Brown’s Creek Watershed District

President’s Declaration Regarding Necessity to Conduct Meetings by Telephone or Other Electronic Means

Whereas the spread of the COVID-19 infectious virus in the United States and Minnesota raises serious and significant public-health concerns;

Whereas the World Health Organization determined on March 11, 2020, that the COVID-19 outbreak constituted a pandemic;

Whereas on March 13, 2020, Governor Tim Walz issued Emergency Executive Order 20-01, declaring a state of peacetime emergency as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

Whereas as president, I am the chief presiding officer of the Brown’s Creek Watershed District.

Now, therefore, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 13D.021, subdivision 1, I hereby determine that it is not prudent to conduct meetings of the Brown’s Creek Watershed District Board of Managers or committees thereof in person, and that it is not feasible or prudent to for a manager, BCWD legal counsel or the BCWD administrator to be physically present at Family Means in Stillwater, the BCWD’s regular meeting location. Given these determinations and until it is withdrawn by me, BCWD’s chief legal counsel or administrator, meetings of the BCWD Board of Managers and its committees will be convened and all members will participate by telephone or other electronic means, and the BCWD administrator is directed to make necessary arrangements for compliance with notice and other applicable requirements of Minnesota Statutes section 13D.021 and the state Open Meeting Law generally.

Craig Leiser, President
Brown’s Creek Watershed District Board of Managers

March 30, 2020