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RCWD BOARD OF MANAGERS WORKSHOP

Monday, December 8, 2014, 2:00 p.m.

**Rice Creek Watershed District Conference Room
4325 Pheasant Ridge Drive NE, Suite 611, Blaine, Minnesota**

1 The Board convened workshop at 2:00 p.m.

2 Attendance: –Board members, Patricia Preiner, John Waller, Barbara Haake, Steve Wagamon and Harley
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4 Others: Administrator Phil Belfiori; Office Manager Theresa Stasica; Lake and Stream Specialist Matthew
5 Kocian (portion of meeting); Public Drainage Inspector Tom Schmidt (portion of meeting); Water Resource
6 Specialist Kyle Axtell (portion of meeting); Education, Outreach, and Communications Coordinator Jessica
7 Bromelkamp (portion of meeting); District Engineer Mark Deutschman and Chris Otterness– Houston
8 Engineering (HEI);

9 **Discussion on response to city comments on the concept designs for Hanson Park and Mirror Pond**
10 **projects.**

11 RCWD and HEI staff presented the draft Hanson and Mirror project goals and design criteria tables, draft
12 concept plans, and draft responses to City comments which were distributed and discussed at the meeting.
13 Staff stated that this information is vital as staff works through concept planning phases with the District
14 Engineer and our City partners, and will serve as a solid base in terms of project goals and design criteria. Staff
15 stated that the “primary goals,” as identified in the draft goals and design criteria table, are required for
16 successful completion of the project and will be funded by the RCWD ad valorem or through state grants if
17 included as part of the overall project. Secondary goals are not required for the completion of the project and, if
18 they add additional cost to the project, will be generally funded by the Cities or other stakeholders.

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20 Staff also identified that the goals and design criteria table is intended to reflect RCWD board policy regarding
21 the goals and funding of District-initiated water quality and regional flood control projects. Staff stated that the
22 Board had previously reached consensus to pay for of the regional flood control benefits of these two projects
23 using ad valorem funds and that if City projects in the future proposed use of the live storage created, they must
24 reimburse the RCWD for the cost of those components. Staff stated that they have communicated to Cities,
25 Partners, and other stakeholders that the regional flood control and water quality (per the TWD grant)
26 components of the Hanson and Mirror projects would be funded using RCWD ad valorem funds and /or TWD
27 grant funds.

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29 Upon further discussion, the board reached majority consensus on the draft goals and design criteria tables
30 found on page 4-5 (Hanson) and page 9 (mirror) of the workshop packet and to utilize these goals and design
31 criteria in continued development of response to city comments on the project concept plans.

32 **Discussion on updated Urban Stormwater Remediation cost-share program.**

33 Water Resource Specialist Axtell presented the 2015 USWR program guidelines and application form as
34 provided in the workshop packet. Upon further discussion, the board reached consensus that they were in
35 general agreement of the material as presented and asked staff to bring this information forward for Board
36 consideration at the December 10, 2014 Board meeting.

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38 **Discussion on first phase of lower Rice Creek bank erosion assessment and study.**

39 Lakes and Stream Specialist Kocian and Engineer Deutschman presented the Oct. 30, 2014 technical memo that
40 summarized the assessment of bank and channel stability on the Rice Creek from Long Lake to Locke Lake to
41 evaluate the potential magnitude of bank erosion as a contributor of sediment to Locke Lake. Based on the
42 assessment it was determined that there are only a few areas that received high to very high rankings. Based on the
43 results of this initial survey, staff and HEI recommended completing a more comprehensive assessment of the sources
44 of sediment contributed to Locke Lake, including a quantitative (e.g. tons/year) assessment of river bank erosion.
45 The other objective of this additional 2nd phase of this study by HEI is to develop a sediment mass balance
46 including terms for the different sources and sinks (i.e. stream banks, bed load, ravines, and overland sources).
47 Upon further discussion, the board reached consensus to move forward as recommended by staff and ask HEI to
48 develop a task order related to this study.

49 **Project Updates.**

50 • **Anoka County Ditch 53-62 Repair Project**

51 Engineer Deutschman and Engineer Otterness provided the Board a brief update on the progress of the
52 construction /repair project and informed the Board that the project is projected to be roughly \$40,000
53 over budget mostly due to the endangered plant issue and the related additional engineering work the
54 was needed.

55 • **Proposed ACD 55 outlet**

56 Engineer Deutschman and Engineer Otterness updated the Board that they have not received any
57 information to date from WSB or the City of Lino Lakes regarding the information the District requested
58 from them in July 2014.

59 • **Brown's Preserve project**

60 Engineer Deutschman updated the Board on the anticipated meeting with Tim Smith at the COE
61 regarding the current issues with the Brown's Preserve COE banking instrument and related issues.
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63 **Discussion on final 2015 budget.**

64 Administrator Belfiori informed the Board that if the Board had no changes to the preliminary approved budget
65 and levy, there would be no Board action required at their December 10th meeting for final certification.

66 **Discussion on Citizen Advisory Committee application.**

67 Education, Outreach, and Communications Coordinator Jessica Bromelkamp presented the CAC application for
68 David Anderson. Upon further discussion, the board reached consensus that staff should bring this application
69 to the 12/10/14 board meeting for consideration.
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71 **Update on Anoka County Ditch 46 and 31 landowner information meeting – 12/8/14 at 5:30pm and
72 7:30pm.**

73 Staff reminded the Board about the landowner information meetings scheduled for later that night for ACD 46
74 at 5:30pm and ACD 31 at 7:30pm.

75 The workshop was adjourned at 3:47 p.m.