

APPROVED

RCWD BOARD OF MANAGERS WORKSHOP

Tuesday, September 1, 2026

Rice Creek Watershed District Conference Room
4325 Pheasant Ridge Drive NE, Suite 611, Blaine, Minnesota
and

Meeting also conducted by alternative means
(teleconference or video-teleconference) from remote locations

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

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

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

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

9 Visitors: Patrick Antonen, Administrator and Bill Alms, WSB-City of Circle Pines

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11 **Proposed 2027 Draft Budget Public Hearing Comments**

12 Administrator Tomczik reviewed with the Board the comments made at the public hearing. The
13 Board discussed the draft budget. The Board by consensus agreed to move fund 95-03 2026 Lake
14 Johanna outlet project funds to 2027 due to delay and reinstate \$100,000 of fund balance to fund
15 80-26 ACD 10-22-32 Repair. The Board also discussed the Project Anticipation Fund and how
16 carryover funds are allocated across different projects. The Board agreed to potentially schedule
17 additional workshop time to review the budget.

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19 **City of Circle Pines Outfall Discussion**

20 The Board requested that the City's engineer and the District's engineer provide summaries of
21 their respective findings regarding the failed stormwater outfall. The engineers had general
22 agreement on the repairs needed but differing opinions on the cause of the erosion. The Board
23 requested additional information from the District Engineer and the City of Circle Pines' financial
24 request for repair. The Board directed staff to add this item to Wednesday, September 9th
25 meeting for consideration.

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27 **Jones Lake Vegetation Work Partner Commitment**

28 Project Manager Oknich provided an update to the Board and reviewed the staff letters of
29 commitment that were within the packet. She explained there was not enough time between
30 the Board request for written support from Roseville and New Brighton and today's workshop
31 for a written commitment above the staff level, however, City staff would be bringing this item

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to their next City council meetings for consideration. Letters of commitment from the City councils were expected by the end of September. The Board discussed the need for obtaining formal council-level agreements from the Cities of Roseville and New Brighton.

RCWD Public Drainage System Repair Imbedded Tree Removal Policy

Staff discussed with the Board their past tree removal practices for repair projects. The Board by consensus directed staff to bring back a draft policy for consideration.

Outstanding Watershed Staff Awards

The Board discussed and by consensus agreed to not provide a nomination for staff or project awards this year.

Administrative Updates

- MnWD resolution meeting update.

The workshop was adjourned at 11:02 a.m.