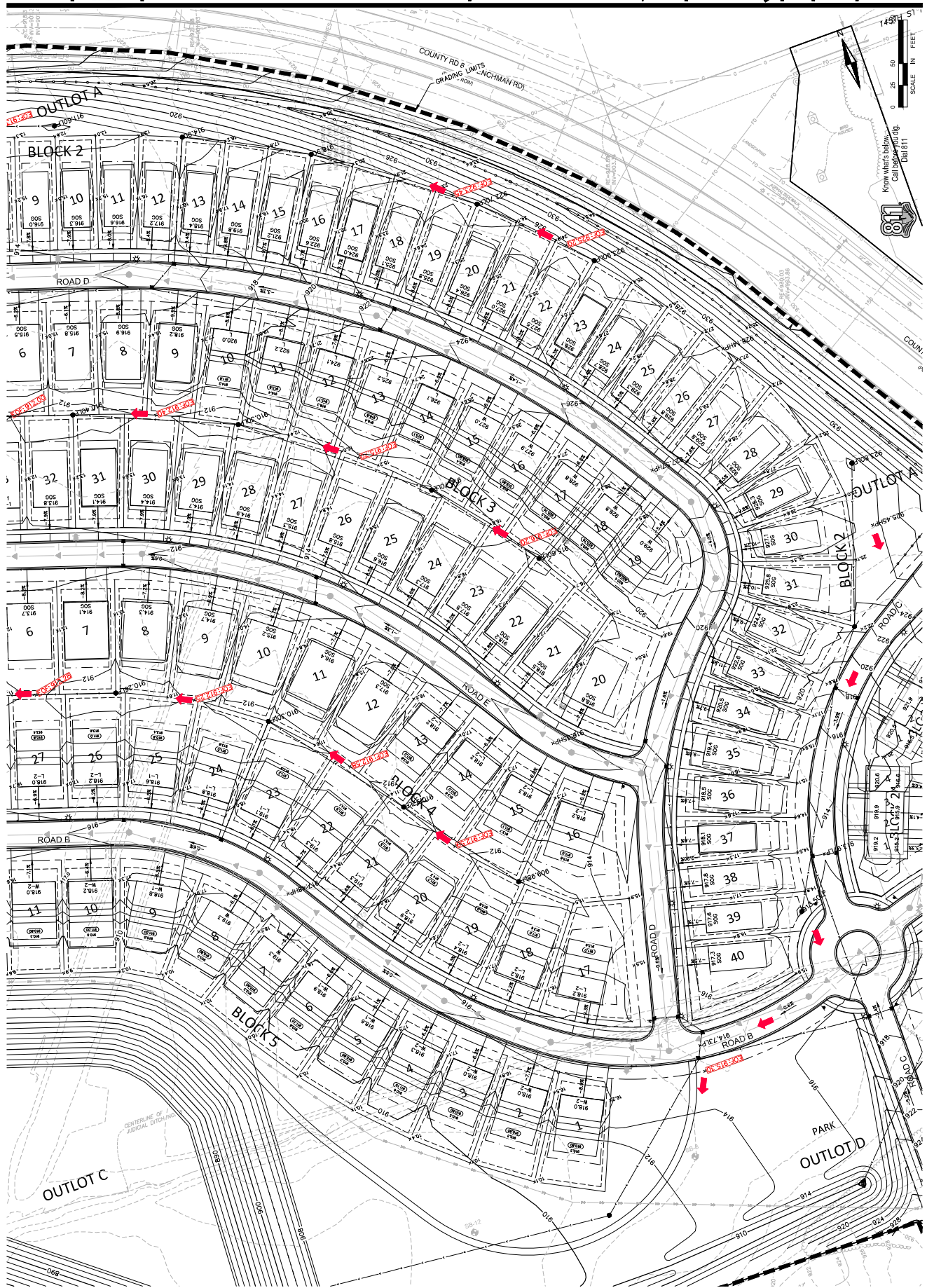
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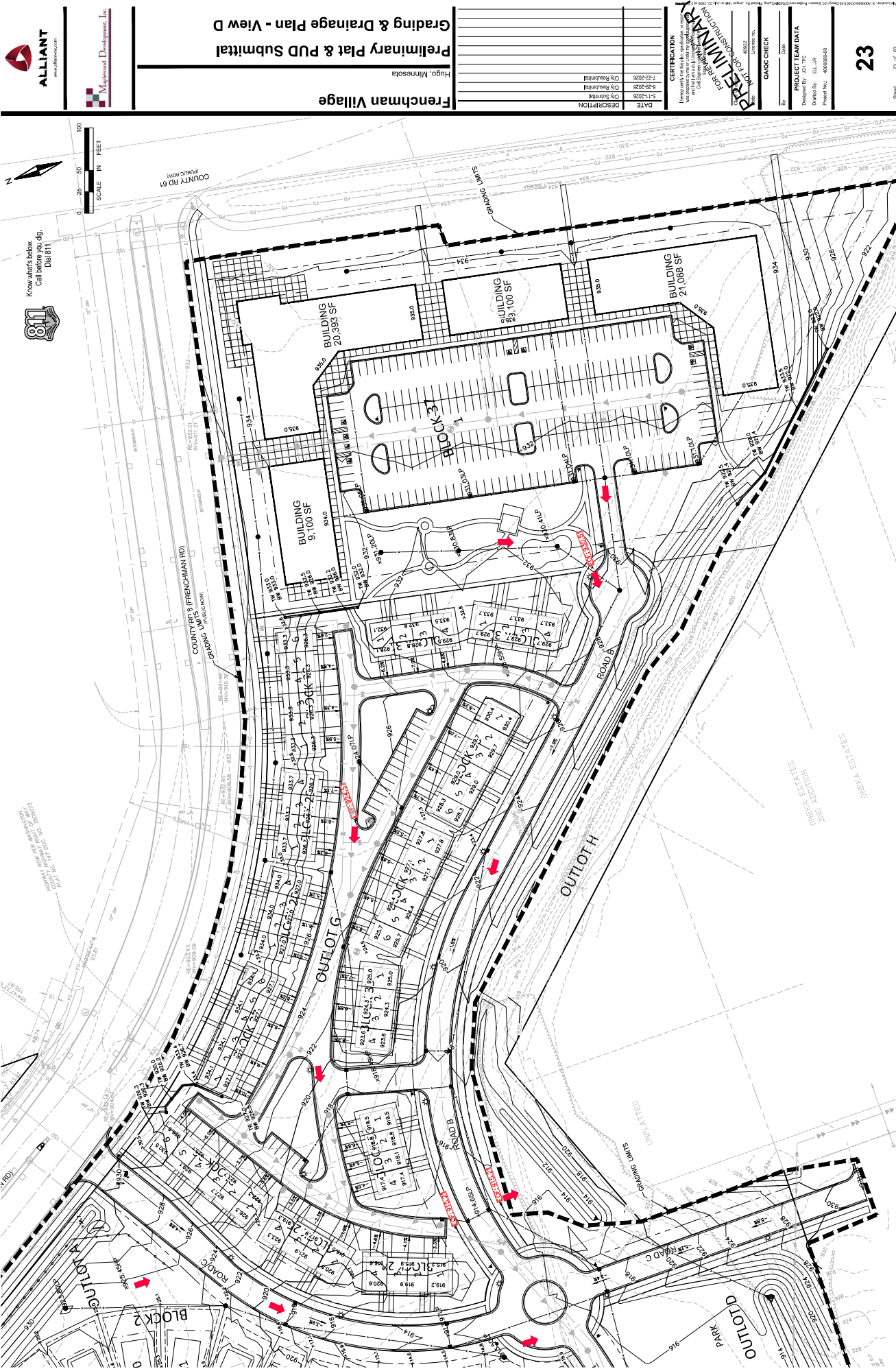


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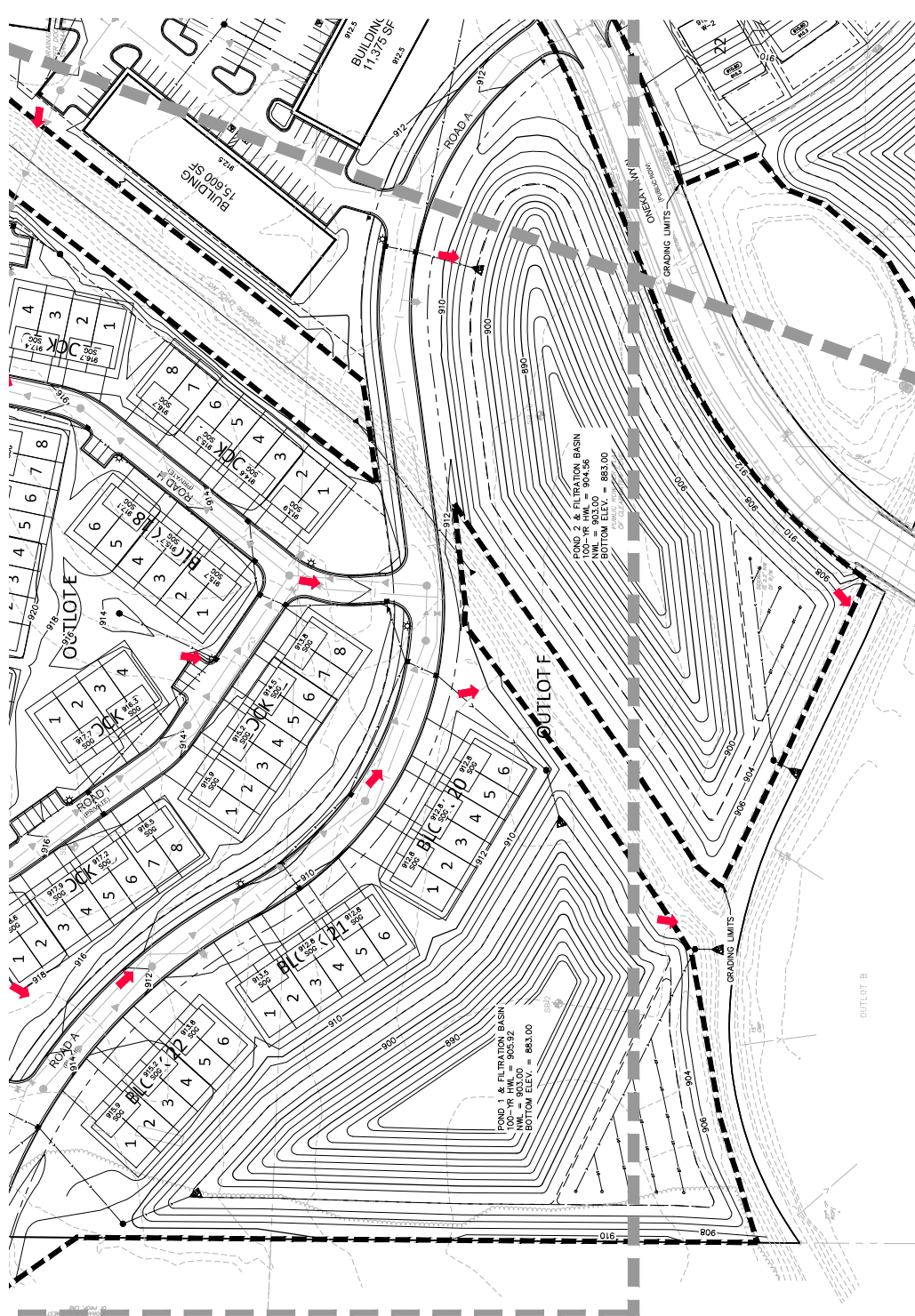
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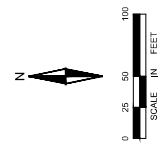
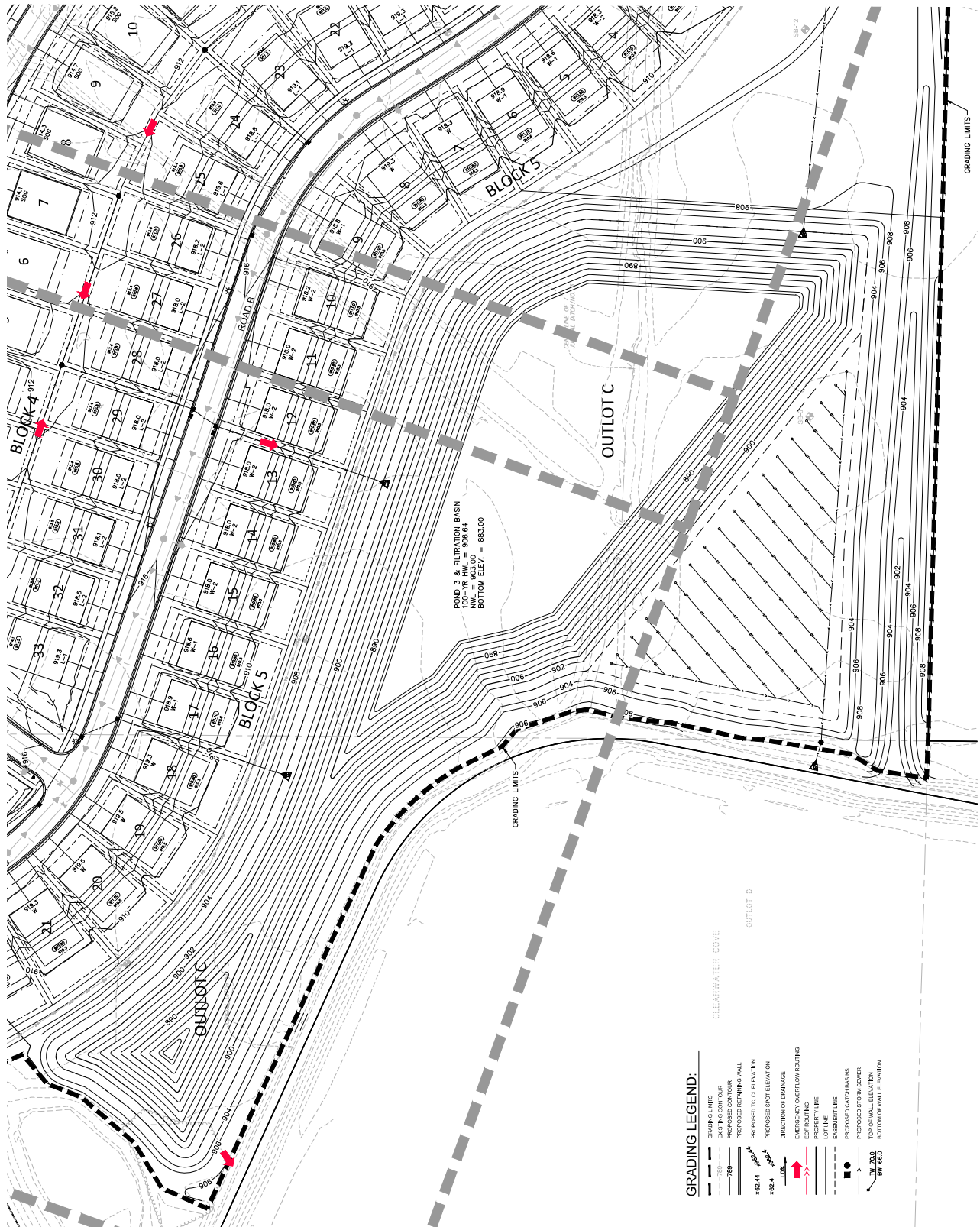
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RESOLUTION NO. 2026-11

RICE CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT BOARD OF MANAGERS AS PUBLIC DRAINAGE AUTHORITY

FINDINGS AND ORDER ACCEPTING PETITION AND APPOINTING ENGINEER

Manager _____ offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Manager _____:

FINDINGS

1. SPQR Hugo, LLC, ("Petitioner") has petitioned the Board of Managers of the Rice Creek Watershed District (RCWD), Drainage Authority for Anoka-Washington Judicial Ditch 3 Branch 2 (AWJD 3 Branch 2), to realign a portion of AWJD 3 Branch 2 for the purpose of a mixed-use commercial/residential development of property.
2. The action requested by Petitioner is re-alignment of the drainage system under Section 103E.227 with partial abandonment of the remnants under Section 103E.806.
3. The RCWD's action on the petition is governed by Minnesota Statutes, sections 103E.227 and 103E.806. The Petitioner has provided \$10,000 cash deposit bond. The petition is accompanied by exhibits showing the location of the realignment, and plans and specifications for the proposed ditch route, configuration and materials. In all respects, the petition appears complete.
4. Based on the foregoing findings, the RCWD Board of Managers makes the following:

ORDER

- A. The Board of Managers accepts the petition and appoints Houston Engineering to investigate the effect of the proposed realignment and file a report of findings.
- B. The engineer is directed to evaluate stormwater modeling of the proposed development and the hydrologic condition in the realigned public drainage system.
- C. The Engineer is directed to include in its investigation an assessment of effects from the realignment on benefitted property owners of the public drainage system.
- D. The Engineer is further directed to provide the Board with information related to the lifecycle costs of future maintenance of the proposed modifications of the public drainage system.
- E. This order is not an approval of the realignment or partial abandonment proceedings,

nor does it modify the drainage system. Subsequent proceedings on the petition will occur consistent with the requirements of Minnesota Statutes, sections 103E.227 and 103E.806.

The question was on the adoption of the Resolution 2026-11 and there were ___ yeas and ___ nays as follows:

	<u>Yea</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
BRADLEY	☐	☐	☐	☐
WALLER	☐	☐	☐	☐
ROBERTSON	☐	☐	☐	☐
WEINANDT	☐	☐	☐	☐
HEGLAND	☐	☐	☐	☐

Upon vote, the Chair declared the Findings and Order _____.

Janet Hegland, Secretary

Dated: August 24, 2026

* * * * *

I, Janet Hegland, Secretary of the Rice Creek Watershed District, do hereby certify that I have compared the above resolution with the original thereof as the same appears of record and on file with the District and find the same to be a true and correct transcript thereof.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand this 24th day of August, 2026.

Janet Hegland, Secretary

ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

3. Anoka County Ditch 10-22-32 Repair Alternative 4 (Tom Schmidt)

MEMORANDUM

Rice Creek Watershed District



Date: August 13, 2026
To: RCWD Board of Managers
From: Tom Schmidt, Drainage & Facilities Manager
Subject: Anoka County Ditch 10-22-32 Repair Alternative 4

Introduction

The agenda item is consideration of Anoka County Ditch 10-22-32 (ACD 10-22-32) Repair Alternative 4.

Background

At the June 22, 2026, Special Board Workshop, the Board reviewed the history of ACD 10-22-32, maintenance and repair work completed, and detail of Alternative 4. "Alternative 4" is one of five alternatives that were evaluated within prior studies to attempt to address drainage concerns of benefitting landowners of ACD 10-22-32 north of Pine St. / W. Pine St. Components of this alternative include lowering culverts under Jodrell Street and a private driveway referred to as "137th ST.) The Board continues to consider whether to proceed with Alternative 4. The June 22, 2026, meeting minutes state: "The Board identified the need to bring this item to a meeting to consider whether to proceed with Alternative 4 before presenting the Board direction to municipalities and county."

The ACD 10-22-32 repairs to date and continued maintenance provide functional drainage consistent with the systems As Constructed Subsequently Improved Condition (ACSIC). The public process and decision under Mn Statute 103E provides for the drainage authority to consider any future substantiated data in its management of the drainage systems.

The Board's decision provides information to proceed in the public process. A future public hearing provides for all parties (landowners, municipal and county elected and staff representatives) to address the Board for the record. This step memorializes comments, the Board's consideration of the issue, and is the basis for its decision with findings and order.

Staff Recommendation

As the study/report identify no monetizable benefit can be determined by the implementation of Alternative 4 (as compared to the current condition – Alternative 3), staff continue to recommend *not* proceeding with Alternative 4.

Proposed Motion

Manager _____ moves to (proceed/not proceed) with Alternative 4. Seconded by Manager _____.

Attachments

- ACD 10-22-32 Alternative 4 update _Final

Technical Memorandum

To: Nick Tomczik, Administrator
Rice Creek Watershed District

Cc: Tom Schmidt, Public Drainage and Facilities Manager, RCWD

From: Chris Otterness, PE

Subject: ACD 10-22-32 Alternative 4

Date: December 22, 2025

HEI Project #: R005555-0080

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide the Rice Creek Watershed District (District) with an update on potential benefits and costs of the “Alternative 4” repair to ACD 10-22-32.

Introduction / Background

On January 23, 2023, Houston Engineering, Inc. (HEI) issued a report entitled Anoka County Ditch 10-22-32 Evaluation of Maintenance Alternatives which evaluated five different repair alternatives (including a “do-nothing” alternative) along the portion of the ACD 10-22-32 Main Trunk north of West Pine Street. One of the alternatives, referred to as “Alternative 4”, represents the restoration of all the culverts within this portion of the ditch to the as-constructed and subsequently improved condition (ACSIC) grade.

Following presentation of the results of the report at a public information meeting, the Board of Managers directed staff and the District Engineer to proceed with further vetting of Alternative 4 while continuing to prioritize and complete maintenance along the entire drainage system. The first step of vetting Alternative 4 included engagement with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) on public waters permitting implications. During this engagement, additional precision was required in the hydrologic/hydraulic modeling of alternatives to facilitate the DNR evaluation of potential impacts. Based on this modeling, DNR then provided an opinion of likely impacts of Alternative 4 (approximately 7.3 acres) and resulting mitigation requirements. A technical memorandum dated September 3, 2024 by HEI summarized the cost of Alternative 4 including mitigation and permitting and described the extent of benefit provided.

RCWD staff and the District Engineer have completed other maintenance activities over the last two years to advance drainage restoration north of West Pine Street. These activities, which are

consistent with “Alternative 3” in the 1/23/23 report, included: 1) the lowering of the culvert under West Pine Street to the ACSIC grade; 2) the lowering of the 137th Ave. (Rybak driveway) culvert to the DNR permitted elevation; and 3) clean-out of the channel from Jodrell St. to West Pine Street to the ACSIC grade. The lowering of the West Pine Street culvert was one of the three activities envisioned in the Alternative 4 repair (lowering of the 137th Ave. and Jodrell St culverts being the other two activities).

Because of these recent maintenance efforts and the updated modeling, it is prudent to reevaluate the effects of Alternative 4 prior to proceeding further with implementing Alternative 4. This report provides an updated estimation of benefits and costs of Alternative 4

Alternative 4 Hydrologic Affects

The ACD 10-22-32 hydrologic and hydraulic (SWMM) model was updated to reflect recent maintenance efforts north of West Pine Street and compared to Alternative 4. The following is a summary of the hydraulic impact of Alternative 4 on the 2-year and 10-year rainfall events:

Table 1: Peak Water Surface Elevations¹ Under Existing² and Alternative 4 Conditions³ (feet)

Location	2-year Rainfall			10-year Rainfall		
	Existing	Alt. 4	Change	Existing	Alt.4	Change
Field crossing on P. Wagamon property	901.2	901.2	0.0	902.1	902.1	0.0
Upstream (east) of Jodrell St.	900.6	900.2	-0.4	901.2	900.9	-0.3
Upstream (north) of Rybak driveway (137 th Ave.)	900.4	900.2	-0.2	900.8	900.8	0.0
Upstream (north) of field crossing on Martin property	899.7	900.0	+0.3	900.5	900.6	<0.1
Upstream (north) of W. Pine St.	898.8	898.8	0.0	899.2	899.3	<0.1

The relative change in water surface elevation resulting from Alternative 4 is similar to the relative change identified in prior reports comparing Alternative 3 to Alternative 4. The areas with reduced water surface elevations are entirely within mapped Public Waters. These affected lands are subject to restriction due to their status as Public Waters, and their status as a Public Water would not be

¹ All elevations provided herein are based on North American Vertical Datum of 1988 (NAVD 88)

² “Existing Conditions” is updated in this table to include maintenance activities including lowering of the W. Pine Street and Rybak driveway culverts.

³ Both Existing Conditions and Alternative 4 include updated storage information not included in the 1/23/23 memorandum

changed by implementing Alternative 4. As such, Alternative 4 will not enable a change in the functional use of the land, and in the opinion of the Engineer, both the physical and financial benefit of implementing Alternative 4 is negligible.

Cost of Repair

Cost of Alternative 4 were estimated in the 9/3/24 memorandum, using present (2024) values. Costs have been updated for 2026 values, assuming a 3% annual inflationary increase, as shown in **Table 2**.

Table 2: Anticipated Costs for Lowering 137th and Jodrell St. Culverts

Category	Cost
Construction	\$85,000
Construction Engineering	\$27,000
EAW	\$27,000
Rare species survey	\$21,000
DNR Regulatory coordination	\$21,000
Legal/staff time	\$5,000
Total	\$186,000

Per MN Rule 4410.4300 Subp. 27A, an environmental assessment worksheet (EAW) is required for any projects that change the course, current, or cross-section of more than one acre of public water. As the DNR identified that Alternative 4, will impact more than one acre of public water, they confirmed that an EAW must be completed prior to their permit review. It has not yet been determined that a rare species survey will be required. However, based on correspondence with DNR regarding construction activities in nearby locations, a rare species survey is a potential (if not likely) requirement of permit review.

Besides engineering and consultant cost, the DNR has indicated that a permit likely will require 14.6 acres of replacement credits from a BWSR-approved wetland bank. Market value of replacement credits is approximately \$100,000 per credit.

Process

To date, the Board of Managers' ordered repairs have all included hydrologic data and impact considerations from which to balance its cost benefit analysis. Examples include repairs to JD 4, ACD 31, ACD 46, and multiple branches of ACD 53-62. The JD 3 repairs included consideration of Hugo's 157th Street culvert and conflicts between a utility line and the ACSIC grade. In that repair, the cost to lower the utilities and culvert were compared to the change in peak water levels in the

ditch and the potential value to the benefiting landowners. The Board's decision in that case was that the relatively small footprint of affected lands and the value provided by reducing peak water levels upstream was insignificant, resulting in minimal if any impact on land use by the landowners. For nearly every public drainage system repair completed in recent history, the Board of Managers has deviated from the ACSIC in one or more locations to alleviate challenges with existing infrastructure, avoid regulatory impediment, and foremost to be good fiscal stewards of public funds.

Should the Board elect to proceed with Alternative 4, a phased approach would be necessary to ensure that costs are not encumbered that are unnecessary; for instance, if a rare species survey is not required; if the RCWD cannot obtain permission for access for the rare species survey; if DNR determines that Alternative 4 is non-permittable; or if the outcome of proposed work will not result in tangible benefit. Under a phased approach, the Board of Managers may consider and stop the process should the developing information undermine its rationale. Statutory and regulatory thresholds are significant in consideration of such projects. The District's attorney identified these thresholds in the 9/3/2024 memorandum as follows:

The Board's consideration of repair options for ACD 10-22-32 involves several requirements of the drainage code and other law. Repair and maintenance obligations under the drainage code require the Board to consider whether "the repairs recommended are necessary for the best interests of the affected property owners". (103E.705 and .715). Affected property owners include all owners of property benefitted by the drainage system and responsible for costs of the drainage system.

The Board must also consider "conservation of soil, water, wetlands, forests, wild animals, and related natural resources, and to other public interests affected, together with other material matters as provided by law in determining whether the project will be of public utility, benefit, or welfare". (103E.015, subd. 2).

"Public welfare" or "public benefit" includes an act or thing that tends to improve or benefit the general public, either as a whole or as to any particular community or part, including works contemplated by [the drainage code], that drain or protect roads from overflow, protect property from overflow, or reclaim and render property suitable for cultivation that is normally wet and needing drainage or subject to overflow. (103E.005, subd. 27).

The phrase, "other material matters as provided by law" implicates environmental policies and procedures of the state. One requirement, in particular, is the least impact alternative requirement found in the Minnesota Environmental Policy Act (MEPA), statutes chapter 116D. No state action significantly affecting the quality of the environment shall be allowed, nor shall any permit for natural resources management and development be granted, where such action or permit has caused or is likely to cause pollution, impairment, or destruction of the air, water, land or other natural resources located within the state, so long as there is a

feasible and prudent alternative consistent with the reasonable requirements of the public health, safety, and welfare and the state's paramount concern for the protection of its air, water, land and other natural resources from pollution, impairment, or destruction. (116D.04, subd. 6).

Another material consideration is the State's water policy -- it is in the public interest to preserve the wetlands of the state to conserve surface waters, maintain and improve water quality, preserve wildlife habitat, reduce runoff, provide for floodwater retention, reduce stream sedimentation, contribute to improved subsurface moisture, enhance the natural beauty of the landscape, and promote comprehensive and total water management planning. (103A.202).

Finally, in considering the scope and extent of repair, the courts recognize additional considerations and obligations. Drainage Authorities have an obligation to maintain ditches in a manner consistent with the policies established by the legislature in various environmental laws.

A clear articulation of this obligation was provided by the Court of Appeals in case brought by McLeod County, in its capacity as drainage authority, against the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

*The Minnesota Supreme Court has stated: Once a ditch system is established, the order creating it constitutes a judgment in rem. * * * Thereafter, every owner of land who has recovered damages or been assessed for benefits has a property right in the maintenance of the ditch in the same condition as it was when originally established. Fischer v. Town of Albin, 258 Minn. 154, 156, 104 N.W.2d 32, 34 (Minn.1960) (quoting Petition of Jacobson v. Kandiyohi County, 234 Minn. 296, 299, 48 N.W.2d 441, 444 (1951)).*

Thus, the landowners have a right to have the ditch maintained, and it is the [drainage authority] that must undertake the maintenance. However, as a political subdivision of the state, the [drainage authority] has a greater duty than does a private individual to see that legislative policy is carried out. As a creature of the state deriving its sovereignty from the state, the [drainage authority] should play a leadership role in carrying out legislative policy. County of Freeborn v. Bryson, 309 Minn. 178, 188, 243 N.W.2d 316, 321 (Minn.1976). Therefore, when the [drainage authority] undertakes the maintenance of a ditch, pursuant to statute, "it must do so in a way that is consistent with the objectives of the statute and other announced state policies." Kasch v. Clearwater County, 289 N.W.2d 148, 151 (Minn.1980).

*The supreme court has stated that Aldo Leopold's " 'land ethic simply enlarges the boundaries of the community to include * * * the land.' " In re Application of Christenson, 417 N.W.2d 607, 615 (Minn.1987) (quoting Bryson, 309 Minn. at 189, 243 N.W.2d at 322). The court has reaffirmed that the state's environmental legislation had given this land ethic the force of law, and imposed on the courts a duty to support the legislative goal of protecting our state's environmental resources. Vanishing wetlands require, even more today than in 1976 when Bryson was decided, the protection and preservation that environmental legislation was intended to provide. Id. Thus, the county has an obligation to maintain the ditch in a manner consistent with the policies established by the legislature in the Act.*

McLeod Cnty. Bd. of Com'rs as Drainage Authority for McLeod Cnty. Ditch No. 8 v. State, Dept. of Natural Resources, 549 N.W.2d 630, 633–34 (Minn.App., 1996)

In the process of applying all of the above considerations and obligations, courts have concluded that the drainage authority, has discretion to determine the manner in which the ditch will be maintained – including the scope and extent of repair. Slama v. Pine Cnty., No. A07-1091, 2008 WL 1972914 (Minn. Ct. App. May 6, 2008).

ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

4. HEI Task Order 2026-012 – 2026 District Wide Modeling Program
Annual Updates (Nick Tomczik)

MEMORANDUM

Rice Creek Watershed District



Date: August 17, 2026
To: RCWD Board of Managers
From: Nick Tomczik, Administrator
Subject: Houston Engineering Task Order 2026-012 – 2026 District Wide Modeling Program Annual Updates

Introduction

Rice Creek Watershed District maintains a District Wide Modeling Program (DWMP). Annually, the District maintains the DWMP, this is that task order.

Background

The District DWMP is a foundational tool in the completion of District work. The District annually maintains the RCWD's products through new data informing the hydrology and hydraulic models. The DWMP maintenance debugs issues and maintains the tool's accuracy. The program also includes assistance to cities in their efforts with Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to utilize the best information available regarding flood risk and its incorporation into FEMA maps. The effort this year includes a lake level frequency analysis of Howard Lake and potential conversion of modeling software.

Staff Recommendation

Staff support the maintenance and updates to the DWMP as well as lake level frequency analysis and potential software conversion.

Proposed Motion

Motion to approve and authorize administrator to sign Houston Engineering Task Order 2026 – 012, 2026 District wide modeling program annual updates.

Attachment

Houston Engineering Task Order 2026 – 012

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Task Order No. 2026-012
Rice Creek Watershed District



2026 District Wide Modeling Program Annual Updates

RCWD Administrative Information:

Account No.: 35-04
Account Name: DWMP Annual Updates

Houston Engineering Project No.: R005555-0379

Task Order Purpose:

The purpose of this task order is to provide maintenance of the RCWD's products developed through the District Wide Modeling Program (DWMP) for the 2026 calendar year and to assist the District in technical support to its partner Cities in utilizing the District Wide Model. These products were originally completed in 2011 and updated annually since then, including a major update in 2019/2020 completed in conjunction with the DNR and FEMA. The products include a variety of GIS data, input data, and results from hydrology, hydraulic, and water quality models. This task order is focused primarily on maintaining information needed by the hydrology and hydraulic models but also includes some time working with partner cities in utilizing the District Wide Model in their floodplain manager roles. Tasks will be performed according to the RCWD District Wide Model Update Procedure (see Attachment A).

Professional Services Rendered:

HEI intends to provide the following professional services during the completion of this Task Order:

1. Permit staff (both HEI and RCWD) are responsible for identifying changes to subwatershed boundaries, public drainage systems, and road and bridge structures authorized by a RCWD permit. A set of fields in the permit database (MS4Front) is used to flag permits that include these changes. Annually specific information on these permits is to be provided to Bret Zimmerman.
2. HEI staff are responsible for identifying changes to subwatershed boundaries, public drainage systems, and road and bridge structures resulting from projects completed by the District Engineer.
3. RCWD staff are responsible for identifying changes to subwatershed boundaries, public drainage systems, and road and bridge structures, authorized through a District funded project or as completed by other consultants.
4. Cities with Level 2 permitting authority are responsible for identifying changes to regional stormwater management not requiring an RCWD permit.
5. Changes identified by RCWD & HEI staff and Level 2 cities will be logged in a spreadsheet and accumulated for revision. This spreadsheet will be located in the

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2026 District Wide Modeling Program Annual Updates

Model Library. Actual model modifications will occur as part of future model use. Subwatershed boundary changes will be reviewed to determine whether they materially affect the current model.

6. The models will be executed, and remapping will occur to reflect subwatershed boundary changes and changes to structures.
7. Throughout the year, model de-bugging is required. Additional detail may be added to the model(s) to facilitate permit analysis which required de-bugging and confirmation of results throughout the model. In some instances, this time is more appropriate to be considered model maintenance than pre-permit application assistance.
8. While Task 1 includes soliciting staff for changes to incorporate into the models, there are several known changes and/or surveys that occurred prior to 2026 that will be incorporated. The known changes include:
 - Catchment boundary revisions near upstream end of JD 3 Branch 4.
 - Catchment boundary revisions near RCD 4 / Little Johanna.
 - Additional model detail in the RCD 235 model based on updates for the Jones Lake project.
 - Incorporate ARJD 1 channel survey data from 2025.
 - Mirror Lake outlet updates based on as-builts received in 2026.
9. There is one lake that is due for an updated lake level frequency analysis as detailed in the DWMP Update Procedure (Attachment A). Lakes with fewer than 30 years of historical data are to be updated every 5 years and lakes with greater than 30 years of historical data need updating every 10 years. Howard Lake meets the criteria for updating the frequency analysis.

Deliverables:

The deliverables for the Task Order consist of a maintained Model Library and updates to model output data on the District's GIS web applications.

Schedule and Compensation:

HEI recommends a budget in the amount of **\$30,000** for engineering services described within this task order. HEI shall not exceed this amount for the completion of this work without prior authorization. Services will be performed as needed from January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026. An update to the DWMP, including republishing floodplain mapping and flood elevations to the Districts GIS viewers will be completed by **12/31/2026**.

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2026 District Wide Modeling Program Annual Updates

Assumptions:

The estimated compensation for the execution of the tasks identified within the "Professional Services Rendered" section of this Task Order is based upon the following assumptions:

1. Information related to subwatershed boundary changes and structures obtained from permit reviews completed by the RCWD will be forwarded to the District Engineer.
2. Modeling will require approximately 12 hours of debugging results from issues brought forward by District staff or permit applicants.

SIGNATURES:

The services described by this Task Order are being provided in accordance with the Professional Services Agreement between the Rice Creek Watershed District and Houston Engineering dated May 14, 2008, as amended and extended. This **Task Order** shall be effective **January 1, 2026**, as authorized by the signatures of representatives of the Rice Creek Watershed District and Houston Engineering, Inc.

Rice Creek Watershed District

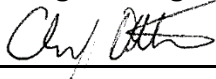
By: _____

Name: Nick Tomczik

Title: Administrator

Date: _____

Houston Engineering, Inc.

By: 

Name: Chris Otterness

Title: District Engineer

Date: August 14, 2026

ATTACHMENT A

RCWD District Wide Model Update Procedure

The following is an outline for a working policy for updating the DWMP products

General Policies

1. Working copies of the model will be kept in "working copy" folder in the District Wide Modeling Library
2. All work done according to RCWD standards.
3. "Official" models will be kept in District Wide Modeling Library
4. Only "Official" District Wide Modeling Products will be distributed external to the District
 - a. A fully-executed license agreement must be received prior to distribution of model files
 - b. Model results and GIS data do not require a license agreement prior to distribution
5. Prior to the working model becoming the "official" model, will go through internal QA / QC
 - a. Check "calibration" (e.g., if Rice Creek chain of lakes check against frequency analysis)
 - b. Use tolerance to assess magnitude of change (e.g., ± 0.25 feet)
 - i. Tolerance would have to be cumulative through time
 - ii. If more than tolerance make sure work is double checked

Schedule of Updates

1. Working Models will continue to be updated throughout the year, as necessary / needed.
2. "Official" District Wide Modeling Products will be updated at the following schedule:
 - a. Official Hydraulic Models (HEC-RAS & SWMM):
 - i. Once per year for model changes that affect peak flood elevations 0.5' or less
 - ii. Immediately following QA/QC review for model changes that affect peak flood elevations more than 0.5'
 - b. Official floodplain polygons:
 - i. Update once per year for drainage systems with "major" change
 - ii. Update entire watershed polygon once every three years
 - c. Lake frequency analysis
 - i. Update lake level analysis within 2 years of the occurrence of a highest-known-exceedance event on a given lake
 - ii. Update frequency analysis every 5 years for lakes with a record 30 years or less
 - iii. Update all frequency analyses every 10 years
 - d. Official water quality (P8) models
 - i. Update once per year for drainage system with a "major" change (likely a substantial change in storage e.g. Hansen Park)
 - ii. Update every five years for drainage system under substantial development

Procedure for Annual Updates

1. District Engineer will prepare a task order each January for annual model updates. The schedule for the update will be indicated within the task order.

ATTACHMENT A

2. Modeling Lead will email RCWD permit staff lead, HEI permit staff lead, HEI project staff, and Level 2 municipalities (those taking on administration of RCWD rules) to obtain data that may potentially be added to the model. The email will specify the following:
 - i. when the annual update is planned to occur,
 - ii. information needed (see "Data Requested Annually" below),
 - iii. to whom and by when the information is to be provided,
 - iv. a request to specify any items requiring additional review by modeling staff
3. Modeling Lead shall anticipate a one-month response period for receipt of data. However, reminders should be provided two weeks following the initial request, and weekly thereafter until a response is received.
4. Completed Official Modeling Products shall be republished as follows:
 - a. Modeling Lead shall complete brief descriptions of the model names and purpose within the Model File Description Table; and
 - b. Updating the Model Status Table, documenting when changes were made and by who,
 - c. Subwatershed boundary changes and structure changes **shall be provided to GIS Lead** for uploading to RCWD Viewers,
 - d. Updated detailed nodes, approximate nodes, and cross sections is to be published in the RCWD GIS viewers,
 - e. 100-yr floodplain mapping, completed during projects, is to be published in the RCWD GIS viewers, both public and internal. (**project staff provide info to GIS Lead**).

Data Requested Annually for Purposes of District Wide Model Update

- Known changes in the RCWD hydrologic boundary (> 5 acres) resulting from flow redirection
- Change in location, size or geometry of crossings of public drainage systems and named watercourses (i.e. Rice Creek, Hardwood Creek, Clearwater Creek)
- Modifications to public drainage systems
- Regional BMPs
- Permits known to affect RCWD mapped floodplains by more than 0.1' vertically
- Newly surveyed / resurveyed structures along public drainage systems, or along any system conveying runoff from greater than 100 acres
- Newly created detailed models (must be in XP-SWMM format using RCWD standards)
(Note: Permits that meet any of these criteria should be indicated as such in the "Modifications" section of the Review Status tab in the RCWD Permit Database)

Format of Data (provided in a spreadsheet)

- General Location
- Description of Work (include scale of project i.e. acreage)
- Type (from categories above)
- Permit number (if applicable)
- Status as of December 31 (permitted but not built, under construction, completed)
- Public Drainage System (if applicable)

ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

5. Washington Judicial Ditch #2 Ditch Bank Repair (Tom Schmidt)

MEMORANDUM

Rice Creek Watershed District



Date: August 16, 2026
To: RCWD Board of Managers
From: Tom Schmidt, Drainage & Facilities Manager
Subject: Washington Judicial Ditch #2 Ditch Bank Repair

Introduction

The Board is asked to approve a public drainage system maintenance work order for ditch bank repair/stabilization, on Washington Judicial Ditch #2 (WJD #2) for Dunaway Construction.

Background

The District while removing adjacent Beaver dams discovered a collapsing section ditch bank. Upon inspection Staff determined that the bank was likely to further slough in and fail. Staff contracted with Dunaway Construction for the repair/stabilization of this section of ditch bank, the Board president approved the work under delegated authority. The contractor commenced work and sloughing continued and created need for further, urgent, attention. The work was needed to prevent the loss of a significant section of the south bank, maintenance access, and adjacent pond. The contractor was on site, and familiar with the situation, staff decided to take the necessary steps to prevent additional potential bank loss and to do so in a stabilizing way; that was a complete solution for the situation. The cost of this additional work is \$49,302.45. The section is now stable and traversable for the Drainage authority.

Staff Recommendation

District staff recommends that the board approve the work order, for a cost of \$49,302.45.

Proposed Motion

Manager _____ moves to approve Washington Judicial Ditch #2 work order and the attached invoices for Dunaway Construction, as outlined and directed by staff in District Drainage Department Repair Report #26-051 for a total of \$49,302.45.

Attachments

- RCWD Drainage Department Repair Report #26-051
- Invoice for hydroseeding the disturbed areas for the bank repair/stabilization JD2 in Forest Lake.
- Invoice for additional work for the bank Repair/stabilization JD2 in Forest Lake.

Rice Creek Watershed District DRAINAGE DEPARTMENT REPAIR REPORT

For Staff Documentation & Contractor
Information #26-051



OVERVIEW

Date Repair Was Created:	2026-07-20	Branch:	Main
Problem/Proposed Work:	Additional work to repair and stabilize and Hydro seed the ditch bank and disturbed areas		
Ditch Repair:	Slough, Hydroseed all disturbed areas with appropriate ditch mix		
Tile Repair:			
FEMA Event:	None	FEMA Date:	None

REPAIR LOCATION DETAILS

County:	Washington	Township:	Forest Lake
Twp:	32	Range:	21
Section:	34	Qtr-Qtr Section:	
Latitude:	45.21611763616995	Longitude:	-92.94246679789887
Parcel Number:			
Location Details			

PERSON REQUESTING REPAIR

Rice Creek Watershed District DRAINAGE DEPARTMENT REPAIR REPORT

For Staff Documentation & Contractor Information

Name	Address	Phone
None	4325 Pheasant Ridge Dr. NE, #611	6125975031

LANDOWNER

Name	Address	Phone
None	None	None

STATUS LOG

Action	Date	Initials	Notes
In Progress	08/14/2026	tschmidt	None

DRAINAGE AUTHORITY ACTIONS

Action	Date	Board Date	Initials	Notes
For Payment	2026-08-24	2025-06-23	tschmidt	None

REPAIR ESTIMATES

Order	Date	Contractor	Total Cost	Notes
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REPAIR INVOICES

Order	Date	Contractor	%Complete	Total Cost	Notes
2	2026-08-14	Dunaway Construction	100.00	6000	Hydro seeding
1	2026-08-14	Dunaway Construction	100.00	40000	None

INSPECTION LOG

Date	Initials	Notes
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DUNAWAY CONSTRUCTION

**17149 Notre Dame Street NE
Forest Lake, Minnesota 55025
Phone/Fax: 651-464-1985**

August 13, 2026

Rice Creek Watershed District
4325 Pheasant Ridge Drive NE #611
Blaine, MN 55449

Re: Invoice for hydroseeding the disturbed areas from the straightening and reinforcing pilings
for bank stabilization JD2 in Forest Lake

Hydroseed up to 1500 square yards of disturbed soil @ \$4.00/SY

Total amount due	\$6,000.00
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Respectfully,

Dunaway Construction
Kyle Dunaway

DUNAWAY CONSTRUCTION

17149 Notre Dame Street NE
Forest Lake, Minnesota 55025
Phone/Fax: 651-464-1985

August 14, 2026

Rice Creek Watershed District
4325 Pheasant Ridge Drive NE #611
Blaine, MN 55449

Re: Additional work and mat rental Invoice for straightening and reinforcing pilings for bank stabilization JD2 in Forest Lake

8 additional days onsite @ \$5,000.00	\$40,000.00
Mat rental fees	<u>\$ 3,302.45</u>
Total due upon receipt	\$43,302.45

Respectfully,
Dunaway Construction
Neil Dunaway

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6. Anoka County Ditch 53-62 Branches 5 & 6 Repair – Final Pay Request (Tom Schmidt)

MEMORANDUM

Rice Creek Watershed District



Date: August 14, 2026
To: RCWD Board of Managers
From: Tom Schmidt, Drainage & Facilities Manager
Subject: Anoka County Ditch 53-62 Branches 5 & 6 Repair - Final Pay Request

Introduction

The Board is asked to consider Apex Drainage LLC's final pay request for the Anoka County Ditch 53-62 Branches 5 & 6 (ACD 53-62) Branches 5 and 6 Repair Project and close the contract.

Background

Apex Drainage LLC has completed the Anoka County Ditch 53-62 Branches 5 & 6 public drainage repair work. The contractor has satisfactorily completed several outstanding contract items, and final stabilization is now established on site. The repairs are now complete. The District Engineer has verified the work results. The District Engineer will provide, at the meeting, a brief PowerPoint presentation on the repair project.

The final payment is in the amount of \$18,859.75.

Staff concur with the District Engineer's recommendation (attached) that the pay request is accurate and ready for approval. The recommended payment is the last and final payment, releasing all retainage. Once issued, the District holds no additional retainage on the project.

Staff Recommendation

District staff recommend that the final payment of \$18,859.75 be issued to Apex Drainage LLC, as detailed in the HEI Memorandum.

Proposed Motion

Manager _____ moves to approve Apex Drainage LLC's final pay request as submitted and certified by the District Engineer and directs staff to issue payment of \$18,859.75, seconded by Manager _____.

Attachments

- HEI Memorandum Anoka County Ditch 53-62 Branches 5 & 6 Repair – Final Payment, dated August 3, 2026.
- Anoka County Ditch 53-62 Branches 5 & 6 Repair Final Payment Certification

Technical Memorandum

To: Nick Tomczik, RCWD
Tom Schmidt, RCWD
From: Adam Nies, PE
Subject: ACD 53-62 Branch 5 and 6 Repair Final Payment
Date: August 3, 2026
Project: 5555-0365

The purpose of this memorandum is to recommend Final Payment to Apex Drainage LLC for the ACD 53-62 Branches 5 and 6 Repair.

Repair Update

Following a final site walk on 7/22/2026, there were a few remaining contract items required by the Contractor to resolve. On 7/31/2026, the Contractor returned to the site to address the remaining items and has completed all work including final punch list items. Release of retainage is recommended at this time with the fulfillment and completion of the contract.

Payment Application Review

We have reviewed the materials submitted by Apex Drainage LLC. We have verified the items for which payment has been requested have been completed.

The following is a summary of payment:

Work Completed to Date:	\$ 225,744.58	
Less 0% retainage:	\$ 0	(release all retainage for final payment)
Less previous payments:	\$ 206,884.83	
Pay Request for this estimate:	\$ 18,859.75	

A detailed summary of work completed, and final payment certification are attached. The lien waivers and IC-134 forms provided from the contractor are attached.

Recommendation

We recommend authorization of Final Payment in the amount of \$18,859.75 to Apex Drainage LLC for work completed under this pay request.



HEI Project No. 5555-0365
 Project: ACD 53-62 Branch 5 & 6 Repair
 Location: Blaine, Minnesota
 Contractor: Apex Drainage LLC

PAY ESTIMATE

PAY ESTIMATE #:	3
SUBMITTED:	6/1/2026
BEGIN DATE:	6/1/2026
END DATE:	7/31/2026

ITEM NO.	DESCRIPTION	UNIT	CONTRACT			CURRENT PAY ESTIMATE		PAY ESTIMATES TO DATE	
			QUANTITY	PRICE	AMOUNT	QUANTITY	AMOUNT	QUANTITY	AMOUNT
Contract Items									
1	MOBILIZATION	LS	1	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	0	\$ 2,500.00	1	\$ 25,000.00
2	EXCAVATION OF EXISTING CHANNEL (P)	LN FT	12,104	\$ 7.00	\$ 84,728.00	0	\$ -	12104	\$ 84,728.00
3	SPOIL MANAGEMENT (P)	LN FT	12,104	\$ 2.75	\$ 33,286.00	1,210	\$ 3,328.60	12104	\$ 33,286.00
4	CLEARING, CHIPPING & REMOVAL (P)	ACRE	10	\$ 4,250.00	\$ 42,500.00	1	\$ 4,250.00	10	\$ 42,500.00
5	REMOVE & DISPOSE OF IN PLACE CULVERT	EACH	1	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	0	\$ -	1	\$ 2,500.00
6	SEEDING & MULCH (P)	ACRE	10	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 26,000.00	10	\$ 26,000.00	10	\$ 26,000.00
7	CONSTRUCTION FENCE	LN FT	1250	\$ 4.00	\$ 5,000.00	625	\$ 2,500.00	1250	\$ 5,000.00
FO #2									
	EXCAVATION OF EXISTING CHANNEL (P)	LN FT	400	\$ 7.00	\$ 2,800.00	0	\$ -	400	\$ 2,800.00
	SPOIL MANAGEMENT (P)	LN FT	400	\$ 2.75	\$ 1,100.00	0	\$ -	400	\$ 1,100.00
	CLEARING, CHIPPING & REMOVAL (P)	ACRE	0.4	\$ 4,250.00	\$ 1,756.20	0	\$ -	0.4	\$ 1,756.20
	SEEDING & MULCH (P)	ACRE	0.4	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 1,074.38	0.4	\$ 1,074.38	0.4	\$ 1,074.38
Totals			\$ 219,014.00			\$ 39,652.98		\$ 225,744.58	
Contract Amount					\$ 219,014.00				
Field Order / Change Order Amount					\$ 6,730.58				
Work Completed						\$ 39,652.98		\$ 225,744.58	



Contractor Affidavit Submitted

Thank you, your Contractor Affidavit has been approved.

Confirmation Summary

Confirmation Number:	0-921-744-400
Submitted Date and Time:	16-Jul-2026 5:20:08 PM
Legal Name:	APEX DRAINAGE LLC
Social Security Number:	***-**-8596
Type of Request Submitted:	Contractor Affidavit

Affidavit Summary

Affidavit Number:	36728832
Project Owner:	RICE CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT
Project Number:	5555-0365
Project Begin Date:	06-Jan-2026
Project End Date:	29-May-2026
Project Location:	BLAINE, MN
Project Amount:	\$225,744.58
Subcontractors:	No Subcontractors

Important Messages

A copy of this page must be provided to the contractor or government agency that hired you.

Contact Us

If you need further assistance, contact our Withholding Tax Division at 651-282-9999, (toll-free) 800-657-3594, or (email) withholding.tax@state.mn.us. Business hours are Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Central Time.

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Contractor's Final Release and Waiver of Lien

Owner:	<u>Rice Creek Watershed District</u>	Contractor:	<u>Apex Drainage LLC</u>
Project:	<u>ACD 53-62 Br 5 & 6 Repair</u>	Address:	<u>122 State St NE, Glyndon, MN 56547</u>
Address:	<u>4325 Pheasant Ridge Dr NE, Blaine, MN 55449</u>	Completion Date:	<u>5/29/26</u>

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

For good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the undersigned Contractor hereby waives, discharges, and releases any and all liens, claims, and rights to liens against the above-mentioned project, and any and all other property owned by or the title to which is in the name of the above-referenced Owner and against any and all funds of the Owner appropriated or available for the construction of said project, and any and all warrants drawn upon or issued against any such funds, which the undersigned Contractor may have or may hereafter acquire or possess as a result of the furnishing of labor, materials, and/or equipment, and the performance of Work by the Contractor on or in connection with said project, whether under and pursuant to the above-mentioned contract between the Contractor and the Owner pertaining to said project or otherwise, and which said liens, claims or rights of lien may arise and exist.

The undersigned further hereby acknowledges that the sum of **\$225,744.58** constitutes the entire unpaid balance due the undersigned in connection with said project whether under said contract or otherwise and that the payment of said sum to the Contractor will constitute payment in full and will fully satisfy any and all liens, claims, and demands which the Contractor may have or assert against the Owner in connection with said contract or project.

Contractor: Apex Drainage LLC DBA: Apex Companies

Signed: 

Title: Office Manager

Date: 7-16-26

PARTIAL PAY ESTIMATE CERTIFICATION

HEI Project No.
5555-0365

Project: ACD 53-62 Branch 5 & 6 Repair
Location: Blaine, Minnesota

PAYMENT NUMBER: 3

PERIOD OF ESTIMATE:

FROM 6/1/2026 TO 7/30/2026

CONTRACT CHANGE ORDER SUMMARY

Change Orders & Field Orders		AMOUNT	
NO.	DATE	ADDITIONS	DEDUCTIONS
2		\$6,730.58	
TOTALS		\$ 6,730.58	\$ -
NET CHANGE		\$ 6,730.58	

ESTIMATE

1. Original Contract	\$ 219,014.00
2. Change Orders & Field Orders	\$ 6,730.58
3. Revised Contract (1+2)	\$ 225,744.58
4. Work Completed*	\$ 225,744.58
5. Stored Materials*	\$ -
6. Adjustments*	\$ -
7. Subtotal (4+5+6)	\$ 225,744.58
8. Retainage 0.00%	\$ -
9. Previous Payments	\$ 206,884.83
10. Amount Due (7-8-9)	\$ 18,859.75

*Detailed Breakdown Attached if Non-Zero Value

CONTRACTOR'S CERTIFICATION:

The undersigned Contractor certifies, to the best of his/her knowledge, the following:

- (1) All previous progress payments received from Owner on account of Work done under the Contract have been applied on account to discharge Contractor's legitimate obligations incurred in connection with the Work covered by prior Applications for Payment;
- (2) Title to all Work, materials and equipment incorporated in said Work, or otherwise listed in or covered by this Application for Payment, will pass to Owner at time of payment free and clear of all Liens, security interests, and encumbrances (except such as are covered by a bond acceptable to Owner indemnifying Owner against any such Liens, security interest, or encumbrances); and
- (3) All the Work covered by this Application for Payment is in accordance with the Contract Documents and is not defective.

ENGINEER'S RECOMMENDATION:

I have reviewed the progress of the work, and to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, in accordance with the terms of the Contract, the Contractor is entitled to a partial payment in the amount requested.

Contractor:

Apex Drainage LLC

By:

Date:

8-3-26

Engineer:

By:

Date:

HOUSTON
engineering, inc.

Adam Nies

8/3/2026

OWNER'S APPROVAL:

Owner:

Rice Creek Watershed District

By:

Date:

REMIT PAYMENT TO:

Apex Drainage LLC
PO Box 288
122 State Street NE
Glyndon, MN 56547

ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

7. Check Register Dated August 24, 2026, in the Amount of \$359,083.20 and August Interim Financial Statements Prepared by Redpath and Company

Rice Creek Watershed District
Check Register
August 13, 2026 - August 24, 2026
To Be Approved at the August 24, 2026 Board Meeting

Check #	Date	Payee	Description	Amount
27022	08/24/26	Barr Engineering	Engineering	\$898.75
27023	08/24/26	Carp Solutions, LLC	Professional Services	8,880.00
27024	08/24/26	Cardio Partners	Office Supplies	1,558.33
27025	08/24/26	Dunaway Construction	Contracted Services	18,500.00
27026	08/24/26	Joseph Grubbs	Contracted Services	1,040.00
27027	08/24/26	Houston Engineering, Inc.	Engineering	163,165.44
27028	08/24/26	NineNorth	Professional Services	494.00
27029	08/24/26	Premium Waters, Inc.	Meeting Supplies	119.46
27030	08/24/26	Redpath & Company, LLC	Audit & Accounting	2,886.75
27031	08/24/26	RMB Environmental Laboratories, Inc.	Lab Expense	13,201.29
27032	08/24/26	Rymark	Professional Services	8,012.60
27033	08/24/26	Scandia Trucking & Excavating	Contracted Services	10,177.50
27034	08/24/26	Stantec Consulting Services Inc.	Contracted Services	1,441.75
27035	08/24/26	St. Paul Pioneer Press	Legal Notices	1,654.08
27036	08/24/26	TKB Associates, Inc.	Professional Services	1,608.75
27037	08/24/26	We Can Help Outdoors, LLC	Contracted Services	6,600.00
27038	08/24/26	Winnick Supply, Inc.	Construction	2,030.85
11563	08/24/26	Boulder Contracting LLC	Surety Release - #20-013	4,000.00
11564	08/24/26	Java Properties	Surety Release - #20-056	2,000.00
11565	08/24/26	JSN Properties, LLC	Surety Release - #20-073	5,000.00
11566	08/24/26	Sophies, LLC	Surety Release - #22-055	2,500.00
Payroll	08/31/26	August 31st Payroll (estimate)	August 31st Payroll (estimate)	42,821.60
Payroll	08/31/26	Manager Per Diem/Expenses (estimate)	Manager Per Diem/Expenses (estimate)	3,793.75
EFT	07/20/26	Health Equity	Employee Benefits	60.00
EFT	07/29/26	Health Equity	Employee Benefits	60.00
EFT	08/06/26	Health Equity	Employee Benefits	39.00
EFT	08/24/26	Blaine Shopping Center, LLC	September Rent	10,447.03
EFT	08/14/26	Medica	September Employee Benefits	13,279.61
EFT	08/24/26	First Unum Life Insurance Company	September Employee Benefits	782.24
EFT	08/24/26	Delta Dental	September Employee Benefits	1,134.11
EFT	08/24/26	Metronet	Telecommunications	555.57
EFT	08/24/26	Verizon Wireless	Telecommunications	154.08
EFT	08/24/26	Verizon Wireless	Telecommunications	582.22
EFT	08/24/26	Xcel Energy	Telecommunications	130.41
EFT	08/31/26	4M Bank Fee (estimate)	Check/ACH Positive Pay Fee (estimate)	210.45
EFT	08/31/26	Internal Revenue Service (estimate)	8/31 Federal Withholding (estimate)	14,676.10
EFT	08/31/26	Minnesota Revenue (estimate)	8/31 State Withholding (estimate)	2,699.62
EFT	08/31/26	Voya Retirement	8/31 Deferred Compensation	860.00
EFT	08/31/26	Voya Retirement	8/31 Roth IRA	546.35
EFT	08/31/26	Health Equity	8/31 HSA	453.00
EFT	08/31/26	PERA (estimate)	8/31 PERA (estimate)	8,609.36
EFT	08/31/26	Voya Retirement (estimate)	August Health Care Savings (estimate)	1,419.15
Total				<u>\$359,083.20</u>

Rice Creek Watershed District Budget Status Report
Administrative & Program Budget
Fiscal Year 2026
8/31/2026

Combined General & Administrative	Budget Item	Account Number	Original Budget	Budget Adjustment	Current Month Expenses	Year-to-Date Expenses	Current Budget Balance	Percent of Budget
Manager	Per diems	4000	\$33,000.00	-	\$3,125.00	\$18,375.00	\$14,625.00	55.68%
	Manager expenses	4010-4011	11,000.00	-	694.77	2,753.82	8,246.18	25.03%
Employees	Staff salary/taxes/benefits	4100-4140	266,785.00	-	21,538.07	173,329.26	93,455.74	64.97%
	District training & education	4265	8,000.00	-	165.33	965.70	7,034.30	12.07%
	Employee expenses	4320	1,200.00	-	51.47	494.14	705.86	41.18%
Administration/ Office	Office/Meeting/Software	4200-4205	6,626.00	-	510.77	2,446.76	4,179.24	36.93%
	Printing	4208	400	-	-	54.00	346.00	13.50%
	Rent/Office	4210	22,600	-	2,089.41	16,715.28	5,884.72	73.96%
	Telecommunications	4240	4,700	-	311.50	2,454.53	2,245.47	52.22%
	Dues	4245	16,368	-	-	15,297.00	1,071.00	93.46%
	Publications	4250	200	-	-	-	200.00	0.00%
	Insurance	4270	7,600.00	-	-	7,405.40	194.60	97.44%
	Postage	4280	200.00	-	-	25.28	174.72	12.64%
	Legal Notices	4290	1,500.00	-	887.84	887.84	612.16	59.19%
	Recruitment	4340	50.00	-	-	-	50.00	0.00%
	Construction	4600	-	10,142.00	-	3,436.93	6,705.07	33.89%
	Equipment-Computer	4634	250.00	-	-	-	250.00	0.00%
	Office Equipment/Lease	4635	4,200.00	-	276.14	1,231.97	2,968.03	29.33%
	Bank Charges	4910	600.00	-	39.78	340.69	259.31	56.78%
	Sub-Total-Administration:		385,279.00	10,142.00	29,690.08	246,213.60	149,207.40	63.91%
Consultants	Auditor/Accounting	4330	25,000.00	-	1,460.63	14,199.28	10,800.72	56.80%
	Legal	4410	50,000.00	-	3,666.00	19,350.80	30,649.20	38.70%
	Consultants/Professional Serv.	4335-4337	24,000.00	-	1,186.00	7,999.75	16,000.25	33.33%
	Engineering-General	4500	57,000.00	-	3,400.00	26,081.75	30,918.25	45.76%
	Sub-Total-Consultants:		156,000.00	-	9,712.63	67,631.58	88,368.42	43.35%
TOTAL			\$541,279.00	10,142.00000	\$39,402.71	\$313,845.18	\$237,575.82	57.98%

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Administrative & Program Budget
Fiscal Year 2026
8/31/2026

Revenue/Expenditures By Project		2026 Budget	2026 Year to date Revenue	2026 Current Month Expense	2026 Year to date Expense	Current Budget Balance	Percent of Budget
10 - General and Administrative		\$541,279.00	\$312,530.80	\$39,402.71	\$313,845.18	\$227,433.82	57.98%
30 - Environmental Education		314,720.00	160,614.92	16,914.78	151,678.96	163,041.04	48.19%
35 - Information Management		275,386.00	124,118.90	15,464.08	109,050.65	166,335.35	39.60%
60 - Restoration Projects		4,159,896.00	676,019.88	87,363.64	1,306,419.85	2,853,476.15	31.41%
70 - Regulatory		1,476,440.00	694,666.49	128,536.34	834,806.78	641,633.22	56.54%
80 - Ditch & Creek Maintenance		2,014,514.00	910,638.57	94,050.04	871,153.73	1,143,360.27	43.24%
90 - Lake & Stream Management		1,149,963.00	568,568.37	132,492.21	576,250.21	573,712.79	50.11%
95 - District Facilities		1,360,895.00	583,286.37	42,633.62	239,564.56	1,121,330.44	17.60%
Total District Revenue/Expenditures		\$11,293,093.00	\$4,030,444.30	\$556,857.42	\$4,402,769.92	\$6,890,323.08	38.99%

Current Fund Balances:

Fund:		Fund Balance @ 12/31/2025	2026 Fund Balance Transfers	2026 Year to date Revenue	2026 Current Month Expense	2026 Year to date Expense	Fund Balance @ 8/31/2026
10 - General Fund		\$793,178.83	(370,000.00)	\$312,530.80	\$39,402.71	\$313,845.18	\$421,864.45
30 - Environmental Education		309,780.63	(80,000.00)	160,614.92	16,914.78	151,678.96	238,716.59
35 - Information Management		455,390.55	(133,000.00)	124,118.90	15,464.08	109,050.65	337,458.80
60 - Restoration Projects		3,538,355.37	-	676,019.88	87,363.64	1,306,419.85	2,907,955.40
70 - Regulatory		1,425,506.86	160,000.00	694,666.49	128,536.34	834,806.78	1,445,366.57
80 - Ditch & Creek Maintenance		2,522,434.30	(906,434.00)	910,638.57	94,050.04	871,153.73	1,655,485.14
90 - Lake & Stream Management		1,388,318.66	(803,221.00)	568,568.37	132,492.21	576,250.21	577,415.82
95 - District Facilities		1,468,231.82	(750,868.00)	583,286.37	42,633.62	239,564.56	1,061,085.63
99 - Project Anticipation		4,500,000.00	2,883,523.00	-	-	-	7,383,523.00
Total District Fund Balance:		\$16,401,197.02	\$0.00	\$4,030,444.30	\$556,857.42	\$4,402,769.92	\$16,028,871.40

Rice Creek Watershed District

Interim Financial Statements

August 31, 2026



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Rice Creek Watershed District
Statement of Revenue and Expenditures - General Fund - 10
For the One Month and Eight Months Ending August 31, 2026
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	Current Month	Year to Date	Annual Budget	Over/(Under) Budget
<u>GENERAL FUND - 10-00</u>				
Revenues				
General Property Tax	\$ 0.00	\$ 263,807.22	511,539.00	(247,731.78)
Interest Revenue	0.00	7,866.41	12,941.00	(5,074.59)
Investment Interest-Surety	0.00	35,627.94	0.00	35,627.94
Investment Income	0.00	5,229.23	16,799.00	(11,569.77)
Total Revenues	0.00	312,530.80	541,279.00	(228,748.20)
Expenses				
Manager Per Diem	3,125.00	18,375.00	33,000.00	(14,625.00)
Manager Expense	265.08	820.16	6,000.00	(5,179.84)
Manager Travel	429.69	1,933.66	5,000.00	(3,066.34)
Wages	14,954.78	119,885.74	184,410.00	(64,524.26)
Benefits	2,452.20	17,957.02	31,393.00	(13,435.98)
Paid Leave Expense	81.53	1,201.53	0.00	1,201.53
PERA Expense	1,121.60	9,076.01	13,831.00	(4,754.99)
HCSA Contributions	1,419.15	12,549.08	17,273.00	(4,723.92)
Payroll Taxes	1,352.83	10,728.71	15,878.00	(5,149.29)
Payroll Taxes-Unemployment	155.98	1,931.17	4,000.00	(2,068.83)
Office Supplies	311.67	701.51	2,426.00	(1,724.49)
Field Supplies	79.64	79.64	250.00	(170.36)
Computer Software	0.00	0.00	250.00	(250.00)
Meeting Supplies	119.46	1,665.61	3,700.00	(2,034.39)
Printing	0.00	54.00	400.00	(346.00)
Rent	2,089.41	16,715.28	22,600.00	(5,884.72)
Telecommunications	311.50	2,454.53	4,700.00	(2,245.47)
Dues	0.00	15,297.00	16,368.00	(1,071.00)
Publications	0.00	0.00	200.00	(200.00)
Training & Education	165.33	965.70	8,000.00	(7,034.30)
Insurance & Bonds	0.00	7,405.40	7,600.00	(194.60)
Postage	0.00	25.28	200.00	(174.72)
Legal Notices	887.84	887.84	1,500.00	(612.16)
Staff Travel	51.47	494.14	1,200.00	(705.86)
Audit & Accounting	1,460.63	14,199.28	25,000.00	(10,800.72)
Professional Services	1,186.00	7,999.75	18,000.00	(10,000.25)
Contracted Services	0.00	0.00	6,000.00	(6,000.00)
Recruitment	0.00	0.00	50.00	(50.00)
Legal	3,666.00	19,350.80	50,000.00	(30,649.20)
Engineering	3,400.00	26,081.75	57,000.00	(30,918.25)
Construction	0.00	3,436.93	0.00	3,436.93
Computer Equipment	0.00	0.00	250.00	(250.00)
Equipment	137.75	137.75	2,000.00	(1,862.25)
Equipment Lease	138.39	1,094.22	2,200.00	(1,105.78)
Bank Charges	39.78	340.69	600.00	(259.31)
Total Expenses	39,402.71	313,845.18	541,279.00	(227,433.82)
Total Revenues Over/(Under)				
Expenditures - General Fund	(39,402.71)	(1,314.38)	0.00	(1,314.38)
Total Revenue Over/(Under) Expenditur	\$ (39,402.71)	(1,314.38)	0.00	(1,314.38)

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Rice Creek Watershed District
Statement of Revenue and Expenditures - Communication & Outreach - 30
For the One Month and Eight Months Ending August 31, 2026
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	Current Month	Year to Date	Annual Budget	Over/(Under) Budget
<u>COMMUNICATION & OUTREACH - 30-00</u>				
Revenues				
General Property Tax	\$ 0.00	\$ 94,854.03	183,928.00	(89,073.97)
Interest Income	0.00	4,573.83	7,524.00	(2,950.17)
Investment Income	0.00	3,040.49	9,767.00	(6,726.51)
Total Revenues	0.00	102,468.35	201,219.00	(98,750.65)
Expenses				
Wages	8,843.49	70,775.35	108,525.00	(37,749.65)
Interns	0.00	0.00	5,404.00	(5,404.00)
Benefits	1,068.15	7,604.10	12,730.00	(5,125.90)
Paid Leave Expense	40.77	600.80	0.00	600.80
PERA Expense	663.26	5,296.14	8,139.00	(2,842.86)
Payroll Taxes	660.00	5,282.22	9,809.00	(4,526.78)
Office Supplies	155.83	428.36	1,213.00	(784.64)
Field Supplies	79.64	79.64	250.00	(170.36)
Computer Software	0.00	0.00	500.00	(500.00)
Meeting Supplies	0.00	196.50	500.00	(303.50)
Printing	0.00	0.00	200.00	(200.00)
Rent	1,044.70	8,357.60	11,300.00	(2,942.40)
Telecommunications	155.76	1,227.28	2,350.00	(1,122.72)
Publications	0.00	0.00	100.00	(100.00)
Training & Education	15.39	538.52	4,000.00	(3,461.48)
Insurance and Bonds	0.00	3,702.70	3,800.00	(97.30)
Postage	0.00	0.00	100.00	(100.00)
Legal Notices	0.00	0.00	250.00	(250.00)
Staff Travel	0.00	119.96	600.00	(480.04)
Audit & Accounting	755.05	6,221.16	12,500.00	(6,278.84)
Professional Services	0.00	40.80	3,000.00	(2,959.20)
Contracted Services	0.00	0.00	6,000.00	(6,000.00)
Recruitment	0.00	0.00	50.00	(50.00)
Legal	0.00	883.20	6,000.00	(5,116.80)
Engineering	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	(1,000.00)
Computer Equipment	0.00	0.00	500.00	(500.00)
Equipment	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	(1,000.00)
Equipment-Lease	69.19	547.07	1,100.00	(552.93)
Bank Charges	19.89	170.36	300.00	(129.64)
Total Expenses	13,571.12	112,071.76	201,220.00	(89,148.24)
Total Revenues Over/(Under)				
Expenditures - Communication:	(13,571.12)	(9,603.41)	(1.00)	(9,602.41)

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	Current Month	Year to Date	Annual Budget	Over/(Under) Budget
<u>WATERSHED COMMUNICATION & OUTREACH - 30-02</u>				
Revenues				
General Property Tax	0.00	6,704.28	13,000.00	(6,295.72)
Total Revenues	0.00	6,704.28	13,000.00	(6,295.72)
Expenses				
Computer Software	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	(1,000.00)
Printing	0.00	0.00	1,500.00	(1,500.00)
Training & Education	144.10	5,313.36	5,000.00	313.36
Professional Services	0.00	0.00	5,500.00	(5,500.00)
Total expenses	144.10	5,313.36	13,000.00	(7,686.64)
Total Revenues Over/(Under)				
Expenditures - Watershed Communicati	(144.10)	1,390.92	0.00	1,390.92
<u>MASTER WATER STEWARD PROGRAM - 30-03</u>				
Revenues				
General Property Tax	0.00	8,767.12	17,000.00	(8,232.88)
Miscellaneous Income	0.00	1,676.00	0.00	1,676.00
Total Revenues	0.00	10,443.12	17,000.00	(6,556.88)
Expenses				
Training & Education	0.00	782.10	5,000.00	(4,217.90)
Professional Services	0.00	0.00	4,000.00	(4,000.00)
Contracted Services	0.00	0.00	8,000.00	(8,000.00)
Total expenses	0.00	782.10	17,000.00	(16,217.90)
Total Revenues Over/(Under)				
Expenditures - Master Water:	0.00	9,661.02	0.00	9,661.02
<u>OUTREACH PARTNERSHIPS - 30-04</u>				
Revenues				
General Property Tax	0.00	21,659.94	42,000.00	(20,340.06)
Total Revenues	0.00	21,659.94	42,000.00	(20,340.06)
Expenses				
Training & Education	0.00	5,658.49	11,000.00	(5,341.51)
Contracted Services	1,925.00	14,910.00	35,000.00	(20,090.00)
Total expenses	1,925.00	20,568.49	46,000.00	(25,431.51)
Total Revenues Over/(Under)				
Expenditures - Outreach:	(1,925.00)	1,091.45	(4,000.00)	5,091.45

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	Current Month	Year to Date	Annual Budget	Over/(Under) Budget
<u>MINI-GRANTS PROGRAM - 30-05</u>				
Revenues				
General Property Tax	0.00	15,471.38	30,000.00	(14,528.62)
Total Revenues	0.00	15,471.38	30,000.00	(14,528.62)
Expenses				
Construction	1,274.56	5,118.85	30,000.00	(24,881.15)
Total expenses	1,274.56	5,118.85	30,000.00	(24,881.15)
Total Revenues Over/(Under)				
Expenditures - Mini-Grants:	(1,274.56)	10,352.53	0.00	10,352.53
<u>ENGINEERING & TECHNICAL SUPPORT - 30-06</u>				
Revenues				
General Property Tax	0.00	1,289.28	2,500.00	(1,210.72)
Total Revenues	0.00	1,289.28	2,500.00	(1,210.72)
Expenses				
Legal	0.00	1,161.40	0.00	1,161.40
Engineering	0.00	0.00	2,500.00	(2,500.00)
Total expenses	0.00	1,161.40	2,500.00	(1,338.60)
Total Revenues Over/(Under)				
Expenditures - Eng. & Technical:	0.00	127.88	0.00	127.88
<u>WATERSHED PLAN MAINTENANCE - 30-08</u>				
Revenues				
General Property Tax	0.00	2,578.57	5,000.00	(2,421.43)
Total Revenues	0.00	2,578.57	5,000.00	(2,421.43)
Expenses				
Legal	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	(1,000.00)
Engineering	0.00	6,663.00	4,000.00	2,663.00
Total expenses	0.00	6,663.00	5,000.00	1,663.00
Total Revenues Over/(Under)				
Expenditures - Watershed Plan:	0.00	(4,084.43)	0.00	(4,084.43)
Total Revenue Over/(Under) Expenditur	\$ (16,914.78)	\$ 8,935.96	(4,001.00)	12,936.96

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Rice Creek Watershed District
Statement of Revenue and Expenditures - Information Management - 35
For the One Month and Eight Months Ending August 31, 2026
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	Current Month	Year to Date	Annual Budget	Over/(Under) Budget
<u>INFORMATION MANAGEMENT - 35-00</u>				
Revenues				
General Property Tax	\$ 0.00	\$ 74,909.86	145,255.00	(70,345.14)
Interest Revenue	0.00	4,002.23	6,584.00	(2,581.77)
Investment Interest	0.00	2,660.50	8,547.00	(5,886.50)
Total Revenues	0.00	81,572.59	160,386.00	(78,813.41)
Expenses				
Wages	2,633.67	20,778.45	31,997.00	(11,218.55)
Benefits	223.19	1,711.32	4,443.00	(2,731.68)
Paid Leave Expense	20.38	300.38	0.00	300.38
PERA Expense	197.53	1,547.85	2,400.00	(852.15)
Payroll Taxes	197.73	1,555.02	2,755.00	(1,199.98)
Office Supplies	77.92	114.58	606.00	(491.42)
Computer Software	39.25	987.29	15,560.00	(14,572.71)
Printing	0.00	0.00	100.00	(100.00)
Rent	522.35	4,178.80	5,650.00	(1,471.20)
Telecommunications	77.88	613.65	1,175.00	(561.35)
Publications	0.00	0.00	50.00	(50.00)
Training & Education	0.00	85.17	2,000.00	(1,914.83)
Insurance and Bonds	0.00	1,851.35	1,900.00	(48.65)
Postage	0.00	0.00	50.00	(50.00)
Staff Travel	0.00	0.00	300.00	(300.00)
Audit & Accounting	377.53	3,110.59	6,250.00	(3,139.41)
Professional Services	9,621.35	36,416.93	58,900.00	(22,483.07)
Contracted Services	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	(1,000.00)
Recruitment	0.00	0.00	50.00	(50.00)
Legal	0.00	0.00	500.00	(500.00)
Engineering	0.00	0.00	500.00	(500.00)
Computer Equipment	0.00	274.84	22,000.00	(21,725.16)
Equipment	0.00	0.00	1,500.00	(1,500.00)
Equipment Lease	34.60	273.58	550.00	(276.42)
Bank Charges	9.95	85.18	150.00	(64.82)
Total Expenses	14,033.33	73,884.98	160,386.00	(86,501.02)
Total Revenues Over/(Under)				
Expenditures - Information Management	(14,033.33)	7,687.61	0.00	7,687.61

BOUNDARY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM - 35-03

Revenues				
Total Revenues	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Expenses				
Total Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Revenues Over/(Under)				
Expenditures - Boundary Mgmt:	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

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Statement of Revenue and Expenditures - Information Management - 35
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	Current Month	Year to Date	Annual Budget	Over/(Under) Budget
<u>DISTRICT-WIDE MODEL - 35-04</u>				
Revenues				
General Property Tax	0.00	23,207.08	45,000.00	(21,792.92)
Total Revenues	0.00	23,207.08	45,000.00	(21,792.92)
Expenses				
Legal	0.00	0.00	7,500.00	(7,500.00)
Engineering	0.00	1,602.75	52,500.00	(50,897.25)
Total Expenses	0.00	1,602.75	60,000.00	(58,397.25)
Total Revenues Over/(Under)				
Expenditures - District-Wide Model:	0.00	21,604.33	(15,000.00)	36,604.33
<u>DATABASE & VIEWER MAINTENANCE - 35-05</u>				
Revenues				
General Property Tax	0.00	15,471.38	30,000.00	(14,528.62)
Total Revenues	0.00	15,471.38	30,000.00	(14,528.62)
Expenses				
Computer Software	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
Legal	0.00	0.00	5,000.00	(5,000.00)
Engineering	1,430.75	24,011.00	35,000.00	(10,989.00)
Total expenses	1,430.75	25,011.00	40,000.00	(14,989.00)
Total Revenues Over/(Under)				
Expenditures - Database & Viewer:	(1,430.75)	(9,539.62)	(10,000.00)	460.38
<u>DISTRICT WEBSITE - 35-15</u>				
Revenues				
General Property Tax	0.00	3,867.85	7,500.00	(3,632.15)
Total Revenues	0.00	3,867.85	7,500.00	(3,632.15)
Expenses				
Professional Services	0.00	7,784.00	13,500.00	(5,716.00)
Legal	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	(1,000.00)
Engineering	0.00	767.92	500.00	267.92
Total expenses	0.00	8,551.92	15,000.00	(6,448.08)
Total Revenues Over/(Under)				
Expenditures - District Website:	0.00	(4,684.07)	(7,500.00)	2,815.93
Total Revenue Over/(Under) Expenditur	\$ (15,464.08)	\$ 15,068.25	(32,500.00)	47,568.25

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Statement of Revenue and Expenditures - Restoration Projects - 60
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	Current Month	Year to Date	Annual Budget	Over/(Under) Budget
<u>RESTORATION PROJECTS - 60-00</u>				
Revenues				
General Property Tax	\$ 0.00	\$ 83,098.87	161,134.00	(78,035.13)
Interest Revenue	0.00	60,455.15	99,457.00	(39,001.85)
Investment Interest	0.00	40,187.95	129,102.00	(88,914.05)
Total Revenues	0.00	183,741.97	389,693.00	(205,951.03)
Expenses				
Wages	19,480.45	151,363.09	234,959.00	(83,595.91)
Interns	0.00	0.00	5,404.00	(5,404.00)
Benefits	2,156.38	16,248.68	31,151.00	(14,902.32)
Paid Leave Expense	40.77	600.80	0.00	600.80
PERA Expense	1,461.04	11,111.72	17,622.00	(6,510.28)
Payroll Taxes	1,422.88	11,021.58	20,695.00	(9,673.42)
Office Supplies	267.10	340.39	1,213.00	(872.61)
Field Supplies	109.64	109.64	250.00	(140.36)
Printing	114.80	114.80	200.00	(85.20)
Rent	1,044.70	8,357.60	11,300.00	(2,942.40)
Telecommunications	155.76	1,227.28	2,350.00	(1,122.72)
Publications	0.00	0.00	100.00	(100.00)
Training & Education	0.00	1,813.94	4,000.00	(2,186.06)
Insurance and Bonds	0.00	3,702.70	3,800.00	(97.30)
Postage	0.00	0.00	100.00	(100.00)
Legal Notices	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	(1,000.00)
Staff Travel	27.36	243.08	600.00	(356.92)
Vehicle	560.00	9,304.30	12,000.00	(2,695.70)
Audit & Accounting	755.05	6,221.16	12,500.00	(6,278.84)
Professional Services	0.00	0.00	12,000.00	(12,000.00)
Contracted Services	0.00	1,110.00	10,000.00	(8,890.00)
Recruitment	0.00	897.50	50.00	847.50
Legal	1,155.40	1,155.40	1,750.00	(594.60)
Engineering	862.50	2,829.58	4,000.00	(1,170.42)
Equipment	0.00	0.00	1,250.00	(1,250.00)
Equipment Lease	69.19	547.07	1,100.00	(552.93)
Bank Charges	19.89	170.36	300.00	(129.64)
Total Expenses	29,702.91	228,490.67	389,694.00	(161,203.33)
Total Revenues Over/(Under)				
Expenditures - Restoration Projects:	(29,702.91)	(44,748.70)	(1.00)	(44,747.70)

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	Current Month	Year to Date	Annual Budget	Over/(Under) Budget
<u>ANOKA CHAIN OF LAKES WATER MGMT. PROJECT - 60-01</u>				
Revenues				
Grant Income	0.00	0.00	459,934.00	(459,934.00)
Total Revenues	0.00	0.00	459,934.00	(459,934.00)
Expenses				
Legal	0.00	117.00	5,000.00	(4,883.00)
Engineering	18,935.20	53,054.95	300,000.00	(246,945.05)
Construction	0.00	557,681.70	809,241.00	(251,559.30)
Total expenses	18,935.20	610,853.65	1,114,241.00	(503,387.35)
Total Revenues Over/(Under)				
Expenditures - Anoka Chain:	(18,935.20)	(610,853.65)	(654,307.00)	43,453.35
<u>LOWER RC WATER MGMT. PROJECT - 60-03</u>				
Revenues				
Grants	0.00	51,017.35	35,500.00	15,517.35
Total Revenues	0.00	51,017.35	35,500.00	15,517.35
Expenses				
Legal	0.00	0.00	3,500.00	(3,500.00)
Engineering	0.00	61,333.85	110,000.00	(48,666.15)
Construction	0.00	0.00	175,000.00	(175,000.00)
Total expenses	0.00	61,333.85	288,500.00	(227,166.15)
Total Revenues Over/(Under)				
Expenditures - Lower RC:	0.00	(10,316.50)	(253,000.00)	242,683.50
<u>MIDDLE RC WATER MGMT. PROJECT - 60-04</u>				
Revenues				
Total Revenues	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Expenses				
Legal	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	(1,000.00)
Engineering	0.00	0.00	49,000.00	(49,000.00)
Construction	0.00	0.00	125,000.00	(125,000.00)
Total expenses	0.00	0.00	175,000.00	(175,000.00)
Total Revenues Over/(Under)				
Expenditures - Middle RC Water Mgmt.	0.00	0.00	(175,000.00)	175,000.00

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<u>BALD EAGLE LAKE (BEL) WMD - 60-05</u>				
Revenues				
Total Revenues	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Expenses				
Professional Services	0.00	12.00	0.00	12.00
Contracted Services	0.00	3,140.00	0.00	3,140.00
Engineering	0.00	0.00	4,000.00	(4,000.00)
Construction Expense	0.00	0.00	24,486.00	(24,486.00)
Total expenses	0.00	3,152.00	28,486.00	(25,334.00)
Total Revenues Over/(Under)				
Expenditures - Bald Eagle Lake WMD:	0.00	(3,152.00)	(28,486.00)	25,334.00
<u>BALD EAGLE LAKE WATER MGMT. PROJECT - 60-06</u>				
Revenues				
Grants	0.00	15,000.00	0.00	15,000.00
Total Revenues	0.00	15,000.00	0.00	15,000.00
Expenses				
Engineering	0.00	0.00	50,000.00	(50,000.00)
Construction	0.00	0.00	100,000.00	(100,000.00)
Total expenses	0.00	0.00	150,000.00	(150,000.00)
Total Revenues Over/(Under)				
Expenditures - Bald Eagle Lake:	0.00	15,000.00	(150,000.00)	165,000.00
<u>RCD 2, 3 & 5 BASIC WATER MGMT. PROJECT - 60-08</u>				
Revenues				
Grants	0.00	212,239.75	391,030.00	(178,790.25)
Total Revenues	0.00	212,239.75	391,030.00	(178,790.25)
Expenses				
Legal Notices	1,084.92	1,084.92	0.00	1,084.92
Legal	546.00	2,736.80	15,000.00	(12,263.20)
Engineering	37,094.61	231,868.66	200,000.00	31,868.66
Construction Services	0.00	0.00	340,903.00	(340,903.00)
Total expenses	38,725.53	235,690.38	555,903.00	(320,212.62)
Total Revenues Over/(Under)				
Expenditures - Basic Water Mgmt. Proje	(38,725.53)	(23,450.63)	(164,873.00)	141,422.37

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<u>REGIONAL WATER MGMT.PARTNERSHIP PROJECTS - 60-11</u>				
Revenues				
Grants-Income`	0.00	0.00	16,665.00	(16,665.00)
Total Revenues	0.00	0.00	16,665.00	(16,665.00)
Expenses				
Legal Notices	0.00	0.00	500.00	(500.00)
Contracted Services	0.00	0.00	7,500.00	(7,500.00)
Legal	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	(1,000.00)
Engineering	0.00	32,091.25	9,832.00	22,259.25
Construction	0.00	0.00	29,500.00	(29,500.00)
Total expenses	0.00	32,091.25	48,332.00	(16,240.75)
Total Revenues Over/(Under)				
Expenditures - Regional Water Mgmt.	0.00	(32,091.25)	(31,667.00)	(424.25)
<u>STORMWATER MGMT. COST SHARE - 60-15</u>				
Revenues				
General Property Tax	0.00	206,285.12	400,000.00	(193,714.88)
Total Revenues	0.00	206,285.12	400,000.00	(193,714.88)
Expenses				
Legal Notices	0.00	1,150.12	3,000.00	(1,849.88)
Legal	0.00	278.00	500.00	(222.00)
Engineering	0.00	3,442.50	18,000.00	(14,557.50)
Construction	0.00	119,437.08	1,098,214.00	(978,776.92)
Total expenses	0.00	124,307.70	1,119,714.00	(995,406.30)
Total Revenues Over/(Under)				
Expenditures - Stormwater Mgmt.:	0.00	81,977.42	(719,714.00)	801,691.42
<u>SW URBAN LAKES IMPLEMENTATION - 60-24</u>				
Revenues				
Total Revenues	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Expenses				
Legal Notices	0.00	0.00	500.00	(500.00)
Legal	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	(1,000.00)
Engineering	0.00	0.00	19,000.00	(19,000.00)
Construction	0.00	0.00	79,500.00	(79,500.00)
Total expenses	0.00	0.00	100,000.00	(100,000.00)
Total Revenues Over/(Under)				
Expenditures - Southwest Urban Lake	0.00	0.00	(100,000.00)	100,000.00

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	Current Month	Year to Date	Annual Budget	Over/(Under) Budget
<u>CLEAR LAKE WATER MGMT.PROJECT - 60-29</u>				
Revenues				
Total Revenues	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Expenses				
Contracted Services	0.00	0.00	10,000.00	(10,000.00)
Construction	0.00	0.00	75,000.00	(75,000.00)
Total expenses	0.00	0.00	85,000.00	(85,000.00)
Total Revenues Over/(Under)				
Expenditures - Clear Lake Water Mgmt.	0.00	0.00	(85,000.00)	85,000.00
<u>STORMWATER MASTER PLANNING - 60-35</u>				
Revenues				
Grants	0.00	0.00	40,000.00	(40,000.00)
Total Revenues	0.00	0.00	40,000.00	(40,000.00)
Total Revenues Over/(Under)				
Professional Services	0.00	10,000.00	0.00	10,000.00
Contracted Services	0.00	0.00	7,000.00	(7,000.00)
Legal	0.00	0.00	3,000.00	(3,000.00)
Engineering	0.00	0.00	30,000.00	(30,000.00)
Total expenses	0.00	10,000.00	40,000.00	(30,000.00)
Total Revenues Over/(Under)				
Expenditures - Stormwater Master:	0.00	(10,000.00)	0.00	(10,000.00)

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	Current Month	Year to Date	Annual Budget	Over/(Under) Budget
<u>MUNICIPAL CIP EARLY COORDINATION - 60-36</u>				
Revenues				
General Property Tax	0.00	5,157.12	10,000.00	(4,842.88)
Total Revenues	0.00	5,157.12	10,000.00	(4,842.88)
Expenses				
Legal	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	(2,000.00)
Engineering	0.00	0.00	8,000.00	(8,000.00)
Total expenses	0.00	0.00	10,000.00	(10,000.00)
Total Revenues Over/(Under)				
Expenditures - Municipal CIP:	0.00	5,157.12	0.00	5,157.12
 <u>GROUNDWATER MGMT. & STORMWATER REUSE - 60-37</u>				
Revenues				
General Property Tax	0.00	2,578.57	5,000.00	(2,421.43)
Grants	0.00	0.00	50,000.00	(50,000.00)
Total Revenues	0.00	2,578.57	55,000.00	(52,421.43)
Expenses				
Contracted Services	0.00	0.00	49,000.00	(49,000.00)
Legal	0.00	0.00	3,000.00	(3,000.00)
Engineering	0.00	500.35	3,000.00	(2,499.65)
Total expenses	0.00	500.35	55,000.00	(54,499.65)
Total Revenues Over/(Under)				
Expenditures - Groundwater Mgmt.:	0.00	2,078.22	0.00	2,078.22
Total Revenue Over/(Under) Expenditur	\$ (87,363.64)	\$ (630,399.97)	(2,362,048.00)	1,731,648.03

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Statement of Revenue and Expenditures - Regulatory - 70
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	Current Month	Year to Date	Annual Budget	Over/(Under) Budget
<u>REGULATORY - 70-00</u>				
Revenues				
General Property Tax	\$ 0.00	\$ 286,385.11	555,319.00	(268,933.89)
Interest Revenue	0.00	21,456.97	35,299.00	(13,842.03)
Investment Interest	0.00	14,263.67	45,821.00	(31,557.33)
Total Revenues	0.00	322,105.75	636,439.00	(314,333.25)
Expenses				
Wages	30,696.89	230,573.24	374,474.00	(143,900.76)
Interns	0.00	0.00	5,404.00	(5,404.00)
Benefits	4,603.46	34,217.50	61,137.00	(26,919.50)
Paid Leave Expense	101.92	1,501.95	0.00	1,501.95
PERA Expense	2,302.27	18,030.97	28,086.00	(10,055.03)
Payroll Taxes	2,245.92	17,811.49	32,707.00	(14,895.51)
Office Supplies	389.58	870.83	3,032.00	(2,161.17)
Field Supplies	124.64	321.13	1,000.00	(678.87)
Meeting Supplies	0.00	0.00	125.00	(125.00)
Printing	0.00	0.00	500.00	(500.00)
Rent	2,611.76	20,894.08	28,250.00	(7,355.92)
Telecommunications	389.39	3,068.18	5,875.00	(2,806.82)
Publications	0.00	0.00	250.00	(250.00)
Training & Education	0.00	1,677.33	10,000.00	(8,322.67)
Insurance and Bonds	0.00	9,256.75	9,500.00	(243.25)
Postage	0.00	0.00	250.00	(250.00)
Legal Notices	0.00	0.00	300.00	(300.00)
Staff Travel	35.72	184.79	1,500.00	(1,315.21)
Vehicle	699.16	10,425.32	15,000.00	(4,574.68)
Audit & Accounting	1,887.63	15,552.90	31,250.00	(15,697.10)
Professional Services	0.00	0.00	3,000.00	(3,000.00)
Contracted Services	0.00	0.00	16,000.00	(16,000.00)
Recruitment	0.00	502.50	50.00	452.50
Legal	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	(2,000.00)
Engineering	0.00	0.00	1,250.00	(1,250.00)
Equipment	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	(2,000.00)
Equipment Lease	172.99	1,367.78	2,750.00	(1,382.22)
Bank Charges	49.73	425.87	750.00	(324.13)
Total Expenses	46,311.06	366,682.61	636,440.00	(269,757.39)
Total Revenues Over/(Under)				
Expenditures - Regulatory Management	(46,311.06)	(44,576.86)	(1.00)	(44,575.86)

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	Current Month	Year to Date	Annual Budget	Over/(Under) Budget
<u>RULE REVISION & PERMIT GUIDANCE - 70-01</u>				
Revenues				
General Property Tax	0.00	5,157.12	10,000.00	(4,842.88)
Total Revenues	0.00	5,157.12	10,000.00	(4,842.88)
Expenses				
Training & Education	0.00	239.89	0.00	239.89
Legal	0.00	0.00	5,000.00	(5,000.00)
Engineering	0.00	2,017.50	10,000.00	(7,982.50)
Total Expenses	0.00	2,257.39	15,000.00	(12,742.61)
Total Revenues Over/(Under)				
Expenditures - Rule/Permit:	0.00	2,899.73	(5,000.00)	7,899.73
<u>PERMIT REVIEW, INSPECT & COOR. - 70-03</u>				
Revenues				
General Property Tax	0.00	272,708.92	528,800.00	(256,091.08)
Permit Fees	7,500.00	82,200.00	61,200.00	21,000.00
Income-Rule C Reviews	0.00	12,494.70	0.00	12,494.70
Total Revenues	7,500.00	367,403.62	590,000.00	(222,596.38)
Expenses				
Contracted Services	16,844.33	35,437.83	60,000.00	(24,562.17)
Legal	1,293.20	9,078.20	45,000.00	(35,921.80)
Legal-Audit	0.00	0.00	5,000.00	(5,000.00)
Engineering	64,087.75	412,718.50	675,000.00	(262,281.50)
Engineering-Reporting	0.00	8,632.25	20,000.00	(11,367.75)
Engineering-Audit	0.00	0.00	20,000.00	(20,000.00)
Total expenses	82,225.28	465,866.78	825,000.00	(359,133.22)
Total Revenues Over/(Under)				
Expenditures - Permit Review	(74,725.28)	(98,463.16)	(235,000.00)	136,536.84
Total Revenue Over/(Under) Expenditur	\$ (121,036.34)	\$ (140,140.29)	(240,001.00)	99,860.71

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Statement of Revenue and Expenditures - Ditch & Creek Maintenance - 80
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	Current Month	Year to Date	Annual Budget	Over/(Under) Budget
<u>DITCH & CREEK MAINTENANCE - 80-00</u>				
Revenues				
General Property Tax	\$ 0.00	\$ 136,912.97	283,990.00	(147,077.03)
Interest Revenue	0.00	29,276.55	48,164.00	(18,887.45)
Investment Interest	0.00	19,461.77	62,520.00	(43,058.23)
Miscellaneous Income	10,000.00	23,806.08	0.00	23,806.08
Total Revenues	10,000.00	209,457.37	394,674.00	(185,216.63)
Expenses				
Wages	14,771.23	117,791.87	181,058.00	(63,266.13)
Benefits	1,638.03	12,370.60	29,658.00	(17,287.40)
Paid Leave Expense	61.15	901.16	0.00	901.16
PERA Expense	1,107.84	8,813.39	13,579.00	(4,765.61)
Payroll Taxes	1,111.06	8,859.84	15,589.00	(6,729.16)
Office Supplies	263.75	609.97	1,819.00	(1,209.03)
Field Supplies	79.66	128.50	250.00	(121.50)
Computer Software	0.00	0.00	400.00	(400.00)
Meeting Supplies	0.00	0.00	125.00	(125.00)
Printing	0.00	0.00	300.00	(300.00)
Rent	1,567.05	12,536.40	16,950.00	(4,413.60)
Telecommunications	268.64	2,431.47	3,525.00	(1,093.53)
Publications	0.00	0.00	150.00	(150.00)
Training & Education	0.00	682.62	6,000.00	(5,317.38)
Insurance and Bonds	0.00	5,554.05	5,700.00	(145.95)
Postage	0.00	0.00	150.00	(150.00)
Legal Notices	0.00	1,190.58	750.00	440.58
Staff Travel	0.00	150.80	900.00	(749.20)
Vehicle	924.68	14,667.92	15,000.00	(332.08)
Audit & Accounting	1,132.57	9,331.73	18,750.00	(9,418.27)
Professional Services	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	(2,000.00)
Contracted Services	0.00	0.00	10,000.00	(10,000.00)
Recruitment	0.00	0.00	50.00	(50.00)
Legal	424.00	970.00	2,500.00	(1,530.00)
Engineering	0.00	577.00	3,000.00	(2,423.00)
Equipment	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	(2,000.00)
Equipment Lease	103.79	820.65	1,650.00	(829.35)
Bank Charges	29.84	255.53	450.00	(194.47)
Total Expenses	23,483.29	198,644.08	332,303.00	(133,658.92)
Total Revenues Over/(Under)				
Expenditures - Ditch & Creek:	(13,483.29)	10,813.29	62,371.00	(51,557.71)
<u>NATURAL WATERWAY MGMT. - 80-01</u>				
Revenues				
Total Revenues	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Expenses				
Legal	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	(1,000.00)
Construction	0.00	0.00	9,000.00	(9,000.00)
Total expenses	0.00	0.00	10,000.00	(10,000.00)
Total Revenues Over/(Under)				
Expenditures - Natural Waterway:	0.00	0.00	(10,000.00)	10,000.00

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	Current Month	Year to Date	Annual Budget	Over/(Under) Budget
<u>DITCHES - MAINTENANCE - 80-02</u>				
Revenues				
General Property Tax	0.00	216,947.48	450,000.00	(233,052.52)
Total Revenues	0.00	216,947.48	450,000.00	(233,052.52)
Expenses				
Field Supplies	45.00	673.88	6,000.00	(5,326.12)
Vehicle	0.00	701.58	8,000.00	(7,298.42)
Professional Services	0.00	4,314.00	3,000.00	1,314.00
Contracted Services	43,766.71	260,456.21	362,500.00	(102,043.79)
Legal	195.20	195.20	10,500.00	(10,304.80)
Engineering	2,843.00	6,410.58	20,000.00	(13,589.42)
Construction	2,374.71	3,137.93	28,000.00	(24,862.07)
Equipment	0.00	188.95	12,000.00	(11,811.05)
Total expenses	49,224.62	276,078.33	450,000.00	(173,921.67)
Total Revenues Over/(Under)				
Expenditures - Ditches - Maintenance:	(49,224.62)	(59,130.85)	0.00	(59,130.85)
<u>REPAIR REPORTS & STUDIES - 80-03</u>				
Revenues				
General Property Tax	0.00	115,223.14	239,000.00	(123,776.86)
Total Revenues	0.00	115,223.14	239,000.00	(123,776.86)
Expenses				
Legal Notices	0.00	0.00	10,000.00	(10,000.00)
Legal	975.00	2,535.00	40,000.00	(37,465.00)
Engineering	15,017.00	89,996.54	154,000.00	(64,003.46)
Wetland Credits	0.00	0.00	5,000.00	(5,000.00)
Total expenses	15,992.00	92,531.54	209,000.00	(116,468.46)
Total Revenues Over/(Under)				
Expenditures - Repair Reports	(15,992.00)	22,691.60	30,000.00	(7,308.40)
<u>ACD 10-22-32 WMD - 80-04</u>				
Revenues				
Special Assessments	281.61	798.85	0.00	798.85
Total Revenues	281.61	798.85	0.00	798.85
Expenses				
Total expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Revenues Over/(Under)				
Expenditures - ACD 10-22-32	281.61	798.85	0.00	798.85

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<u>ACD 31 WMD - 80-05</u>				
Revenues				
Total Revenues	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Expenses				
Total expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Revenues Over/(Under) Expenditures - ACD 31:WMD:	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

<u>ACD 46 WMD - 80-06</u>				
Revenues				
Total Revenues	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Expenses				
Contracted Services	0.00	0.00	37,451.00	(37,451.00)
Total expenses	0.00	0.00	37,451.00	(37,451.00)
Total Revenues Over/(Under) Expenditures - ACD 46 WMD:	0.00	0.00	(37,451.00)	37,451.00

<u>RCD 4 WMD - 80-07</u>				
Revenues				
Special Assessments	0.00	7,506.86	0.00	7,506.86
ROW Charges	0.00	9,595.92	9,500.00	95.92
Total Revenues	0.00	17,102.78	9,500.00	7,602.78
Expenses				
Construction	0.00	0.00	82,389.00	(82,389.00)
Total expenses	0.00	0.00	82,389.00	(82,389.00)
Total Revenues Over/(Under) Expenditures - RCD 4 WMD:	0.00	17,102.78	(72,889.00)	89,991.78

<u>RCD 4 REPAIR - 80-08</u>				
Revenues				
Total Revenues	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Expenses				
Total expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Revenues Over/(Under) Expenditures - RCD 4 Repair:	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

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<u>ARJD 1 REPAIR - 80-10</u>				
Revenues				
General Property Tax	0.00	33,747.21	70,000.00	(36,252.79)
Total Revenues	0.00	33,747.21	70,000.00	(36,252.79)
Expenses				
Legal	0.00	0.00	5,000.00	(5,000.00)
Engineering	0.00	0.00	10,000.00	(10,000.00)
Construction	0.00	0.00	55,000.00	(55,000.00)
Total expenses	0.00	0.00	70,000.00	(70,000.00)
Total Revenues Over/(Under)				
Expenditures - ARJD 1 Repair:	0.00	33,747.21	0.00	33,747.21
<u>MUNICIPAL PDS MAINTENANCE - 80-15</u>				
Revenues				
General Property Tax	0.00	12,756.15	26,459.00	(13,702.85)
Total Revenues	0.00	12,756.15	26,459.00	(13,702.85)
Expenses				
Contracted Services	0.00	0.00	35,000.00	(35,000.00)
Total expenses	0.00	0.00	35,000.00	(35,000.00)
Total Revenues Over/(Under)				
Expenditures - Municipal PDS	0.00	12,756.15	(8,541.00)	21,297.15
<u>WJD BRANCH 1/2 REPAIR - 80-20</u>				
Revenues				
Total Revenues	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Expenses				
Total expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Revenues Over/(Under)				
Expenditures - WJD Branch 1/2:	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<u>AWJD 3 REPAIR - 80-21</u>				
Revenues				
Total Revenues	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Expenses				
Total expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Revenues Over/(Under)				
Expenditures - AWJD 3	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

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<u>ACD 15 & AWJD 4 WMD - 80-22</u>				
Revenues				
Total Revenues	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Expenses				
Professional Services	0.00	0.00	8,370.00	(8,370.00)
Contracted Services	0.00	0.00	10,000.00	(10,000.00)
Total expenses	0.00	0.00	18,370.00	(18,370.00)
Total Revenues Over/(Under)				
Expenditures - AWCD 15	0.00	0.00	(18,370.00)	18,370.00
 <u>ACD 15 & AWJD 4 - 80-23</u>				
Revenues				
Total Revenues	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Expenses				
Professional Services	0.00	0.00	5,000.00	(5,000.00)
Contracted Services	0.00	0.00	45,000.00	(45,000.00)
Total expenses	0.00	0.00	50,000.00	(50,000.00)
Total Revenues Over/(Under)				
Expenditures - ACD 15 & AWJD 4:	0.00	0.00	(50,000.00)	50,000.00
 <u>ACD 53-62 WMD - 80-24</u>				
Revenues				
Special Assessments	0.00	135,812.21	219,397.00	(83,584.79)
ROW Charges	0.00	1,020.67	2,845.00	(1,824.33)
Total Revenues	0.00	136,832.88	222,242.00	(85,409.12)
Expenses				
Professional Services	0.00	4,292.00	5,000.00	(708.00)
Legal	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	(2,000.00)
Engineering	3,210.08	55,633.77	10,000.00	45,633.77
Construction	0.00	124,130.90	355,000.00	(230,869.10)
Total expenses	3,210.08	184,056.67	372,000.00	(187,943.33)
Total Revenues Over/(Under)				
Expenditures - ACD 53-62 WMD:	(3,210.08)	(47,223.79)	(149,758.00)	102,534.21

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	Current Month	Year to Date	Annual Budget	Over/(Under) Budget
<u>ACD 53-62 REPAIR - 80-25</u>				
Revenues				
General Property Taxes	0.00	119,562.33	248,000.00	(128,437.67)
Total Revenues	0.00	119,562.33	248,000.00	(128,437.67)
Expenses				
Legal	0.00	0.00	15,000.00	(15,000.00)
Engineering	2,140.05	37,089.18	77,000.00	(39,910.82)
Construction	0.00	82,753.93	156,000.00	(73,246.07)
Total expenses	2,140.05	119,843.11	248,000.00	(128,156.89)
Total Revenues Over/(Under)				
Expenditures - ACD 53-62 Repair:	(2,140.05)	(280.78)	0.00	(280.78)
 <u>ACD 10-22-32 REPAIR - 80-26</u>				
Revenues				
General Property Tax	0.00	48,210.38	100,000.00	(51,789.62)
Total Revenues	0.00	48,210.38	100,000.00	(51,789.62)
Expenses				
Legal	0.00	0.00	10,000.00	(10,000.00)
Engineering	0.00	0.00	10,000.00	(10,000.00)
Construction	0.00	0.00	80,000.00	(80,000.00)
Total expenses	0.00	0.00	100,000.00	(100,000.00)
Total Revenues Over/(Under)				
Expenditures - ACD 10-22-32 Repair:	0.00	48,210.38	0.00	48,210.38
 Total Revenue Over/(Under) Expenditur	 \$ (83,768.43)	 \$ 39,484.84	 (254,638.00)	 294,122.84

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Statement of Revenue and Expenditures - Lake & Stream Management - 90
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	Current Month	Year to Date	Annual Budget	Over/(Under) Budget
<u>LAKE & STREAM MANAGEMENT - 90-00</u>				
Revenues				
General Property Tax	\$ 0.00	\$ 172,011.88	333,542.00	(161,530.12)
Interest Income	0.00	16,712.26	27,494.00	(10,781.74)
Investment Income	0.00	11,109.57	35,689.00	(24,579.43)
Total Revenues	0.00	199,833.71	396,725.00	(196,891.29)
Expenses				
Wages	20,168.67	160,560.68	246,585.00	(86,024.32)
Interns	0.00	0.00	5,404.00	(5,404.00)
Benefits	2,676.17	19,498.30	34,962.00	(15,463.70)
Paid Leave Expense	40.77	600.80	0.00	600.80
PERA Expense	1,512.65	11,223.55	18,494.00	(7,270.45)
Payroll Taxes	1,452.11	12,255.44	21,696.00	(9,440.56)
Office Supplies	155.83	229.12	1,213.00	(983.88)
Field Supplies	79.64	128.48	250.00	(121.52)
Computer Software	0.00	0.00	250.00	(250.00)
Printing	0.00	0.00	200.00	(200.00)
Rent	1,044.70	8,357.60	11,300.00	(2,942.40)
Telecommunications	155.76	1,227.28	2,350.00	(1,122.72)
Publications	0.00	0.00	100.00	(100.00)
Training & Education	0.00	430.35	4,000.00	(3,569.65)
Insurance and Bonds	0.00	3,702.70	3,800.00	(97.30)
Postage	0.00	0.00	100.00	(100.00)
Legal Notices	0.00	0.00	250.00	(250.00)
Staff Travel	0.00	251.68	600.00	(348.32)
Vehicle	750.66	10,699.01	15,000.00	(4,300.99)
Audit & Accounting	755.05	6,221.16	12,500.00	(6,278.84)
Professional Services	0.00	0.00	2,500.00	(2,500.00)
Contracted Services	0.00	0.00	10,000.00	(10,000.00)
Recruitment	0.00	0.00	50.00	(50.00)
Legal	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	(1,000.00)
Engineering	0.00	0.00	1,250.00	(1,250.00)
Equipment	0.00	0.00	1,500.00	(1,500.00)
Equipment Lease	69.19	547.07	1,100.00	(552.93)
Bank Charges	19.89	170.36	300.00	(129.64)
Total Expenses	28,881.09	236,103.58	396,754.00	(160,650.42)
Total Revenues Over/(Under)				
Expenditures - Lake & Stream Mgmt.	(28,881.09)	(36,269.87)	(29.00)	(36,240.87)

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	Current Month	Year to Date	Annual Budget	Over/(Under) Budget
<u>WATER QUALITY GRANT PROGRAM - 90-01</u>				
Revenues				
General Property Tax	0.00	128,928.20	250,000.00	(121,071.80)
Total Revenues	0.00	128,928.20	250,000.00	(121,071.80)
Expenses				
Contracted Services	20,850.50	37,569.50	64,000.00	(26,430.50)
Education & Communication	0.00	58.40	9,000.00	(8,941.60)
Legal	0.00	585.60	1,000.00	(414.40)
Engineering	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	(1,000.00)
Construction	7,237.83	57,207.70	198,328.00	(141,120.30)
Total expenses	28,088.33	95,421.20	273,328.00	(177,906.80)
Total Revenues Over/(Under)				
Expenditures - Water Quality:	(28,088.33)	33,507.00	(23,328.00)	56,835.00

SURFACE WATER MONITORING & MGMT. PROGRAM - 90-04

Revenues				
General Property Tax	0.00	123,771.07	240,000.00	(116,228.93)
Total Revenues	0.00	123,771.07	240,000.00	(116,228.93)
Expenses				
Field Supplies	326.68	720.63	2,500.00	(1,779.37)
Computer Software	0.00	161.81	6,000.00	(5,838.19)
Telecommunications	22.00	88.00	1,000.00	(912.00)
Publications	0.00	0.00	300.00	(300.00)
Training & Education	0.00	150.00	1,500.00	(1,350.00)
Contracted Services	6,819.00	27,613.25	120,000.00	(92,386.75)
Legal	0.00	0.00	500.00	(500.00)
Engineering	0.00	7,045.50	29,000.00	(21,954.50)
Computer Equipment	0.00	0.00	11,900.00	(11,900.00)
Equipment	1,129.00	1,522.49	2,000.00	(477.51)
Repairs & Maintenance	0.00	0.00	300.00	(300.00)
Lab Expense	13,201.29	40,018.29	65,000.00	(24,981.71)
Total expenses	21,497.97	77,319.97	240,000.00	(162,680.03)
Total Revenues Over/(Under)				
Expenditures - Surface Water:	(21,497.97)	46,451.10	0.00	46,451.10

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	Current Month	Year to Date	Annual Budget	Over/(Under) Budget
<u>COMMON CARP MANAGEMENT - 90-26</u>				
Revenues				
General Property Tax	0.00	103,142.57	200,000.00	(96,857.43)
Total Revenues	0.00	103,142.57	200,000.00	(96,857.43)
Expenses				
Field Supplies	0.00	88.88	0.00	88.88
Telecommunications	72.07	688.91	1,000.00	(311.09)
Staff Travel	0.00	0.00	100.00	(100.00)
Professional Services	50,480.00	129,470.00	150,000.00	(20,530.00)
Legal	0.00	561.20	500.00	61.20
Engineering	3,472.75	19,678.50	4,200.00	15,478.50
Construction	0.00	0.00	30,000.00	(30,000.00)
Equipment	0.00	0.00	14,200.00	(14,200.00)
Total expenses	54,024.82	150,487.49	200,000.00	(49,512.51)
Total Revenues Over/(Under)				
Expenditures - Common Carp:	(54,024.82)	(47,344.92)	0.00	(47,344.92)
<u>CURLY LEAF PONDWEED MGMT. - 90-27</u>				
Revenues				
General Property Tax	0.00	12,892.82	25,000.00	(12,107.18)
Total Revenues	0.00	12,892.82	25,000.00	(12,107.18)
Expenses				
Contracted Services	0.00	16,917.97	40,000.00	(23,082.03)
Total expenses	0.00	16,917.97	40,000.00	(23,082.03)
Total Revenues Over/(Under)				
Expenditures - Common Carp:	0.00	(4,025.15)	(15,000.00)	10,974.85
Total Revenue Over/(Under) Expenditur	\$ (132,492.21)	\$ (7,681.84)	(38,357.00)	30,675.16

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Rice Creek Watershed District
Statement of Revenue and Expenditures - District Facilities - 95
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	Current Month	Year to Date	Annual Budget	Over/(Under) Budget
<u>DISTRICT FACILITIES - 95-00</u>				
Revenues				
General Property Tax	\$ 0.00	\$ 82,598.10	160,163.00	(77,564.90)
Interest Revenue	0.00	19,777.58	32,537.00	(12,759.42)
Investment Interest	0.00	13,147.31	42,235.00	(29,087.69)
Total Revenues	0.00	115,522.99	234,935.00	(119,412.01)
Expenses				
Wages	11,024.98	87,645.06	135,015.00	(47,369.94)
Interns	0.00	0.00	5,404.00	(5,404.00)
Benefits	976.38	7,398.18	22,469.00	(15,070.82)
Paid Leave Expense	20.38	300.27	0.00	300.27
PERA Expense	826.77	6,206.02	10,126.00	(3,919.98)
Payroll Taxes	841.77	7,106.94	12,090.00	(4,983.06)
Office Supplies	77.92	114.57	606.00	(491.43)
Field Supplies	124.64	124.64	250.00	(125.36)
Computer Software	0.00	0.00	250.00	(250.00)
Printing	0.00	0.00	100.00	(100.00)
Rent	522.36	4,178.88	5,650.00	(1,471.12)
Telecommunications	77.86	988.62	1,175.00	(186.38)
Publications	0.00	0.00	50.00	(50.00)
Training & Education	0.00	436.94	2,000.00	(1,563.06)
Insurance & Bonds	0.00	1,851.35	1,900.00	(48.65)
Postage	0.00	0.00	50.00	(50.00)
Legal Notices	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	(1,000.00)
Staff Travel	0.00	258.10	300.00	(41.90)
Vehicle Expense	699.17	14,247.46	15,000.00	(752.54)
Audit & Accounting	377.51	3,110.51	6,250.00	(3,139.49)
Professional Services	0.00	0.00	1,500.00	(1,500.00)
Contracted Services	0.00	0.00	7,000.00	(7,000.00)
Recruitment	0.00	0.00	50.00	(50.00)
Legal	0.00	609.78	1,000.00	(390.22)
Engineering	0.00	500.35	1,000.00	(499.65)
Equipment-Computer	0.00	0.00	500.00	(500.00)
Equipment	0.00	0.00	3,500.00	(3,500.00)
Equipment Lease	34.60	273.56	550.00	(276.44)
Bank Charges	9.93	85.10	150.00	(64.90)
Total Expenses	15,614.27	135,436.33	234,935.00	(99,498.67)
Total Revenues Over/(Under)				
Expenditures - District Facilities:	(15,614.27)	(19,913.34)	0.00	(19,913.34)

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Statement of Revenue and Expenditures - District Facilities - 95
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	Current Month	Year to Date	Annual Budget	Over/(Under) Budget
<u>DISTRICT FACILITIES REPAIR - 95-03</u>				
Revenues				
General Propety Tax	0.00	368,359.73	714,273.00	(345,913.27)
Total Revenues	0.00	368,359.73	714,273.00	(345,913.27)
Expenses				
Legal	0.00	0.00	25,000.00	(25,000.00)
Engineering	19,298.25	61,394.58	63,210.00	(1,815.42)
Construction	0.00	0.00	845,000.00	(845,000.00)
Total expenses	19,298.25	61,394.58	933,210.00	(871,815.42)
Total Revenues Over/(Under)				
Expenditures - District Facilities Repair	(19,298.25)	306,965.15	(218,937.00)	525,902.15
<u>INSPECTION OPERATION & MAINTENANCE - 95-04</u>				
Revenues				
General Propety Tax	0.00	99,403.65	192,750.00	(93,346.35)
Total Revenues	0.00	99,403.65	192,750.00	(93,346.35)
Expenses				
Field Supplies	0.00	121.33	6,500.00	(6,378.67)
Telecommunications	375.35	1,231.36	0.00	1,231.36
Vehicle	0.00	866.87	0.00	866.87
Contracted Services	6,425.75	34,147.85	100,000.00	(65,852.15)
Legal	0.00	234.00	3,750.00	(3,516.00)
Engineering	920.00	5,885.25	55,000.00	(49,114.75)
Construction	0.00	0.00	21,000.00	(21,000.00)
Equipment	0.00	246.99	6,500.00	(6,253.01)
Total expenses	7,721.10	42,733.65	192,750.00	(150,016.35)
Total Revenues Over/(Under)				
Expenditures - Wall Wetland Restoration	(7,721.10)	56,670.00	0.00	56,670.00
Total Revenue Over/(Under) Expenditur	\$ (42,633.62)	\$ 343,721.81	(218,937.00)	562,658.81

Substantially all disclosures required by generally accepted accounting principles are not included.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND INFORMATION

1. Staff Reports

MEMORANDUM

Rice Creek Watershed District



Date: August 14th, 2026

To: RCWD Board of Managers

From: Sara Belden, Project Technician

Subject: Staff Report 7/10/2026 – 8/14/2026

General

- Strategized Project Team file transition to online SharePoint platform
- Welcomed new Project Manager, Jen, to the District by sharing background of ongoing projects and open grants the Project Team is responsible for
- Coordinated water quality BMP project feasibility work near Peltier Lake with HEI and Eagle Brook Church
- Reviewed and filed HEI invoices for restoration projects and grant purposes
- Assisted Ali and Lake & Stream Team with removing buoys at the carp carrier near Long Lake for the season

Meetings and Workshops

- Attended regularly scheduled staff meetings
- Attended biweekly Project Team meetings
- Attended monthly meetings for the Jones Lake/RCD 2, 3, and 5 project
- Attended monthly PDS project coordination meeting with District staff
- Coordinated RCWD projects in pursuit of WBIF funding assistance
- Presented at the Washington County Water Consortium tour on behalf of WCD
 - Lost Lake Bioretention project partially funded by WBIF and RCWD Water Quality Grant programs, a shoreline restoration completed based off of the SE WBL study (2017).

MEMORANDUM

Rice Creek Watershed District



Date: August 13, 2026
To: RCWD Board of Managers
From: Ali Chalberg, Watershed Technician & Inspector
Subject: Staff Report 7/10/2026 – 8/13/2026

Highlights from Preceding Month

Regulatory

- ❖ Site Inspections
- ❖ As-Built Survey/Special Stipulation Coordination
- ❖ Permit Closures

Lakes/Streams

- ❖ Canoe Monitoring
- ❖ Boat Monitoring
- ❖ Sample Prep
- ❖ Algal Toxicity Tests
- ❖ Thermistor Chain
 - Peltier
- ❖ Carp
 - Removed Buoys at Long Lake
 - Cleaned off barriers
 - PIT station batteries

GIS

- ❖ Set up new staff with GIS software
- ❖ Updated WBIF Dashboard

Meetings

- ❖ Staff Meetings
- ❖ Lake and Stream Team meetings

Other

- ❖ Abstract accepted for Water Resources Conference!

MEMORANDUM

Rice Creek Watershed District



Date: August 19th, 2026
To: RCWD Board of Managers
From: Anna Grace, Regulatory Technician
Subject: Staff Report 7/11/26 – 8/18/26

- Created new permit files for online database and Laserfiche.
- Created new review files for online database and Laserfiche.
- Reviewed new permit applications and Initial Completeness Review Checklists were completed.
- Sent incomplete notice emails and continued working with applicants in tandem with RCWD staff and HEI consultants to receive all the required application materials.
- Continued coordinating with RCWD staff and inspectors with violations.
- Sent five permit applications to HEI for review.
- Sent three permit applications to RCWD for review.
- Received 20 new review file inquiries for permit/past file/landowner/consultant/violation/City.
- Assisted in Administrative/Board Notices, CAPROC Notices, CAPROC Review, Permit Review, and Permit Issuance.
- Phone and email correspondence.
- Attended 14 scheduled meetings:
 - Scheduled and attended virtual pre-application meetings:
 - Proposed building expansion in Blaine.
 - Continued after-the-fact meetings for Wells Fargo in Shoreview.
 - Proposed subdivision and bank branch development in Arden Hills.
 - Shenandoah Stormwater Improvements project in Lino Lakes.

MEMORANDUM

Rice Creek Watershed District



Date: August 14th, 2026
To: RCWD Board of Managers
From: Abel Green, Operations and Maintenance Inspector
Subject: Staff Report

- Following the districts public drainage inspection schedule inspecting and reporting of ditches and crossings as well as inspecting after rain events areas identified as potential problem sites, ensuring the system is still functioning as intended; continuously inspecting for and managing nuisance beaver
- Working through landowner phone calls with issues, problems, or complaints across the district; meeting on site to evaluate and figure out a solution
- Continuing to implement the vegetation maintenance plan for ditch ROW and district facilities including Iron Enhanced Sand Filters which includes mowing, brush cutting, and herbicide application
- Bald Eagle IESF has been de-winterized and is fully operational
- Oasis IESF has been de-winterized and is fully operational, worked with the City of Roseville to vacuum pump the stilling well that is in-line with the lift station which allowed more consistent and adequate flow to the pump
- Hansen IESF has been de-winterized and is fully operational
- Took depth measurements of the Oasis sediment pond in Roseville to monitor sedimentation levels
- Finished a ROW repair along JD2 where the ditch bank had washed out
- Working with the UofM to do some more in-depth analysis of the sand media which will give us more insight into the impacts of the recent issues we have worked through i.e. flooding directly into the sand beds, sediment deposition, effects of vegetation maintenance and other routine maintenance.
- Working with Hugo Tree and the tree clearing project on RCD5 leading up to Jones Lake. They have mobilized and started removing trees in the staging area

MEMORANDUM
Rice Creek Watershed District

Date: August 14th, 2026
To: RCWD Board of Managers
From: Patrick Hughes, Regulatory Manager
Subject: Staff Report for 7/13/26 to 8/14/26

Summary

- Created new permit and review files for MS4Front
- Sent notice of no-loss decision – 26-143R
- Sent notice of replacement plan decision – 25-056
- Reviewed permit application – 26-070
- Attended the 7/22/2026 and 8/12/2026 Board Meetings
- Met with ISD 832 regarding O.H. Anderson permeable pavers
- Attended final design PMT for CSAH 32 project in Forest Lake
- Attended pre-application meeting for 10311 Flanders Street NE
- Attended regular PMT meeting for P-8132 County Road D Improvement Project
- Met to discuss resolution of after-the-fact stormwater permit for Wells Fargo
- Hosted pre-application meeting for Robinson Sod North project
- Met with Centerville Public Works Director regarding water tower access road
- Hosted stormwater-specific meeting with Ramsey County regarding County Road D project
- Attended Velair Workforce Housing pre-application meeting held by Forest Lake
- Discussed Rice Creek Commons Outlot A non-functioning infiltration basin and next steps
- Hosted pre-application meeting for Roseville Civic Campus project
- Met with Columbus Code Compliance Inspector regarding stormwater BMP maintenance
- Attended meeting to discuss WCA and ACOE comments on Potomac Marsh wetland bank app
- Attended Watershed Coordination Meeting with CRWD regarding Les Bolstad property
- Hosted pre-application meeting for 3499 Lexington Ave apartment project
- Met with SRF to discuss stormwater and floodplain for CSAH 32 project
- Attended monthly Watershed District Coordination Meeting with Forest Lake
- Participated in August Board Workshop related to 2027 budget
- Attended Hugo TEP related to Oneka Shores no-loss and sequencing
- Attended Shenandoah Park stormwater improvements project discussion
- Attended JD4 Project Update and Discussion meeting with Bolton & Menk/Forest Lake
- Hosted pre-application meeting for 10029 Naples Street NE
- Met with Anoka TEP to discuss Wellington replacement plan (formerly Ravenwood)
- Site review for Watermark Phase 3 wetland replacement areas and Butterfly Marsh Year 5
- Reviewed invoices for WCD and RCD inspections, and Centerville JPA inspections
- Completed monthly IT training via curricula

MEMORANDUM

Rice Creek Watershed District



Date: August 19, 2026
To: RCWD Board of Managers
From: Emmet Hurley, Program Support Technician
Subject: Staff Report 7/16/2026 – 8/19/2026

- Worked with Rymark and Plaudit to address recent issues involving the Permit Application form on the District website and our email security platform – Securence.
 - Form submissions were being quarantined by Securence, causing users to not receive notifications when applications were submitted
 - Added updated DMARC records to WordPress website so that emails wouldn't get flagged as spam/junk/malicious
 - Working with John Cocchiarella from Rymark to migrate from Securence to Proofpoint as our email security platform, following Securence's announcement that they will be shutting down
- Used the Budget 5-Year Forecast spreadsheet to create projections for future budget implications of the Proposed 2027 Budget
 - Added the Proposed 2027 Budget amounts and adjusted various formulas
 - Created graph to assist with communicating budget implications to the Board
- Assembled and distributed Agenda Packets for Board and CAC Workshops/Meetings
 - Updated RCWD website via WordPress to reflect upcoming Board Meetings and Workshops
 - Notified RCWD mailing list through MailChimp; notified Managers of Packet availability at RCWD office; shipped agenda packets to Managers Bradley and Waller
- Took sign-ups from Staff interested in attending the Minnesota Water Resources Conference in October
- Posted public notices on District website
- Monitored the District's cybersecurity awareness and training program, along with simulated phishing attempts
 - Investigated legitimate phishing events and performed necessary remediation steps
- Administered Zoom Webinars for Board Workshops and Regular Meetings
 - Coordinated panelist allocations
 - Edited meeting recordings and posted on the RCWD YouTube channel; sent recording to local cable channels
- Attended various meetings
 - Board Workshop, Board Meeting, Staff meeting, etc.
 - Meetings with various IT contractors/vendors
- Troubleshooting various IT issues

MEMORANDUM

Rice Creek Watershed District



Date: 8/19/2026
To: RCWD Board of Managers
From: Matt Kocian, Lake and Stream Manager
Subject: Staff Report 7/16 – 8/18/2026

Highlights for Preceding Month

Bold items required significant time & attention

- Monitoring
 - Data entry, analysis, and reporting
 - Moore Lake IESF site visit and monitoring planning
 - **Lake monitoring**
- **RCWD Algal toxin testing – Pilot Program**
 - ordering testing materials,
 - develop protocols & team training
 - partner communications
 - sample collection and testing
- Carp Management
 - Silver Lake carp mgmt. planning, contracts, communications
- Centerville Lake Alum Project
 - Tracking final project deliverables
- Old Central / Lower Rice Creek project
 - Begin MPCA permit process
- **Peltier Lake Management**
 - Thermistor chain maintenance and download
 - Extra WQ monitoring
- Middle Rice Creek repair and feasibility – permitting & planning
- Attend CAC meeting – Hansen Park tour
- 2027 RCWD budget development & Board workshop
- White Bear Lake Comprehensive Plan Work Group
 - Attend Work Group meeting
 - Share update with RCWD Board
- Review final *Score the Shore* protocols for RCWD – 2026 pilot project
- Bald Eagle permit inspection

MEMORANDUM
Rice Creek Watershed District

Date: August 14th, 2026
To: RCWD Board of Managers
From: Ashley Kramer, Inspector
Subject: Staff Report for 7/14/26 to 8/14/26

- Conducted routine site inspections for issued permits in Blaine, Fridley, St. Anthony, and Roseville.
- Distributed inspection reports.
- Closed permits resulting in \$100,950 worth of surety payment returned.
- Attended a pre-construction meeting for a new permit.
- Conducted a potential violation site inspection.
- Communicated about required special stipulations remaining for permits otherwise ready for closure.
- Communicated with city staff and contractors via phone, email, and in-person.
- Attended regularly scheduled staff meetings.
- Researched unresolved permits and closed applicable permits.
- Completed a Rymark IT Navigation security awareness training.
- Assisted Ali (Watershed Technician) with canoe lake monitoring.
- Assisted Molly (Outreach and Grant Technician) with BMP inspections.

MEMORANDUM

Rice Creek Watershed District



Date: August 14, 2026
To: RCWD Board of Managers
From: Erik Larson, Watershed Inspector
Subject: Staff Report 7/13/2026 – 8/14/2026

- Completed routine inspections for active/issued permits, along with drive-by inspections to observe site conditions without sending reports.
- Closed four permits, resulting in \$1,000.00 worth of surety payment returned.
- Performed follow-up inspections for non-compliant sites.
- Phone and email correspondence with city staff and contractors.
- Attended scheduled meetings.
 - Attended RCWD staff meeting.
 - Meetings within the regulatory team.
 - Regular meeting with the City of Forest Lake
- Further research into further unresolved/historic permits in multiple municipalities with spare time, also attended internal regular Unresolved permit meetings.
- Went along to assist with new Inspector Ashley's first pre-construction meeting and violation site check.

MEMORANDUM

Rice Creek Watershed District



Date: August 14th, 2026
To: RCWD Board of Managers
From: Molly Nelson, Outreach and Grants Technician
Subject: Staff Report 7/14/26 to 8/14/26

Summary

- Processed project closures and reimbursement for 2 Water Quality Grants
- Processed reimbursement for 3 Mini Grants.
- Presented and coordinated the CAC August field tour at Hansen Park in New Brighton.
- Administered 4 Water Quality Grant awards including the first green roof project to come through the program.
- Created stormwater management outreach plan for Weston Woods- Shoreview HOA.
- Continued 2026 maintenance inspections and communicated results with project owners.
- Attended site visits for project screening towards Water Quality Grant Program.
- Coordinated remaining work for 2026 TA in Ramsey and Washington counties.
- Fielded inquiry for potential 2027 project with the City of Fridley at Harris Lake Park.
- Began 2026 annual program review preparations for Water Quality Grant program.
- Conducted review and communications for Christ the King Church raingarden retrofit.
- Processed two invoices to send to ACD for the North Metro Pollinator Pathways grant reimbursement.
- Coordinated a site visit tour at the Fran Miron Waste Storage Facility.
- Coordinated staff presentation with Sara Belden for the Lost Lake Shoreline project at the Washington County Water Consortium field tour.
- Coordinated maintenance outreach planning with MNL and Florest Lake Area High School for the restored infiltration basin project.
- Met with St. Anthony Village to plan education strategies for infiltration basin near the high school.

Meetings, Workshops, and Outreach Events

- 7/23/26 Tabled at Columbia Heights Monarch Festival
- 7/29/26 Miron Waste Storage Facility Tour
- 8/4/26 Vegetation Identification and Maintenance Techniques for Stormwater Treatment Practices Workshop

MEMORANDUM

Rice Creek Watershed District



Date: 8/13/26
To: RCWD Board of Managers
From: Catherine Nester, District Technician/Inspector
Subject: Staff Report 7/10/26 – 8/13/26

Highlights from the Preceding Month

- Collected water samples and other measurements from the Moore Lake iron-enhanced sand filter in Fridley, the Bald Eagle iron-enhanced sand filter in White Bear Township and the Hansen Park iron-enhanced sand filter in New Brighton.
- Routine monitoring at various lake monitoring sites throughout the district.
- Routine monitoring (including targeted chloride monitoring and flow measurement) at various stream and ditch monitoring sites throughout the district.
- Performed maintenance and calibration on lake and stream monitoring equipment and inventoried/restocked supplies.
- Continued importing lake & stream monitoring data into the WISKI database and improving import configurations and processes.
- Attended steering team meetings for the Minnesota WISKI User Group on July 10, July 23, and August 7 in preparation for an upcoming fall event.
- Responded to an inquiry from the City of St. Paul about public health hazards/risks related to water reuse systems.
- Responded to an inquiry from a resident in Mahtomedi about testing for *Naegleria fowleri* (aka the “brain-eating ameba”).
- Responded to an inquiry from MWMO about rainfall data for model calibration purposes.
- Out on vacation July 13-17 and July 29-August 5.

MEMORANDUM

Rice Creek Watershed District



Date: August 18th, 2026

To: RCWD Board of Managers

From: Jen Oknich, Project Manager

Subject: Staff Report 7/15/2026 – 8/18/2026

General

- I started with the district about two weeks before the start of this reporting period, so much of my time was spent onboarding. This included subjects like continuing to meet the staff and learn their roles, IT set-up and problem-solving, human resources forms and conversations, learning our time-tracking funding string norms, learning our file locations, working through several common public questions, walking through invoices, district facilities, how we're organized, our policies, norms, watershed management plan, etc.
- I reviewed several documents, including the East Moore Lake report, and UMN IESF proposal.
- I spent much of my time on Jones Lake. This included learning the project, visiting the area, collaborating with staff, HEI, and our city partners, meeting with DNR, preparing information for board consideration, assisting a presentation at a special board workshop, presenting agenda items at a regular board meeting, and bringing board direction to our partners.
- I also spent time learning our public drainage system through visits, and meetings.

Meetings and Workshops

- Program, staff and facility learning 7/16, 7/17, 7/21, 7/22, 7/24, 7/27, 7/28, 7/31
- Jones Lake special workshop materials prep 7/20
- Lost Lake pre-construction 7/20
- Bellaire Ave stormwater pond 7/21, 7/23
- Staff collaboration updates 7/22, 7/23, 8/18
- Les Bolstad with CRWD 7/29
- Board workshops, meetings 8/3, 8/10, 8/12
- Public drainage 8/5, 8/10
- UMN stormwater training 8/6
- Shenandoah stormwater improvements 8/10
- Jones Lake monthly meeting 8/11
- JD-4 with Forest Lake staff 8/11
- Jones Lake permit discussion 8/12, 8/13
- Watermark and Butterfly Marsh visit 8/13

Upcoming

- Board meeting 8/24, 9/1, 9/9
- East Moore Lake w Fridley 8/27
- More onboarding/mentoring 8/27, 9/3
- Jones Lake meetings 8/19, 8/21, 9/11, 9/15

MEMORANDUM

Rice Creek Watershed District



Date: August 14, 2026
To: RCWD Board of Managers
From: Connor Price, Technical Field Assistant
Subject: Staff Report

- Completed several ditch inspections and will continue to monitor the district ditch network and crossings to ensure that the system is still flowing unobstructed so they may function as intended
- Coordinated the removal of 3 beaver dams across JD 2
- Coordinated with a contractor to reset 2 ice heaved culverts on ACD 53-62 Branch 5 Lateral 2 in Blaine
- Worked with monitoring team to complete a sediment survey of oasis pond
- Participated in the final site walk on ACD 53-62
- Reported several stands of invasive Phragmites plants via EDD Maps
- Gave a "Public Drainage Tour" to Ashley our new inspector on staff
- Cleaned the carp barrier at the New Brighton community center and removed trash
- Participated in the CAC's tour of Hansen park IESF and answered questions about maintenance and upkeep of IESF systems
- Met with a landowner on JD3 and answered questions about upcoming repair and maintenance on that part of the system
- Oversaw the completion of a bank stabilization project on JD2 in Forest Lake
- Worked with a contractor to mow an area of drain tile on ACD 72 Branch 11 and prepare the area to fix a known tile blowout
- Participated in the ARJD1 Repair Landowner Meeting on 8/12

MEMORANDUM

Rice Creek Watershed District



Date: August 14, 2026
To: RCWD Board of Managers
From: Will Roach, Watershed Technician/Inspector
Subject: August Staff Update

Inspections/Regulatory

- Conducted regular inspections in Forest Lake and Columbus and providing inspection reports noting corrections.
- Reached out to an applicant regarding uncashed surety return checks and provided an affidavit to have new checks issued while also voiding the older checks.
- Attended regularly scheduled coordination meeting with Forest Lake and CLFLWD staff to discuss ongoing and upcoming projects.
- Discussed ongoing compliance issue with Regulatory Manager and how to best proceed.
- Coordinated with Forest Lake staff to locate, compile, and shared inspection reports of all sites inspected from 2023 to present to help the city provide required information for an MS4 audit.

Project Management

- Met with Washington Conservation District to discuss a potential stormwater grant application for Birchwood Village.
- Email correspondence with Centerville Public Works Director discussing a potential stormwater grant applications and future pre-application discussion.
- Reviewed shared documentation from Capitol Region Watershed District regarding the Plumbing Board's ongoing rule revision process pertaining to stormwater re-use systems for irrigation purposes.
- Shared draft versions of the 2027 SMG program guidelines and Request for Proposals with the District Administrator and Projects Manager and am currently in process of revising following their feedback.

MEMORANDUM
Rice Creek Watershed District



Date: August 14, 2026
To: RCWD Board of Managers
From: Tom Schmidt, Drainage and District Facilities Manager
Subject: Staff Report August 2026

Highlights for this period

Responded to and addressed constituent concerns/questions about the public drainage system and district facilities.

Continued working with Ramsey County Parks to develop a permanent access agreement for the Lake Johanna Outlet structure replacement.

Continued to work with the District Engineer on preparing for the closeout of the ACD53-62, branches 5 & 6 repair project (in progress).

Continued coordinating with the team on public drainage aspects of the Jones Lake project.

Over saw Summer Public drainage System Maintenance projects, including significant beaver trapping, dam removals, and ROW Mowing.

Coordinated noticing for upcoming PDS public hearing and landowner information meetings.

Prepared materials for Board meeting packets.

MEMORANDUM

Rice Creek Watershed District

Date: August 13, 2026
To: RCWD Board of Managers
From: Kendra Sommerfeld, Communications & Outreach Manager
Subject: Staff Report 7/13/2026-8/13/2026

Partnerships/Collaborations

- Planning 2026 workshops with Blue Thumb
 - Summer workshop complete
 - Planning fall workshops
- Work started for 2026 activities with Growing Green Hearts
- Art project at West Hansen Park in progress
- Planning rain garden learning activities with Forest Lake High School
- MN Watersheds resolution process
- Anoka County MS4 Partner Meetings
- Facebook posts and communications sent regarding Blue/Green algae blooms and water quality
- RCWD Updates newsletter sent end of July
- RCWD “understanding stormwater pollutants” handout created and published on website
- Art/water workshops scheduled with City of Fridley
 - Summer workshop in progress, one completed
- Anoka Library collaboration for We Are Water planning
 - Scheduled community workshop for September
 - Attending We Are Water exhibit and speaking to October
- Watershed district survey tool for community engagement in progress
 - Outreach program survey in progress

Project/Program Outreach

- Collaborating with upcoming projects for outreach and communication items like articles, press releases, public meetings, signs, etc.
- Centerville stormwater management grant sign stormwater reuse creation

Other

- MN Watersheds abstract submitted and accepted about IESF
- Project sign installations
- New staff onboarding meetings

MEMORANDUM
Rice Creek Watershed District



Date: August 17, 2026
To: RCWD Board of Managers
From: Theresa Stasica, Office Manager
Subject: Staff Report 7/8/26 to 8/17/26

- Code invoices for review.
- Gathered all timesheets and reviewed select employee timesheets for administrator's final review.
- Continued to provide administrative/HR support to employees.
- Provide minute templates to TimeSavers for meetings. Reviewed and edited regular Board minutes.
- Provided draft minutes for the Board workshop.
- Review agenda packet materials.
- Attending on-line cyber security courses
- Provide requested information to Board members and Administrator as needed.
- Assisted Board and Staff as needed.
- Attended board meetings and staff meetings.
- Placed orders for supplies as needed.
- Maintain Laserfiche filing system and scanned documents District receives into Laserfiche.

MEMORANDUM

Rice Creek Watershed District



Date: August 18, 2026
To: RCWD Board of Managers
From: Nick Tomczik, Administrator
Subject: Staff Report – July 2026

Highlights for Month

- ✓ Administrative
 - Office Building Improvement Allowance Painting
 - Staff Meeting
 - Accounts Payable Review
 - 2027 Budget Refinement
 - Personnel Leave Requests
 - Board Meetings
 - Staff Onboarding
 - Special Workshop
 - Ramsey County Well Grant Support
 - Washington County Annual Staff Check-In
 - SW Reuse & Plumbing Code
- ✓ Communication & Outreach
 - Mn Watersheds Resolutions
 - Maintenance Guidance/Support
- ✓ Information Management
 - RYMARK Server Updates
 - 5-yr Project Forecast
- ✓ Restoration Projects
 - Lino Lakes Shenandoah Water Quality Project
 - Les Bolstad Golf Course Development
 - RCD 2, 3, & 5 Suite Approach
 - Jones Lake Project
 - White Bear Lake Area Comprehensive Plan Work Group
- ✓ Regulatory
 - Permit Issuance
 - Permit Closures
 - Forest Lake Permitting Inquiry
- ✓ Drainage & Facilities Program
 - Lake Johanna Outlet Easement & Agreement
 - ACD 10-22-32 Alt 4 Discussions
 - AWJD4 Update Forest Lake Planning
 - Public Drainage Maintenance
 - Biweekly Program Discussions with Consultants
- ✓ Lake & Stream Management
 - Middle Rice Creek Repair Planning
 - Anoka County Old Central Bank Repair / SW Project
 - White Bear Lake Area Comprehensive Plan Work Group

MEMORANDUM

Rice Creek Watershed District



Date: August 14th, 2026
To: RCWD Board of Managers
From: Kelsey White, Permit Technician
Subject: Staff Report 7/13/2026 – 8/13/2026

Reviews

- Reviewed 2 permit applications for administrative approval
- Drafted wetland section for 26-033 engineer's report
- Administratively amended 3 CAPROC Notices
- Coordinated submittal and review of CAPROC items for 10 permit applications
- Reviewed 7 wetland boundary/type joint applications for completeness
- Issued Notice of Decisions for:
 - 4 boundary determinations;
 - 1 no-loss determination;
 - 2 replacement plans
- Created 6 review files in Laserfische

Communications

- Sent notice of permit issuance for 7 permit applications and 2 amended permits
- Sent 7 CAPROC notices and 5 Amended CAPROC notices
- Sent 9 administrative action notices to the Board
- Sent 2 permit review cost notices
- Sent one notice for CAPROC expiration
- Sent 11 WCA Notice of Applications

Meetings

- Coordinated and attended 14 TEP meetings
- Attended pre-application meeting for Central Transport building expansion
- Participated in weekly permit coordination meetings and monthly permit triage
- Attended regular staff meetings
- Attended field study workshop on soft water ponds

Other Duties

- Completed monthly IT security training
- Saved records of permit application communications to Laserfiche
- Responded to email and telephone inquiries about RCWD permitting procedures and requirements
- Responded to landowners about general WCA questions and questions regarding wetlands on or near their properties

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND INFORMATION

2. September Calendar



AUGUST						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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30	31					

SEPTEMBER						
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20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

MEMORANDUM

Rice Creek Watershed District

Date: August 17, 2026
To: RCWD Board of Managers
From: Emmet Hurley, Program Support Technician
Subject: September 2026 Calendar

Tuesday, September 1, 9 a.m. Board Workshop
 RCWD District Conference Room and remotely*

Wednesday, September 2, 5:30 p.m. Citizen Advisory Committee Meeting
 Board Liaison Manager Robertson
 RCWD District Conference Room and remotely*

Monday, September 7 Labor Day-Office Closed

Wednesday, September 9, 9 a.m. Regular Board of Managers Meeting
 at Mounds View City Hall Council Chambers,
 2401 County Road 10, Mounds View, MN and remotely*

Thursday, September 10, 4:30 p.m. Deadline for Manager Per Diem & Milage Claim Forms

Monday, September 14, 6 p.m. AWJD3 Clearwater Creek Stabilization Project
 Public Information Meeting
 at Centerville City Hall Council Chambers,
 1880 Main St, Centerville, MN

Wednesday, September 23, 9 a.m. Regular Board of Managers Meeting
 at Mounds View City Hall Council Chambers,
 2401 County Road 10, Mounds View, MN and remotely*