

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING  
OF THE  
BOARD OF MANAGERS  
OF THE  
NINE MILE CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT**

**THURSDAY, MARCH 2, 2017**

**Call to Order**

Chair Kloiber called the meeting of the Board of Managers of the Nine Mile Creek Watershed District to order at 5:35 p.m., Thursday, March 2, 2017, at the Nine Mile Creek Watershed District Office, 12800 Gerard Drive, Eden Prairie, MN 55346.

Managers Present: Twele, Kloiber, Sheely and Peterson

Managers Absent: Lynch

Advisors Present: Randy Anhorn, Michael Welch, Janna Kieffer, and Erica Sniegowski

**Oath of Office – Manager Grace Sheely**

Attorney Welch administered the Oath of Office to newly appointed Manager Sheely.

**Nine Mile Creek Watershed Management Plan Development**

**A. Review and Discuss Draft Watershed Management Plan**

Engineer Kieffer asked the Board for their overall opinion on how the plan, as a whole, flowed from section to section. She then stated that following this initial feedback, it was staff's intention to go through the plan chapter by chapter for further input. She also stated that staff would also like to revisit the vision statement to determine if that still fits or whether that should be amended.

Manager Twele stated that she found the plan to be very informative and was very proud of the end product.

Manager Sheely stated that the references were a bit confusing to her as she occasionally could not find the reference. She stated that the tones also seem to change between writing the plan for BWSR and writing the plan for the public. She also identified items she found confusing or not as a reflection of her perception of the description provided to certain bodies of water. She also asked for input on the differences in the use of the abbreviation NMCWD or the District.

Manager Peterson commented that she previously had spent a lot of time providing detailed feedback throughout the process and had little else to add at his point other than also liking the plan as a whole.

Chair Kloiber agreed that there were places in the plan which showed the change in tone, or purpose, or carry overs from the previous plan. He agreed that if the plan were simply being written for the public it would look different but noted that there are elements that the District must include in the plan and will not be as much written for the general public. He noted that this plan is a document that new managers can also turn to in order to learn the history and future desires of the District. He stated that overall the plan reads very well and he did not find any substantial items. He believed that action could be taken at the regular Board meeting to allow this to move on to the 60-day comment period.

The Managers provided smaller grammatic suggestions.

Staff reviewed the draft of a potential new vision statement. The Managers and staff worked together to further amend the vision statement. It was determined that Managers and staff would continue to amend the vision statement as discussed.

The Managers continued to provide small changes and suggestions to the remaining portions of the plan.

## **B. Next Steps**

Administrator Anhorn reviewed the steps and timeline that would be necessary in order to adopt the plan by December 2017, which would begin by the Board authorizing staff to release the plan for the 60-day comment period at the next Board meeting. He noted that the timeline could vary slightly depending on the number of comments received.

Attorney Welch noted when the rule making process would occur during the timeline.

Chair Kloiber suggested that perhaps during the rules update additional clarification could be provided to identify variance situations (such as infiltration in areas of contaminated soils) and therefore avoid those types of requests coming before the Board for variances.

## **Adjournment**

It was moved by Manager Peterson, seconded by Manager Twele, to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 p.m. Upon a vote, the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Corrine Lynch, Secretary