



REGULAR MEETING OF THE RCWD BOARD OF MANAGERS

Wednesday, September 24, 2025

Mounds View City Hall Council Chambers
2401 County Road 10, Mounds View, Minnesota
and

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

Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

President Michael Bradley called the meeting to order, a quorum being present, at 9:00 a.m. He noted that Manager Wagamon would be listening to the meeting via electronic means but would not be participating in any votes.

ROLL CALL

Present: President Michael Bradley, 1st Vice-Pres. John Waller, Treasurer Marcie Weinandt, 2nd Vice-Pres. Steve Wagamon (via electronic means only monitoring), and Secretary Jess Robertson

Absent: None

Staff Present: Administrator Nick Tomczik, Regulatory Manager Patrick Hughes, Watershed Technician/Inspector Will Roach, Project Manager David Petry, Technician Emmet Hurley (video-conference), Office Manager Theresa Stasica

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

Visitors: None

SETTING OF THE AGENDA

District Administrator Tomczik requested the addition of Action Item #4 - New Brighton 2022 & 2024 Stormwater Management Grants Awards, and renumber the remaining items.

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

OPEN MIC/PUBLIC COMMENT

READING OF THE MINUTES AND THEIR APPROVAL

Minutes of the September 8, 2025, Workshop and September 10, 2025, Board of Managers Regular Meeting. Motion by Manager Robertson, seconded by Manager Weinandt, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

The following items will be acted upon without discussion in accordance with the staff recommendation and associated documentation unless a Manager or another interested person requests an opportunity for discussion:

Table of Contents-Permit Applications Requiring Board Action

No.	Applicant	Location	Plan Type	Recommendation
25-053	Hampton Properties VIII, LLC	Lino Lakes	Final Site Drainage Plan Land Development Public/Private Drainage System	CAPROC 6 items
25-077	ACR Properties	Shoreview	Final Site Drainage Plan	CAPROC 8 items

It was moved by Manager Weinandt and seconded by Manager Robertson, to approve the consent agenda as outlined in the above Table of Contents in accordance with RCWD District Engineer's Findings and Recommendations, dated September 16, 2025.

ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

1. 2026 Stormwater Management Grant Program

Watershed Technician/Inspector Roach explained that staff was seeking authorization to release the 2026 Stormwater Management Grant Program and the corresponding documents. He reviewed the updated language proposed by staff and CAC for inclusion in the Program Guidelines and Application.

President Bradley confirmed that the deadline for applying was November 14, 2025, and asked when this was expected to go out.

Watershed Technician/Inspector Roach stated that if the Board approved it today, he would get it out by the end of the week or early next week.

Motion by Manager Waller, seconded by Manager Weinandt, moves to authorize staff to initiate the 2026 Stormwater Management Grant program and to notify potential applicants of funding availability by publishing the attached Request for Proposals. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Manager Waller, seconded by Manager Weinandt, moves to approve the HEI Task Order 2025 – 017 for Engineering review of the 2026 Stormwater Management Grant program applications and delegates signature authority to the Administrator on the advice of counsel.

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74 Manager Weinandt noted that the Board had discussed this at one of their workshop
75 meetings, so they had reviewed it. She stated that she was at the CAC meeting when
76 this was reviewed and knew they would appreciate the approach staff had taken to
77 address their concerns.

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

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81 **2. Resolution 2025-09 Supporting Rice Creek Watershed District State Bonding Request -**
82 **Jones Lake Project**

83 Project Manager Petry stated this resolution was in support of the Jones Lake Project.
84 He outlined the bonding bill request that had been submitted to the State Legislature for
85 2026. He explained that they have requested letters of support/resolutions from New
86 Brighton and Roseville. He noted that the proposed resolution would make it clear that
87 the Board also supported this request.

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89 President Bradley asked Project Manager Petry to update the Board on the tour that is to
90 take place on the various projects.

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92 Project Manager Petry stated that the tour will take place in mid-November, but they do
93 not have the specific times and dates yet. He explained that they had requested to be
94 a stop on the bonding bill tour and noted that they have considered having the brief stop
95 by at Hansen Park since there is a similar project to actually look at there, and access to
96 Jones Lake can be difficult.

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98 Manager Weinandt stated that there was also a letter of support from the Ramsey County
99 League of Cities. She stated that she felt Project Manager Petry had done an excellent
100 job presenting to them.

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102 Manager Waller asked for more information about who will be on the tour and where it
103 will begin and end.

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105 District Administrator Tomczik noted that it would be the State legislators.

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107 Manager Waller stated that there was a tour like this a few years ago and noted that he
108 just wanted the audience to understand who would be taking part in this tour.

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110 District Administrator Tomczik explained that this tour was for the State bonding and
111 noted that they do not have details yet, but were invited to participate because the
112 District had asked for funding. He stated that once they have the details, they will share
113 them with the Board and the elected representatives to ensure they know about it and
114 how important it is to the District.

Motion by Manager Weinandt, seconded by Manager Bradley, to adopt Resolution 2025-09 Supporting Rice Creek Watershed District State Bonding Request for the Jones Lake Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rice Creek Watershed District Board of Managers supports the Rice Creek Watershed District's request for State bonding in the amount of \$6.84 million for the final phase of construction of the Jones Lake Project.

ROLL CALL:

Manager Bradley – Aye

Manager Robertson – Aye

Manager Wagamon – Absent

Manager Waller – Aye

Manager Weinandt – Aye

Motion carried 4-0.

3. District Professional Development Assistance – David Petry

District Administrator Tomczik stated that this item seeks future reimbursement for Project Manager Petry for professional development/educational assistance. He explained that Project Manager Petry was pursuing an online Project Management Certificate through the University of Minnesota College of Continuing and Professional Studies. He briefly reviewed the reimbursable program costs and explained that the course of study applied to the District's needs. He reminded the Board that the reimbursement requires satisfactory course completion.

Motion by Manager Waller, seconded by Manager Robertson, to approve reimbursement of the University of Minnesota's College of Continuing & Professional Studies Project Management Program courses supporting Project Management Certificate when Mr. Petry demonstrates successful completion of each course with a certificate of course completion.

Manager Robertson asked if they should add language to the motion regarding the not-to-exceed amount.

Amending motion by Manager Waller, seconded by Manager Robertson, to approve reimbursement, in an amount not to exceed \$4,860, for Project Manager Petry for the University of Minnesota's College of Continuing & Professional Studies Project Management Program courses supporting Project Management Certificate when Mr. Petry demonstrates successful completion of each course with a certificate of course completion.

Manager Waller stated he believed that Project Manager Petry was the third employee to take advantage of this educational assistance opportunity. He informed Project

Manager Petry that Hamline University has a wonderful Public Administration school, which has had courses used by members of the District in the past.

Motion carried 4-0.

4. City of New Brighton 2022 & 2024 Stormwater Management Grants

Watershed Technician/Inspector Roach explained that staff was asking for Board approval to ratify grant funds that were awarded to New Brighton for their 2022 Stormwater Management Grant to their 2024 Stormwater Management Grant project. He stated that after the grant was awarded in 2022, New Brighton had determined that their proposed project site was no longer viable due to site constraints. He stated that when this happened, they discussed the situation with staff, and there was a notion that, in addition to their 2024 grant funds, they would also be able to use the funds they had been awarded in 2022. He explained that there did not appear to be a definitive record on that within the District, which is why they were presenting this to the Board today. He outlined the projected construction costs for New Brighton's 2024 Stormwater Management project and explained that if the Board approved this, the contribution would be less than 50% of the total construction costs, so it would be within alignment of the program guidelines and recommended approval.

District Administrator Tomczik stated that the District had budgeted the 2022 grant award in subsequent years, committed funds that the Board brought forward, so when the City demonstrates success in the project, the District would pay them out. He explained that because this money had continued to be brought forward, it spoke to the notion referenced by Watershed Technician/Inspector Roach that the discussion they had about the City of New Brighton getting both grant amounts for their new project was consistent with protocol. He explained that staff was asking the Board to add clarity to the record in approving moving those funds into the 2024 project undertaken by New Brighton.

Manager Weinandt asked for details about New Brighton's project.

Watershed Technician/Inspector Roach explained that the 2022 project was a flood mitigation project at their Public Works site, and the 2024 project was stormwater improvements along 4th Street NW to alleviate flooding in that corridor.

District Engineer Otterness stated that the 4th Street NW project was specifically referenced in the RCD 2, 3, 5 Basic Water Management Project, and had also been verified through the District's model that it would not be problematic downstream and would also help with timing to get the water out more quickly before the bigger flush came in from downstream. He stated that it worked out well with what the District was doing, which was why they supported its funding.

Motion by Manager Bradley, seconded by Manager Weinandt, to Approve Reallocation of the 2022 Stormwater Management Grant Funds awarded to New Brighton of

\$100,000 to the 2024 Stormwater Management project, and delegate signature authority to the District Administrator for a revised contract between the City of New Brighton and the District.

Motion carried 4-0.

5. Check Register Dated September 24, 2025, in the Amount of \$363,743.57 and September Interim Financial Statements Prepared by Redpath and Company

Motion by Manager Weinandt, seconded by Manager Waller, to approve the check register dated September 24, 2025, in the amount of \$363,743.57 and the September Interim Financial Statements prepared by Redpath and Company. Motion carried 4-0.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND INFORMATION

1. **Twin Cities Army Ammunition Plant Slideshow**

Due to technical difficulties, President Bradley moved on to staff reports.

2. **Staff Reports**

3. **October Calendar**

4. **Administrator Updates**

District Administrator Tomczik stated that he had attended the Minnesota Association of Watershed Administrators meeting, where they discussed the new Minnesota State law related to Paid Family Leave. He noted that the West Pine Street culvert was lowered to its ACSIC on September 22, 2025.

5. **Managers' Updates**

Manager Weinandt stated that she had attended the Clean Water Council tour of the Mississippi Headwaters area, which she found fascinating. She noted that in that area, they have all completed their 'one watershed, one plan' plans, but explained that there were no watershed districts up there, so it was a different way to organize things. She stated that she had served on the Clean Water Council for the last 5 years as the watershed representative and would be resigning as of January 1, 2025. She explained that her position would be taken over by Andy, who is a watershed manager from southern Minnesota. She stated that she and various District staff members would be attending the Minnesota Water Resources Conference in a few weeks. She stated in the upcoming Minnesota Watersheds newsletter; there will be a request for them to complete a short survey as they approach the next budget year within the Clean Water Fund.

Regulatory Manager Hughes stated that there continued to be technical issues and suggested that he bring the presentation to a future Workshop meeting.

247 **ADJOURNMENT**

248 ***Motion by Manager Waller, seconded by Manager Robertson, to adjourn the meeting at 9:36***
249 ***a.m. Motion carried 4-0.***

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