



APPROVED

RCWD BOARD OF MANAGERS WORKSHOP

Monday, November 4, 2024

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: Board members Mike Bradley, John Waller, Steve Wagamon, Jess Robertson, Marcie
3 Weinandt

4 Absent:

5 Staff: Drainage & Facilities Manager Tom Schmidt, Regulatory Manager Patrick Hughes, Program
6 Support Technician Emmet Hurley (video-conference), Office Manager Theresa Stasica

7 Consultants: District Engineer Chris Otterness -Houston Engineering, Inc. (HEI), District Attorney Louis
8 Smith-Smith Partners, Attorney John Kolb-Rinke Noonan

9 Visitors: Chris Stowe

10 **2025/26 Legal Professional Services Interviews**

11 The Board separately interviewed the two law firms (Smith Partners & Rinke Noonan) that submitted
12 proposals as part of the District 2025-26 Professionals Services RFP. The Board by consensus directed staff
13 to prepare contracts to consider at a future meeting. The contracts will be for each legal firm as the sole
14 District Attorney or a combination of legal firms. The Board requested confirmation that Professional
15 Services Contracts language include an early termination provision.

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17 **Anoka County Ditch 10-22-32**

18 As directed by the Board, staff met last week with the cities of Columbus and Lino Lakes to discuss
19 management of stormwater along and near the ACD 10-22-32 public drainage issues including the
20 relationship of potential future developments on stormwater management in this area. Staff reviewed the
21 2010-11 ACD 10-22-32 Repair Report content regarding the entire system and reviewed several culvert
22 locations on the drainage system. Staff also provided information such as cost-sharing ideas to the cities
23 on studies or potential collaborations to work together on these issues. At this time, the District is providing
24 information to the City of Lino Lakes to assist with their AUAR.

25 The Board discussed their 10/23/2024 failed action to approve the WCA replacement plan. Staff informed
26 the Board that the WCA NOD was one step that needed to be approved before further consideration could
27 be made to lowering upstream culverts along the public drainage system.

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29 Jess Robertson left the meeting at 11:44 a.m. due to a prior commitment.

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31 The Board discussed reconsideration of their decision and the importance of the District continuing to work
32 with cities on these issues.

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34 **Administrator Updates**

35 • 2024 Master Water Steward Project has been delayed due to contract logistics. This project and
36 expense may occur in 2025.

37 • Update on the Rice Creek water flow being above neighboring watersheds which are in 'low flow'.

38 • Tuesday, November 12th workshop will start at 1:30 p.m.

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40 The workshop was adjourned at 11:46 a.m.

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