

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-05

**RICE CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT
BOARD OF MANAGERS**

**FINDINGS AND ORDER PETITIONING ACTION AND INITIATING PROCEEDINGS TO MODIFY
DRAINAGE SYSTEM (RAMSEY COUNTY DITCH 5 MAIN TRUNK; RAMSEY COUNTY DITCH 2
IMPOUNDMENT) PURSUANT TO STATUTES SECTION 103E.227**

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

FINDINGS

1. The Rice Creek Watershed District Board of Managers (Board) is the Drainage Authority for Ramsey County Ditches (RCD) 2, 3 and 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. Various project components have been established and constructed as part of the overall implementation of Project 2013-01.
5. The Board is currently considering a subsequent project component, the Jones Lake Restoration Project. The project includes restoration and rehabilitation of the water quality and quantity management functions of Jones Lake as well as ecological enhancements – all deemed by the Board to create, restore or maintain beneficial functions of Jones Lake as part of Project 2013-01.
6. The Jones Lake Restoration Project will include excavation of accumulated debris and sediment from Jones Lake; partial, temporary drawdown of lake waters for better access to materials and to consolidate bottom sediments; modification of the Jones Lake outlet structure, RCD 2 impoundment, to better manage stormwater; and, for the purposes of these proceedings, includes modification of RCD 5, including the impoundment and diversion of drainage system waters and realignment of portions of the channel of RCD 5.
7. As detailed in the Preliminary Design Report, dated February 19, 2025, the Jones Lake Project, including the excavation of materials from Jones Lake and the partial, temporary drawdown of Jones Lake will promote, improve and enhance the water quality and quantity management functions of Jones Lake as well as ecological function.

8. As stated, the Jones Lake Restoration Project is dependent on certain modifications to RCD 5, including the impoundment and diversion of drainage system waters and realignment of portions of the channel of RCD 5 as well as outlet modification which impounds water flowing into RCD 2.
9. Minnesota Statutes, section 103E.227 allows a person, public or municipal corporation, governmental subdivision, the state or a department or agency of the state, the commissioner of natural resources, and the United States or any of its agencies, to petition a drainage authority for authorization to impound, reroute, or divert drainage system waters for beneficial use.
10. The Board herein, as part of Project 2013-01, petitions itself, as Drainage Authority for RCDs 2 and 5, for such authority under section 103E.227.

Therefore, the RCWD Board of Managers makes the following:

ORDER

- A. The Board of Managers hereby initiates proceedings under section 103E.227 and appoints Houston Engineering, Inc., to review the proposed modifications of RCDs 2 and 5 and to prepare a report and recommendation for the Board's review and consideration.
- B. Upon receipt of the Engineer's report, and after consultation with the Board, staff is directed to notice a public hearing on the petitioned modifications pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 103E.227.

The question was on the adoption of the Resolution and there were 5 yeas and 0 nays as follows:

	<u>Yea</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
BRADLEY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
HEGLAND	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
ROBERSTON	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
WALLER	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
WEINANDT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Upon vote, the President declared the Resolution passed.

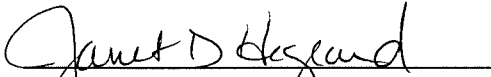
Janet Hegland
 Janet Hegland, Secretary

Dated: April 22, 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 22nd day of April, 2026.


Janet Hegland, Secretary