

RICE CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT

BOARD OF MANAGERS MEETING

MAY 9, 2001

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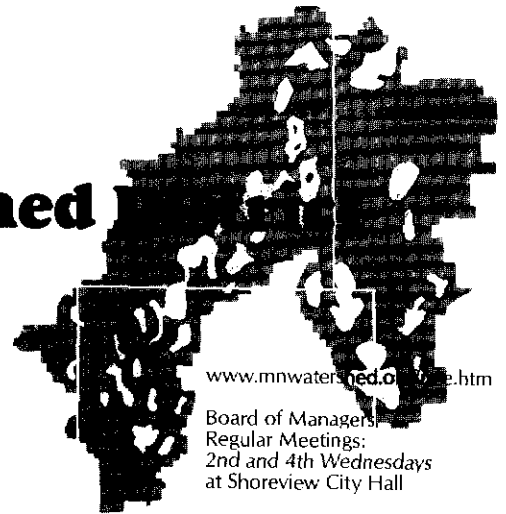
Name Organization/Reason Here Application

- 1 ED WALLER 14010 HOMESTEAD HULL JDZ
- 2 JOHN WALLER 14010 Homestead, Hugo MW JDZ
- 3 Wayne LeBlanc 1677 Peltier Cvl, Co-shore project
- 4 Andrew Goffon 8124-147th N Hugo, MN JDZ
- 5 Don FABIAN E.O.R.
- 6 Drew Budels Benefactor for Forest Lake CostShare Request
- 7 Hal Wegner 1525 Peltier Lake Dr. Peltier Lake ASSN.

1 Approved at the 5-23-01 Board Meeting.

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2nd and 4th Wednesdays
at Shoreview City Hall

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6 MINUTES OF THE 7 REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS 8 OF THE RICE CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT

9 Shoreview City Hall Council Chambers
10 4600 North Victoria Street, Shoreview Minnesota
11 May 9, 2001

12 ROLL CALL

13 Present: 1st Vice-Pres. Waddell, 2nd Vice-Pres. Leroux, Board Secretary Cardinal, Treasurer Braathen
14 Absent: (one seat is empty; awaiting appointment of a manager by Anoka County Commissioners)
15 Also Present:
16 Staff: Administrator Drewry, Administrative Ass't. Torpe, Prog.Coord. Miersch, Environ. Monit. Tech. Johnson
17 Consultants: District Attorneys Sheff & Ulrich, Brett Emmons & Dan Fabian, Emmons & Olivier Resources
18 Visitors: Ed Waller, 14010 Homestead Avenue N, Hugo, re: Washington JD2
19 John Waller, 14010 Homestead Avenue N, Hugo, re: Washington JD2
20 Wayne LeBlanc, Peltier Lake Association, Centerville, re: Cost-Share Grant Request
21 Andrew Goiffon, 8124-147th Street N, Hugo, re: Washington JD2
22 Drew Budelis, Bonestroo for Forest Lake re: Cost-Share Grant Request
23 Hal Wegner, 1525 Peltier Lake Drive, Centerville, representing Peltier Lake Association
24 Mary Jane Reagan, AC Representative

25 CALL TO ORDER

26 Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Regular Meeting of the Rice Creek Watershed District Board of Managers was called to
27 order by Chairman Waddell on May 9, 2001, at 7:02 p.m.

28 SETTING OF THE AGENDA

29 Under ACTION ITEMS, Drewry added Item 9. Consider Authorization for Chuck Johnson to Attend BWSR Wetland Training.
30 Under INFORMATION ITEMS, Cardinal added Item 6. Plaque for E. L. Peterson; Leroux added Item 7. Forest Lake Complaint;
31 Drewry added Item 8. Brief Report from Monitoring Specialist Johnson on Flow Metering. Former Item 6 (closed session with
32 Attorneys) was moved to the end of the Agenda as Item 9. The Board adopted the amended Agenda by consensus.

33 PUBLIC HEARINGS AND/OR PRESENTATIONS

34 None.

35 READING OF THE MINUTES AND THEIR APPROVAL

36 1. Minutes of April 25, 2001, Board Meeting. Motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes and approve as mailed:
37 Braathen/Leroux. During discussion, Secretary Cardinal made the following corrections to the minutes:
38 At Line 66, delete "plans" and insert "profile"; later on same line, delete the word "existing" and replace it with "official"
39 and put a period after the last word in Line 66: "profiles." Manager Waddell commented that he did not remember Kate [Drewry]
40 explaining it that way—she said that it is intended to maintain the existing profiles, and "the whole point of doing the official was
41 for it to be not that." [There was no discussion of Manager Waddell's comment, or whether others agreed or disagreed.]
42 Secretary Cardinal continued on with his corrections to the minutes: At Line 67, delete all of the phrase from "rather
43 than" through "years" because Cardinal never heard these words spoken at the meeting; Waddell agreed.
44 At Line 170, Secretary Cardinal requested deletion of the word "approve" and insertion of "adopt" plus the deletion of
45 "plan" before "profile."
46 At Line 171: remove "Recorder's Office" and insert "Court House" in its place, insert "as-built" between the words
47 "official" and "profile." Also on Line 171, Cardinal asked that the rest of Manager Leroux's second of the motion include the
48 words he spoke: "and a certified copy of the adopted profile is attached and incorporated into these minutes by reference."
49 At Line 174, after the word "profile" insert the following words: "(platted original profile based upon soil borings) the
50 same as the original as-built profile,..."
51 At this point, Manager Braathen asked if there is this much being missed from the recording of the meeting when the
52 minutes are prepared, or is this being clarified after-the-fact? Waddell responded that sometimes people want more or less of it

BOARD OF MANAGERS

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RAMSEY COUNTY

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ANOKA COUNTY

59 for clarification. Drewry said that as long as we maintain the accuracy of what was said Several Managers agreed with her
60 caution.

61 At Line 144, Cardinal queried whether Ram-Wash Metro WD made the purchase of the WaterShed Partners van rather
62 than WaterShed Partners group, and discussed the \$5,000 challenge grant from R-W Metro WD falling short of a match with only
63 \$4,000 received in fund pledges from three donors when membership numbers more than 30, but after discussion, there were no
64 changes to wording in the minutes.

65 At Line 191, Cardinal *inserted "as-built" between the words "official" and "profile."* Also on Line 191, following "JD2.",
66 Cardinal wanted to include a sentence referring to the adopted profile included by reference and attached. He offered the
67 Chairman a certified copy of the adopted profile for JD2. Waddell verified that it was the "old one." Cardinal queried the
68 Administrator whether this was the same copy that is in District Office. Drewry responded saying that yes, it is in the Office, but
69 that it is not the GGG profile—but is the original plan. Drewry requested clarification whether the document to be attached to the
70 minutes should be the original profile or the adopted profile. Leroux responded that it should be the adopted profile. *Cardinal*
71 *then continued the sentence at Line 191 with the following: "...and that the adopted profile is hereby attached to these minutes*
72 *[in the Board of Managers meeting minutes book] and incorporated into these minutes by reference and maintained in the District*
73 *Office file labeled "Washington Judicial Ditch 2."*

74 Torpe asked for a copy of the document the Board wants attached to the Minutes. Drewry stated that she doesn't think
75 the Managers actually saw what they adopted at the last (4-25-01) meeting. Cardinal responded that the one to be attached was
76 the one given last meeting, then reconsidered saying that one was only a map of the section of Branch 3 of JD2. Leroux offered
77 a copy of the adopted profile; which Chair Waddell officially accepted. Drewry looked at the profile drawing and stated it was
78 dated 11-17-00, and the one referenced in the minutes is dated 10-3-00. Leroux said that the 11-17-00 date might be the date it
79 was produced, and that the Managers need to be sure this is the right copy. Chair Waddell requested the Administrator get her
80 hands on both the 10-3-00 profile and the 11-17-00 and make sure they are the same and report back at the next meeting.
81 Drewry responded that she has never seen a 10-3-00 version, but that she would check and report back at the next meeting.
82 Waddell stated that we need to make that very clear, and unless something comes up, we will assume that this is the one that
83 should be attached. Chairman then queried the Managers whether anyone has any further information regarding this.

84 John Waller addressed the Chair, was recognized, and stated that the date on the drawing (11-17-00) is the date it was
85 drawn, and does represent the mediated JD2 profile agreed upon by all the engineers in presence of Judge Simonet on 10-3-00.

86 *Vote on the original motion to approve the 4-25-01 Board Meeting Minutes as amended was carried 3-1 (Nay: Waddell).*
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88 PERMIT APPLICATIONS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

89 There were no applications for early consideration.
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91 OPEN MIKE (LIMIT 3 MIN./PERSON)

92 John Waller, 14010 Homestead Avenue N, Hugo, requested that the Board of Managers send a short letter to the Corps of
93 Engineers with the adopted Washington JD2 plan. There were no others who wished to speak and so Open Mike was closed.
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95 ADDITIONAL ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

96 1. **Consider Cost-Share Grant in the Amount of \$500 to Otter Lake Association for Lake Soil Fertility Evaluation.**
97 The Managers reviewed a letter dated 4-26-01 from Dale Statsman, President of the Otter Lake Association, requesting cost-
98 share funds for a project recently completed by Blue Water Science, and explaining that they were unaware that they needed to
99 request a grant. Managers also reviewed the bill dated April 2001 for \$1,000 and a report for the Association from Blue Water
100 Science entitled "Lake Soil Fertility Evaluation for Otter Lake, Ramsey County, MN" dated March 2001. Administrator Drewry
101 said that RCWD has a \$25,000 annual budget to assist lake associations and/or public land agencies to mitigate adverse impacts
102 of nuisance exotics and promote restoration of native shoreline vegetation. She said RCWD can expect to see future requests
103 for development of a lake management plan adding that the Association has applied to BWSR for matching funds and will
104 probably be looking to RCWD for several thousand dollars to assist with the plan. *Motion by Manager Leroux to participate in the*
105 *amount of \$500 to offset the professional services rendered by Blue Water Science for the Otter Lake Association. Seconded by*
106 *Manager Cardinal.* Leroux queried whether there is a water quality benefit achieved by this vegetation management or whether it
107 is being done to improve the recreational value of the lake. Drewry responded that there is definitely a water quality benefit
108 associated with Curlyleaf Pondweed control and that recreational values were also important per the District's Management Plan.
109 *Carried 4-0.*
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111 2. **Consider Cost-Share Grant to Peltier Lake Association for Curlyleaf Pondweed Control.** Wayne LeBlanc and Hal
112 Wegner of the Peltier Lake Association presented an historical account of their Lake Association's past activities in attempted
113 eradication of Curlyleaf Pondweed, and their proposed harvest in 2001. They propose to harvest roughly 34 acres of Pondweed
114 for a cost of approximately \$8,800. They requested any help the RCWD could offer. Discussion. *Manager Leroux made a*
115 *motion to support the Association's effort in the amount of \$5,000, with the stipulation that we monitor very closely and be sure*
116 *that we are getting value for our dollars. Motion was seconded by Manager Braathen. Carried 4-0.*
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118 3. **Consider Cost-Share Grant in the Amount of \$10,000 to City of Forest Lake for Wetland Inventory and**
 119 **Assessment.** Managers reviewed a letter dated 5-1-01 from Drew Budelis, Project Scientist, of Bonestroo Rosene Anderlik &
 120 Assoc., informing that the City of Forest Lake is planning inventory and functional value assessment of wetlands in the west
 121 central part of that city, in order to use it for considering stormwater management options for wetland basins as the city continues
 122 to develop. Seventy *per cent* of the area being studied is in RCWD. The total cost of the project is \$36,485, so on that basis,
 123 they requested \$10,000 from the District. *Motion was made by Manager Cardinal to authorize \$10,000 for this study. Seconded*
 124 *by Manager Leroux. Discussion. Motion carried 4-0.*

126 4. **Consider Contribution of \$400 to 2001 Metro Childrens' Water Festival.** The Board reviewed a letter dated 4-18-01
 127 from Joe Enfield of Carver County Environmental Services, requesting participation by RCWD in the Fourth Annual Childrens'
 128 Water Festival to be held at the State Fairgrounds on 9-26-01. Drewry informed that last year RCWD gave \$200 and sent
 129 Michele Hanson to work at the Fairgrounds; she recommended doubling the contribution in 2001. Manager Leroux queried what
 130 they do at the Festival. Engineer Emmons said it was very worthwhile. *Motion was made by Manager Leroux to authorize a*
 131 *\$400 contribution to the Metro Area Groundwater Alliance in support of this effort to foster environmental stewardship in Metro-*
 132 *area school children. Seconded by Manager Braathen. Carried 4-0.*

134 5. **Consider Memo of Understanding with ACD for Lake Level Monitoring & Stream Bio-Monitoring.** Managers
 135 reviewed a letter dated 4-19-01 from Anoka Conservation District regarding entering into a contract for lake level monitoring on
 136 Rice/Baldwin, Reshanau, Howard, Golden, Moore, Rondeau, and biomonitoring activities on Rice, Hardwood, and Clearwater
 137 Creeks for a total cost of \$3,000. *Manager Cardinal moved to authorize entering into the MOU with ACD for the expenditure of*
 138 *\$3,000 as described in the document. Seconded by Manager Braathen. Carried 4-0.*

140 6. **Consider Approval of Employment Contract with Lee Daleiden.** Managers reviewed the cover letter and application
 141 of Lee Daleiden for the Water Resource Technician position with the RCWD, plus a letter of recommendation from the Thirty
 142 Lakes WD in Brainerd. *Motion was made by Manager Cardinal to approve the contract confirming the hiring of Lee Daleiden as*
 143 *Water Resource Technician for the District. Seconded by Manager Leroux. Carried 4-0.* Drewry informed that he will begin work
 144 on 5-21-01.

146 7. **Consider Application from Tony Brough for Appointment to Advisory Committee.** Manager Leroux, who attended
 147 the AC meeting when they considered this application, reported that there was some apprehension on the part of some AC
 148 members to recommend that Mr. Brough be approved for membership. He went on to state that he will oppose the appointment
 149 because it is not a good idea to bring back an employee in another capacity. Discussion. *Manager Leroux moved to deny the*
 150 *AC's recommendation that the Board appoint Tony Brough to membership. Motion seconded by Manager Cardinal.* Leroux
 151 informed that some observations he made during Mr. Brough's exit interview convinced him to oppose this nomination. Chair
 152 Waddell asked that a Manager inform Tony Brough of the denial personally. *Motion carried with 3 Ayes, no Nays and 1*
 153 *Abstention (Braathen, who was not present at the exit interview).* Manager Leroux said that he would either speak or write
 154 personally to Mr. Brough.

156 8. **Consider Approval of Accounts Payable dated 5-9-01 in the amount of \$6,775.06, as Prepared by Boyum &**
 157 **Barenscheer, CPAs.** Managers reviewed the Accounts Payable dated 5-9-01. *Treasurer Braathen moved approval of Checks*
 158 *#10521, 22, 23, 24, 28, 29, and 30 in total amount of \$6,775.06. Seconded by Manager Leroux. Carried 4-0.*

160 9. **Consider Authorization for Chuck Johnson to Attend BWSR Wetland Training.** Managers reviewed an registration
 161 form completed by Employee Johnson for the "Jurisdictional Delineation of Wetlands in Minnesota" course being offered by the
 162 Board of Water & Soil Resources in Brainerd, Minnesota, on June 4, 5, 6, and 7, 2001. *Motion was made by Cardinal to*
 163 *authorize Chuck Johnson to attend this course at a cost of \$375, plus travel, food and lodging reimbursement. Seconded by*
 164 *Manager Braathen. Carried 4-0.*

166 ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND INFORMATION

167 1. **Project Updates. Infiltration BMP Evaluation Study.** Finished draft of District potential infiltration suitability map.
 168 Initiated development of enhanced standards, guidelines, and brochures, Drafted infiltration standard proposal for Everton
 169 Avenue area. Next: Continue development of enhanced standards, guidelines, and brochures (based on comments to be rec'd
 170 from WSB on Everton area standard), and Consider other demo site(s).

171 **Bethel College Infiltration BMP Demonstration Feasibility.** Present report at Board meeting. Next: Review report
 172 with College officials.

173 **Hardwood Creek Outlet Treatment System Options Analysis.** Have continued estimation of pollutant loads and
 174 reduction goals, Ongoing literature review and research of various treatment method options, Drafted landowner notification
 175 letter.

- 176 **Highway 61 Wetland Restoration.** Reviewed existing report and background information, (NWI, soils, etc.) for
177 delineation, Began research into potential for fish barrier, Drafted landowner notification letter. Next: Initiate landowner contact
178 Begin wetland delineation and survey work, Draft existing wetland function and values assessment.
- 179 **Municipal Cost-Share BMP Program.** Reviewed cost-share application from City of Mounds View, Followed up with
180 city engineer re: pond design revisions. Next: Process permit app. for project, Review revised plans after receipt from SEH, Inc.
- 181 **Bank Stability Assessment.** Gathered background information on assessment sites, Initiated field inspection/stability
182 assessment on Clearwater Creek (Main St. to Mill Road). Next: Complete field inspection/stability assessment on Clearwater
183 Creek downstream of Mill Road to Peltier Lake and spot locations on AnCo D10-22-32 and RamCo D2.
- 184 **Hugo City Hall Infiltration Demonstration Site.** Developed conceptual design, Collected soil borings, Presented draft
185 plans to city engineer and Council, Coordinated with architects, and Queried Met Council (on city's behalf) re: additional funding.
186 Next: Assist city with grant application, Coordinate with city re: next steps, Request additional authorization for development of
187 final plans.
- 188 **LaMotte Ditch Water Quality Improvement Project.** Reviewed feasibility report and supporting documentation,
189 Reviewed soil survey information, Prepared survey information requirements and researched fish barrier. Next: Complete
190 survey, do data collection, wetland delineation, and site assessment.
- 191 **Phase 1—Peltier Dam Outlet Analysis.** Reviewed history and background information. Next: Summarize issues and
192 concerns, Identify any potential dam operation modifications and additional data needs for improvement of analysis accuracy.
- 193 **AnCo D53-62 Review.** Reviewed project files and history, Attended meeting. Next: Provide technical assistance as
194 requested.
- 195 **Washington JD2 Follow-up.** Continued review of background information, Initiated development of soil maps and
196 cross-sections. Next: Complete soil maps and cross-sections, Proceed based on recommendations of Blue Ribbon Task Force.
- 197 **Permit Site Inspections.** Held coordination meeting with district staff, Completed all field inspections of high priority
198 sites, and Began applicant contact via phone/letters.
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- 200 2. **Audited Financial Reports for Year 2000.** Administrator Drewry commented on the favorable findings of Tautges-
201 Redpath, Auditors for the RCWD; received without comment.
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- 203 3. **Administrator's Report on April Activities.** The Managers reviewed Administrator's 3-page Report, and heard her
204 highlight the 4-13-01 meeting with Mn/DOT and City of Roseville re: flooding of MN Department of C & FS building located just
205 south of Hwy 36 and west of Hamline, and the 4-26-01 meeting of Hugo's Blue Ribbon Task Force on JD2/Hardwood Creek.
206 She commented that a professional facilitator will be brought in for future meetings; next one planned for 5-18-01 at 7:00 a.m.
207 This Report becomes part of these minutes by reference.
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- 209 4. **Report by Liaison Leroux & Minutes of Advisory Committee Meeting held May 2, 2001.** Board's Liaison Leroux
210 reported on discussion at the AC meeting, noted they would like a briefing by the Administrator or Engineers on District projects
211 and Drewry has committed to that on a regular basis. Drewry commented that EOR wants to discuss Hardwood Creek with them
212 in July/August. Next meeting there will be a briefing on Highway 61 Wetland Restoration. Manager Leroux referred everyone to
213 the minutes of the AC meeting distributed with the Agenda packs.
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- 215 5. **MAWD Summer Tour.** Managers reviewed a 4-25-01 letter from Susan Scribner, President of MAWD, informing of the
216 Summer Tour on 6/28-6/30/01 in Worthington, Minnesota, highlighting the **Changing Prairie Landscapes** of Southwest
217 Minnesota. Reservation forms were included with descriptions of the events that will be available. Manager Braathen informed
218 that he will attend and will make his own lodging reservation. Others who were interested are to so inform the Office if they want
219 Tour registrations made for them by June 15; lodging registrations are due by June 8.
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- 221 6. **Plaque for E. L. Peterson.** The Managers discussed the best means for presenting a plaque to former Manager
222 Peterson's widow commemorating his nearly nine years on the Board of Managers, all of them serving as President. *By*
223 *consensus, Manager Cardinal will personally deliver the plaque to Mrs. Peterson with the high regards of all Managers and Staff.*
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- 225 7. **Forest Lake Complaint.** Manager Leroux informed that he got calls from two farmers who are unhappy about tile lines
226 not functioning on a branch of Washington JD2. Homeowners are experiencing flooding. Drewry reported three parties on 190th
227 were flooding, with one party flooded upstream on commercial property, so the County Sheriff was brought in to remove
228 obstructions that had been placed. She said she met with Hugo's Administrator and discussed potentials for solutions. She also
229 mentioned Fairview Farms, located north of 190th, where a large stockpile of soil was placed in a jurisdictional wetland and which
230 now has a Cease & Desist Notice placed against it. Step 2 of that process is for the Conservation District to investigate, and
231 follow that up with a Restoration Order.
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- 233 8. **Brief Report from Monitoring Specialist Johnson on Flow Metering.** Chuck Johnson reported that he has set up
234 monitoring on 18 stream sites this year. The Fridley site recorded very high flows in Rice Creek. 1992 was very high, and 2001
235 flows are equally high for the spring runoff event. Chomonix Golf Course in Lino Lakes is under water. Johnson put up grap

236 for several sites: Hansen Park in New Brighton, JD3 in Centerville, Rice Creek in Fridley, and Hardwood Creek in Lino Lakes.
 237 He talked the Managers through the flood pattern being experienced in the District.

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 239 Manager Waddell reported that the City of New Brighton Council approved the Pike Lake Sediment Basin Project on
 240 May 8, and it goes out for bids now.

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 242 Chairman Waddell called for a brief recess at 8:50 p.m. He reconvened the meeting at 8:54 p.m.

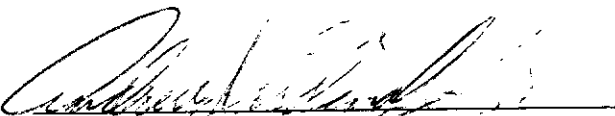
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 244 9. **Closed Session with Attorneys re: Matters in Litigation.** Motion by Manager Braathen, seconded by Manager
 245 Leroux, to go into Executive Session in order to hear the District's Attorney report on litigation. Motion carried 4-0.

246 At 9:15 p.m., Manager Braathen excused himself and left the meeting.

247 Manager Leroux made a motion to leave Executive Session, seconded by Manager Cardinal. Motion carried 3-0 Chair
 248 Waddell reconvened the Regular Meeting of the Board.

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 250 **ADJOURNMENT**

251 Manager Leroux made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Manager Cardinal. Carried 3-0. Chairman Waddell declared the
 252 meeting adjourned at 9:29 p.m.

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 257 Andrew J. Cardinal, Sr., Board Secretary
 258 Rice Creek Watershed District

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 261 Managers (4)
 262 District Attorney
 263 District Engineers (2)
 264 Montgomery Watson (1)
 265 District Accountant
 266 Advisory Committee (8)
 267 Municipalities (29)
 268 Blaine Councilman Tony Capra
 269 Anoka County Commissioners (3)
 270 Chair, Anoka County Board of Commissioners
 271 Chair, Hennepin County Board of Commissioners
 272 Ramsey County Commissioners (2)
 273 Chair, Ramsey County Board of Commissioners
 274 Washington County Board of Commissioners (1)
 275 Ramsey Co. DPW, Attn: Terry Noonan/Kathy Jaschke
 276 MN Board of Water & Soil Resources, Attn: P. Belfiori
 277 MN/DNR, Attn Dale Homuth
 278 MN/DNR Fisheries, Attn: David Zappetillo
 279 Anoka Conservation District
 280 Hennepin Conservation District
 281 Ramsey Soil & Water Conservation District
 282 Washington Soil & Water Conservation District (4)
 283 St. Paul Water Utility, Attn: B.Bullert & D.Wagner
 284 Metropolitan Council, Attn: Marcel Jouseau
 285 MnPCA Clean Lakes, Attn: Mark Tomasek
 286 MnPCA Bio-Monitoring Attn: Mark Gernes
 287 Brown's Creek Watershed District
 288 Capitol Region Watershed District
 289 Comfort Lake/Forest Lake Watershed District
 290 Coon Creek Watershed District
 291 Minnehaha Creek Watershed District
 292 Ramsey-Washington Metro Watershed District
 293 Valley Branch Watershed District
 294 White Bear Lake Conservation District
 295 Loren Hentges Joe Preiner
 296 John Waller Fran Miron
 297 Marisa Agha, St. Paul Pioneer Press
 298 Hannah Tilsen, The Hugonian
 299 Paul Haik, Krebsbach & Haik
 Glenn Rehbein Cos.

DATE: May 4, 2001
TO: RCWD Board of Managers
FM: Kate Drewry, District Administrator
SUBJ: April Activities Report



Following is a summary of the more significant meetings, site assessments, etc., for the month of April. Please let me know if you would like further information on any of these activities.

- 4/2/01 (p.m.) Attended Hugo City Council meeting with Managers Braathen & LeRoux to hear and respond to city's invitation to participate in a "blue ribbon task force" to develop a surface water management plan for JD2/Hardwood Creek subwatershed.
- 4/4/01 Met with Anoka Co. Highway Dept. to preview plans for next phase of Lexington Avenue reconstruction. This phase will run from 109th Street north to Main Street and will involve significant wetland/floodplain fill, as road is being widened. May be potential for collaborative mitigation approach in connection with Ditch 53-62 wetland replacement plan.
- 4/4/01 (p.m.) Attended meeting called by City of Mounds View with MnDOT reps, state legislators, City officials, and citizens to discuss potential for noise wall along Hwy 10 in the vicinity of Greenfield Park. MnDOT officials confirmed that our proposed regional pond would not interfere with a possible noise wall in the future.
- 4/5/01 Attended meeting with proposed Target superstore (PA#01-05) developers, City of Lino Lakes, and AnCo Parks staff to review additional options for wetland replacement on AnCo Parks land. Sites being considered are on Chomonix golf course and in the vicinity of the campground near Centerville Lake.
- 4/9/01 (p.m.) Attended Mounds View City Council meeting to present and hear decision on proposed regional pond on City land in Greenfield Park. After much debate, Council approved the preliminary plan on a 4-1 vote.
- 4/11/01 (p.m.) Regular Board meeting
- 4/12/01 Attended BWSR Dispute Resolution Committee hearing re: AnCo Ditch 53-62 WCA Exemptions. RCWD decisions were upheld—per previous report to Board.
- 4/13/01 Participated in meeting called by MnDOT and City of Roseville re: flooding of MN Dept of C & FS building located just south of Hwy 36 and west of Hamline. This building has had a history of severe flooding problems allegedly caused by an undersized culvert which conveys drainage from a large portion of Roseville

5-9-01 Rd Mtg

(including HarMar Mall) north under Hwy 36 to Zimmerman Pond. MnDOT maintains that culvert was sized correctly when installed (25-30 yrs ago) but that City has added substantial drainage area via storm sewers without appropriate rate control. Adding additional culvert capacity under Hwy 36 is an option, but there are concerns about downstream impacts and costs (who pays?). City has hired a consultant to develop a hydrologic/hydraulic model so that alternative solutions can be analyzed. We suggested that upstream storage options be considered in addition to just upsizing the culvert and sending the problem downstream.

- 4/17/01 (p.m.) Attended/Hosted Metro MAWD meeting with Manager Cardinal--per previous report to Board.
- 4/18/01 (p.m.) Board workshop meeting re: Tony Brough exit interview
- 4/23/01 Met with Financial Auditor Tautges Redpath and Manager Braathen to review results of year 2000 financial audit (per separate agenda item).
- 4/24/01 Attended meeting of steering committee for project NEMO (Nonpoint Education for Municipal Officials). Funding for program development and implementation pilots is still stalled, but Met Council has indicated they will likely commit \$50,000 for a "reduced scope" effort. Jay Micheals will develop a detailed work plan fitting this funding constraint and submit to Met Council.
- 4/24/01 Attended meeting called by City of Forest Lake and Clear Lake Association to discuss revitalization of the Eureka Ave./lake improvement project. The District had committed cost-share funds several years ago to address lake shore erosion and dust problems along Eureka Ave. but project stalled due to distraction of Township/City over merger issue. City is now committed to moving forward and will be submitting a new proposal to RCWD and DNR in near future.
- 4/25/01 Attended BWSR Board meeting to hear decision on Ditch 53-62 WCA appeals. Per previous report, RCWD's decision on exemptions was affirmed.
- 4/25/01 (p.m.) Regular Board meeting
- 4/26/01 Attended first meeting of Hugo's "Blue Ribbon Task Force" on JD2/Hardwood Creek with Mgrs Leroux and Waddell, and reps from City, DNR and BWSR. Discussion focused primarily on history and "process" issues. It was agreed by consensus that a professional facilitator should be brought in for future meetings. City of Hugo Administrator will make arrangements for next meeting--probably some time during 3rd week of May.
- 4/26/01 Met on site with Hugo City Engineer and USCOE rep to review plans for storm water pond proposed to be constructed in connection with improvements at Peloquin Industrial Park. Pond is proposed to be located within fringe area of a

large Type 2 wetland complex. USCOE has taken the position that mitigation will be required. We discussed several alternatives to reduce the wetland impacts.

4/27/01 With Managers Cardinal and Leroux, interviewed seven candidates for Technician position.

4/30/01 Coordination meeting with Hugo Engineer Pete Willenbring to review work on Everton Avenue Area Study and hydrologic modeling for Clearwater Creek Sub-watershed.

Other Significant Activities: Record April rainfall generated many calls/complaints regarding high water conditions, flood insurance, etc. We handled as best we could, but our vacant "inspector" position hampered our ability to be as responsive as we would have liked to be.

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c: District Administrator
District Attorney
District Engineers (2)
Advisory Committee Co-Chairs (2)
Public Review (2)
District Staff (4)
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