MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
BOARD OF MANAGERS
OF THE
NINE MILE CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19, 2025

Board Meeting Agenda *(including links to packet materials)*
Board Meeting Recording

3. Call to Order

President Larry Olson called the Nine Mile Creek Watershed District Board of Managers regular meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. The meeting was held at the NMCWD office, Discovery Point, 12800 Gerard Drive, Eden Prairie.

Managers Present:	Bob Cutshall, Brian Kirk, Chris-Ann Lauria, Peggy Kvam, and Larry Olson
Advisors Present:	Janna Kieffer (Barr Engineering Company) and Michael Welch (Smith Partners)
Staff Present:	Erica Sniegowski (Administrator), Elizabeth Boor (Watershed Specialist), Brett Eidem (Project and Planning Manager), Cynthia Rubio (Administrative Specialist), Zach Stafslien (Regulatory Program Manager), Jordan Wein (Water Resources Project Manager), Claire Volk (GreenCorps Member), and Gael Zembal (Education and Outreach Coordinator).
Guests Present:	Karen Wold (Barr Engineering), Rachel Finberg (City of Edina), Rick Vinning, and Chris Long

4. **Approval of Agenda**

Erica Sniegowski asked to have the item 8D Watershed Management Plan Draft Public Engagement Plan removed from the agenda and to be presented at April's board meeting.

MOTION: Manager Lauria moved, seconded by Manager Kirk, to approve the agenda as amended. **Upon vote, the motion carried.**

3. **Public Open Forum**

No members of the public spoke.

4. **Consent Agenda**

a. **Draft Minutes February 6th, 2025, Board Meeting**

b. **Draft Minutes February 19th, 2025, Board Meeting**

c. **Cost Share Grant**

d. **Hopkins Internship Agreement**

e. **Minnesota Watersheds Delegate**

MOTION: Manager Kvam moved, seconded by Manager Cutshall, to approve the consent agenda. **Upon vote, the motion carried.**

5. **Action Items**

a. **Fred Richards Park Wetland Replacement Plan Decision**

MOTION: Manager Kirk moved, seconded by Manager Cutshall, the adoption by NMCWD Board of Managers, as Wetland Conservation Act Local Government Authority, of the Technical Evaluation Panel findings as presented and the approval of the WCA wetland-impact sequencing, wetland-replacement plan and no-loss Notice of Decision on the conditions cited therein and on Edina's submission of materials necessary for approval of the project under the applicable NMCWD rules.
Upon vote, the motion carried.

b. **Anderson Lakes Protection Strategy Scope of Work**

MOTION: Manager Cutshall moved, seconded by Manager Kvam, to authorize Barr Engineering to complete the Anderson Lakes Protection Strategy scope of work for a not-to-exceed amount of $89,220. **Upon vote, the motion carried.**

c. **Electrofishing Backpack Purchase**

MOTION: Manager Kirk moved, seconded by Manager Cutshall, to authorize the administrator to enter into a contract with ETS for a backpack electrofishing kit at a cost not to exceed $9,395. **Upon vote, the motion carried.**

d. **RES Whited Fen Scope of Work Contract Extension**

MOTION: Manager Lauria moved, seconded by Manager Kirk, to authorize the administrator, with advice of counsel, to extend the contract with RES for wetland restoration design of the Whited Fen through December 31, 2025. **Upon vote, the motion carried.**

6. Treasurer's Report

MOTION: Manager Cutshall moved, seconded by Manager Kirk, to accept the treasurer's report and to pay the invoices as presented. **Upon vote, the motion carried.**

7. Information Presentation

a. **2024 Permitting Year in Review**

8. Discussion Items

a. **Brokerage Account & Banking Update**

The managers directed the administrator to bring forward at the April 3 workshop resolutions authorizing a move of the district's investment account to the 4M Fund and designating U.S. Bank as a depository.

b. **Draft 2024 Annual Report**

c. **Draft 2024 Annual Audit**

9. Updates

a. **Administrator's Report**
b. **Staff Reports**
c. **Administratively Approved Permits & Inspection Report**
d. **Engineer's Report**
e. **Attorney's Report**
f. **Manager Reports**

10. Adjournment

MOTION: Manager Lauria moved, seconded by Manager Kvam to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 p.m**. Upon vote, the motion carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,

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Chris-Ann Lauria, Secretary

Signature: Chris-Ann Lauria (Apr 17, 2025 11:02 CDT)
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