

RESOLUTION 2025-08

**RICE CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT
BOARD OF MANAGERS**

**RESOLUTION TO ADOPT 2026 BUDGET AND
DIRECT CERTIFICATION OF 2026 TAX LEVY**

Manager _____ offered the following resolution and moved its adoption,
seconded by Manager _____:

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes Sections 103D.911 and 103D.915 require that on or before September 15 of each year, the Rice Creek Watershed District Board of Managers (“Board”) adopt a budget for the next year and decide on the total amount necessary to be raised from ad valorem tax levies to meet the District budget, and that the District certify to the auditor of each county within the District the county's share of the tax;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 103D.911, the Board held a public hearing, duly noticed, on August 27, 2025, on the proposed 2026 District budget, whereby all interested members of the public were afforded the opportunity to address the Board concerning the proposed budget and levy, and the Board is legally authorized to levy the tax described below;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rice Creek Watershed District Board of Managers adopts a 2026 general fund and plan implementation budget totaling \$11,293,092;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a levy of \$6,362,719 be certified to the Counties of Anoka, Ramsey, Hennepin and Washington and levied upon all taxable property in the Rice Creek Watershed District for the year 2026, as authorized by the Metropolitan Surface Water Management Act, Minnesota Statutes Section 103B.241, to pay the cost to prepare the District’s watershed management plan and for projects identified in the plan as necessary to implement the purposes of Minnesota Statutes Section 103B.201;

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

	<u>Yea</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
BRADLEY	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
ROBERTSON	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
WAGAMON	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
WALLER	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
WEINANDT	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Upon vote, the President declared the Resolution _____.

Jessica Robertson, Secretary

Dated: September 10, 2025

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I, Jessica Robertson, 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 10 day of September, 2025.

Jessica Robertson, Secretary

RCWD Proposed 2026 Budget

Fund No. & Sub-Account	Name	Classification of District Funds	2025 Budget	Projected 2025 Expenditures	Proposed 2026 Budget
10	General Administration	40% Cash Flow Reserve	\$ 535,272	\$ 481,690	\$ 541,279
	Salaries, Taxes, PERA, HSA, Benefits, Office Expenses (Watershed Districts, General Fund, Administrative)		\$ 535,272	\$ 481,690	\$ 541,279
30	Communication & Outreach		\$ 305,389	\$ 286,175	\$ 314,720
	Salaries, Taxes, PERA, Benefits, Office Expenses Etc. (Water Planning & Project Implementation, "509", Administrative)	40% Cash Flow Reserve	\$ 190,389	\$ 171,175	\$ 201,220
-02	Watershed Communication & Outreach		\$ 14,000	\$ 14,000	\$ 13,000
-03	Visual Media Program (Replacing Minnesota Water Steward Program)		\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 17,000
-04	Outreach Partnerships		\$ 43,000	\$ 43,000	\$ 46,000
-05	Mini-Grants Program		\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 30,000
-06	Engineering & Technical Support		\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 2,500
-08	Watershed Plan Maintenance		\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
35	Information Management		\$ 316,014	\$ 305,965	\$ 275,386
	Salaries, Taxes, PERA, Benefits, Office Expenses Etc. (Water Planning & Project Implementation, "509", Administrative)	40% Cash Flow Reserve	\$ 192,514	\$ 182,465	\$ 160,386
-03	Boundary Management Program		\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ -
-04	District Wide Model		\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000
-05	Databases (MS4 Front, Drainage DB), GIS Viewer		\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000	\$ 40,000
-15	District Website		\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ 15,000
60	Restoration - Project Planning & Implementation		\$ 2,922,551	\$ 1,360,705	\$ 4,159,896
	Salaries, Taxes, PERA, Benefits, Office Expenses Etc. (Water Planning & Project Implementation, "509", Administrative)	40% Cash Flow Reserve	\$ 403,846	\$ 336,202	\$ 389,693
-01	Anoka Chain of Lakes Water Management Project		\$ 160,000	\$ 126,000	\$ 1,114,241
-02	Lower Rice Creek WMD (IDLE)	Restricted	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
-03	Lower Rice Creek Water Management Project		\$ 185,000	\$ 140,000	\$ 288,500
-04	Middle Rice Creek Water Management Project		\$ 100,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 175,000
-05	Bald Eagle Lake WMD	Restricted	\$ 28,272	\$ 2,302	\$ 28,486
-06	Bald Eagle Lake Water Management Project		\$ 100,000	\$ 54,586	\$ 150,000
-07	RCD 2, 3 & 5 WMD (IDLE)	Restricted	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
-08	RCD 2, 3 & 5 Basic Water Management Project		\$ 500,000	\$ 149,095	\$ 555,903
-09	Silver Lake Water Management Project		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
-10	Golden Lake Water Management Project		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
-11	Regional Water Management Partnership Projects		\$ 54,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 48,332
-15	Stormwater Management Cost Share	Committed	\$ 1,106,433	\$ 433,871	\$ 1,119,741
-24	Southwest Urban Lakes Implementation		\$ 100,000	\$ 15,410	\$ 100,000
-29	Clear Lake Water Management Project		\$ 85,000	\$ 43,007	\$ 85,000
-33	Forest Lake Planning WMD (IDLE)	Restricted	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
-34	Columbus Planning WMD (IDLE)	Restricted	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
-35	Stormwater Master Planning		\$ 35,000	\$ 17,941	\$ 40,000
-36	Municipal CIP Early Coordination Program		\$ 10,000	\$ 5,420	\$ 10,000
-37	Groundwater Management & Stormwater Reuse Assessment Program		\$ 55,000	\$ 16,871	\$ 55,000
70	Regulatory		\$ 1,565,687	\$ 1,437,698	\$ 1,476,440
	Salaries, Taxes, PERA, Benefits, Office Expenses Etc. (Water Planning & Project Implementation, "509", Administrative)	40% Cash Flow Reserve	\$ 590,687	\$ 547,456	\$ 636,440
-01	Rule Revision / Permit Guidance		\$ 50,000	\$ 5,431	\$ 15,000
-03	Permit Review, Inspection and Coordination Program		\$ 925,000	\$ 884,811	\$ 825,000
80	Ditch & Creek Maintenance		\$ 1,955,483	\$ 1,337,707	\$ 2,014,514
	Salaries, Taxes, PERA, Benefits, Office Expenses Etc. (Water Planning & Project Implementation, "509", Administrative)	40% Cash Flow Reserve	\$ 344,198	\$ 298,373	\$ 332,304
-01	Natural Waterway Management		\$ 10,000	\$ 2,500	\$ 10,000
-02	Ditch Maintenance		\$ 345,000	\$ 404,784	\$ 450,000
-03	Repair Reports & Studies		\$ 160,000	\$ 160,000	\$ 209,000
-04	ACD 10-22-32 WMD	Restricted	\$ 14,361	\$ 13,193	\$ -
-05	ACD 31 WMD	Restricted	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
-06	ACD 46 WMD	Restricted	\$ 41,016	\$ 41,016	\$ 37,451
-07	RCD 4 WMD	Restricted	\$ 94,538	\$ 84,144	\$ 82,389
-08	RCD 4 Repair		\$ 48,000	\$ 33,133	\$ -
-09	ARJD 1 WMD (IDLE)	Restricted	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
-10	ARJD 1 Repair		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 70,000
-15	Municipal PDS Maintenance	Committed	\$ 50,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 35,000
-20	WJD 2 Branch 1/2 Repair		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
-21	AWJD 3 Repair		\$ -	\$ 55,546	\$ -
-22	ACD 15 / AWJD 4 WMD	Restricted	\$ 18,370	\$ 18,370	\$ 18,370
-23	ACD 15 & AWJD 4		\$ 230,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 50,000
-24	ACD 53-62 WMD	Restricted	\$ 354,000	\$ 130,000	\$ 372,000
-25	ACD 53-62 Repair		\$ 246,000	\$ 81,648	\$ 248,000
-26	NEW - ACD 10-22-32 Repair				\$ 100,000
90	Lake & Stream Management		\$ 1,155,911	\$ 811,396	\$ 1,149,963
	Salaries, Taxes, PERA, Benefits, Office Expenses Etc. (Water Planning & Project Implementation, "509", Administrative)	40% Cash Flow Reserve	\$ 384,265	\$ 333,401	\$ 396,725
-01	Water Quality Grant Program	Committed	\$ 281,646	\$ 131,577	\$ 273,238
-04	Surface Water Monitoring & Management Program		\$ 240,000	\$ 240,000	\$ 240,000
-26	Common Carp Management		\$ 200,000	\$ 94,417	\$ 200,000
-27	Curly Leaf Pondweed Management		\$ 50,000	\$ 12,000	\$ 40,000
95	District Facilities		\$ 654,307	\$ 529,962	\$ 1,360,895
	Salaries, Taxes, PERA, Benefits, Office Expenses Etc. (Water Planning & Project Implementation, "509", Administrative)	40% Cash Flow Reserve	\$ 232,307	\$ 192,261	\$ 234,935
-03	District Facilities Repair		\$ 310,000	\$ 310,000	\$ 933,210
-04	Inspection, Operation & Maintenance		\$ 112,000	\$ 27,701	\$ 192,750
	TOTAL		\$ 9,410,614	\$ 6,551,297	\$ 11,293,092