

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-08

**RICE CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT
BOARD OF MANAGERS**

**FINDINGS AND ORDER INITIATING REPAIR PROCEEDINGS FOR
ANOKA-RAMSEY JUDICIAL DITCH 1**

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

FINDINGS

1. The Rice Creek Watershed District (RCWD) Board of Managers (Board) is the Drainage Authority for Anoka-Ramsey Judicial Ditch 1 (ARJD 1).
2. In 2014, the RCWD completed proceedings under Minnesota Statutes, section 103E.101, subd. 4a to reestablish and correct the public drainage system record to reflect the functional alignment, dimension, grade and right-of-way of the system. This included the adoption of the As Constructed and Subsequently Improved Condition (ACSIC) of the ARJD 1 public drainage system.
3. Following the reestablishment of records, the RCWD staff, assisted by its engineers, performed a survey and inspection of ARJD 1. Based upon the inspection and survey, the Board determines that ARJD 1 is in need of repair. The primary issue identified for ARJD 1 is tree growth along the open channel which makes most of the drainage system inaccessible for maintenance and leads to blockages from deadfalls. In addition, sediment and vegetation build-up in the channel is causing a reduction in conveyance capacity along several of the branches. Recommended repairs are primarily comprised of tree clearing, sediment cleanout in the ditches, and revegetation. Additionally, alternatives were reviewed to address a segment of Branch 2, Lateral 1 on top of which a building was constructed. To address this issue, a realignment of a segment of storm sewer in Branch 2, Lateral 1 is recommended as part of the repair.
4. Based on the engineering analysis and other inspection of the drainage system, the Board determines that the drainage system is in need of repair in order to make the drainage system efficient and to restore the drainage system as nearly as practicable to the same hydraulic capacity as originally constructed and subsequently improved.
5. The Board will confirm authorization from the Cities of Blaine, Mounds View, Shoreview and Lexington, pursuant to statutes section 103D.621, subd. 4, to exercise alternative powers found in statutes chapters 103B and 103D to repair and manage the drainage system; including funding the repair, in part, through the use of water management district charges.
6. The engineer has provided a draft Repair Report, dated July 14, 2026, which includes a recommended scope of repair and option that is consistent with the Board's current drainage system repair policy and with the Board's Watershed Management Plan and associated rules and resource management plans.

Therefore, the RCWD Board of Managers makes the following:

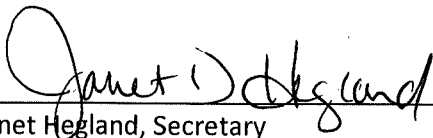
ORDER

- A. The Board of Managers receives the draft engineer's Repair Report for ARJD 1 for filing.
- B. The Board of Managers directs its administrator to send correspondence to the Cities of Blaine, Mounds View, Shoreview and Lexington, pursuant to statutes section 103D.621, subd. 4, to confirm or obtain their concurrence to exercise alternative powers found in statutes chapters 103B and 103D to repair and manage the drainage system. Upon confirmation of the concurrence, the Board shall conduct further proceedings for the repair of ARJD 1 utilizing the additional authorities provided in Minnesota Statutes Section 103D.621, subd. 4.
- C. The Board of Managers further directs its administrator and staff to begin coordination with affected municipalities to coordinate municipal concerns as part of the repair process.
- D. The Board of Managers further directs its administrator and staff to begin coordination with the required local, state and federal regulatory entities to ensure timely identification of regulatory issues and regulatory approvals for the proposed drainage system repair.
- E. The Board of Managers further directs its administrator and staff, upon completion of necessary coordination as discussed above, to set a date, time and location for a hearing on the repair and water management district charges. Notice shall be given as required by statute and applicable policy.
- F. The Board of Managers directs its administrator to coordinate and take all subsequent actions necessary for preparation of the repair in a manner consistent and compliant with existing law. The Board reserves to itself, however, all subsequent actions required by law to proceed upon Board approval.

The question was on the adoption of the Findings and Order and there were 4 yeas and 0 nays as follows:

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

Upon vote, the President declared the Findings and Order passed.

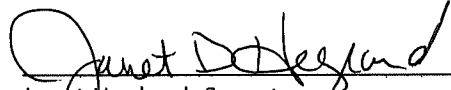

Janet Hegland, Secretary

Dated: July 22, 2026

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I, Janet Hegland, Secretary of the Rice Creek Watershed District, do hereby certify that I have compared the above Findings and Order 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 July, 2026.


Janet Hegland, Secretary