

**MINUTES OF THE WORKSHOP
OF THE
BOARD OF MANAGERS
OF THE
NINE MILE CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT**

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2024

1. Call to Order

President Larry Olson called the Nine Mile Creek Watershed District Board of Managers workshop to order at 5:30 p.m. The meeting was held at the NMCWD office, Discovery Point, 12800 Gerard Drive, Eden Prairie.

Managers Present: Bob Cutshall, Chris-Ann Lauria, Peggy Kvam, Brian Kirk, Larry Olson

Advisors Present: Janna Kieffer, Greg Williams (Barr Engineering); Michael Welch* (Smith Partners)

Staff Present: Elizabeth Boor (Watershed Specialist), Brett Eidem (Planning and Project Manager), Cynthia Rubio (Administrative Specialist), Erica Sniegowski (Administrator), Jordan Wein (Water Resources Project Manager)

Others Present: Jen Dullum (Board of Water and Soils Resources)
* *Attended virtually*

2. **Premier Electrical Contract**

With regard to the ongoing water-quality improvement project at Indianhead Lake and Arrowhead Lake in Edina, Janna Kieffer stated that the city requested an upgrade to the electrical system for the aerator at Indianhead Lake. Barr Engineering Co. solicited a quote from Premier Electrical for the work, which involves deactivating existing 240-volt circuits and installing a 120-volt circuit. Premier Electrical completed the initial electrical work for the project. She recommends that the district authorize the work in accordance with the \$4,880 quote in the packet.

Manager Kirk moved, seconded by Manager Lauria, to authorize the administrator to enter an amendment to the existing contract with Premier Electrical Corporation for a not-to-exceed \$4,880. Upon vote, the motion carried.

3. **Gaps Analysis Exercise**

Erica Sniegowski noted that the gaps-analysis exercise workshop is a soft kick-off on drafting the district's next 10-year watershed-management plan. She said the exercise will allow staff and managers to brainstorm, bring forward questions, determine whether more information is needed to address topics, and start thinking about the planning process.

Greg Williams noted that everyone will participate in small-group discussions. He said the working draft of the gaps analysis provided in the workshop packet compared provisions in the 2017 watershed-management plan on specific topics with watershed cities' plans, expectations from and relevant guidance and requirements of state agencies. He said the draft addressed 22 topics. He said the idea was to try to identify potential gaps, conflicts, and opportunities that could be addressed in the 2027 plan. Mr. Williams said the small group discussions this evening were designed to gather initial input from managers and staff on the gap topics.

Small group discussions were held, with facilitators documenting insights for future reference.

After groups reported on their discussions, Mr. Williams said he would capture the workshop discussions and information gathered in a new column in the gaps analysis table.


4. **Adjourn**

Manager Kirk moved, and Manager Lauria seconded, to adjourn the workshop at 7:40 p.m. Upon vote, the motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chris-Ann Lauria, Secretary

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