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2 Approved Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Brown’s Creek Watershed District Board of
3 Managers, Wednesday, July 29, 2020 at 5:00 PM
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5 *Based on Brown’s Creek Watershed District President Craig Leiser’s determination pursuant to*
6 *Minnesota Statutes 13D.021, subdivision 1, that because of health concerns raised by the*
7 *COVID-19 pandemic, the meeting was held electronically, via webcast.*
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9 **ROLL CALL**

Managers Present:	Others Present:
Craig Leiser, President	Karen Kill, Administrator
Sharon Schwarze, 2 nd Vice President	Cameron Blake, BCWD staff
Gerald Johnson, Treasurer	Camilla Correll, EOR, BCWD engineer
Klayton Eckles, 1 st Vice President	Stu Grubb, EOR, BCWD engineer
Charles LeRoux, Secretary	

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11 **1) Call Special Meeting to Order @ 5:00PM**
12 President Leiser called the Special Meeting to order at 5:02 PM.
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14 **2) Approve Special Meeting Agenda**
15 **Manager LeRoux moved, seconded by Manager Schwarze, to approve the Special**
16 **Meeting agenda as presented.**

	<u>Yea</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstain</u>	<u>Absent</u>
<u>Manager Eckles</u>	<u>X</u>			
<u>Manager Johnson</u>	<u>X</u>			
<u>Manager Leiser</u>	<u>X</u>			
<u>Manager LeRoux</u>	<u>X</u>			
<u>Manager Schwarze</u>	<u>X</u>			

23 **Motion carried 5/0.**

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25 **3) 2021 Budget Discussion**
26 Administrator Kill reviewed the budget summary memo.
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28 The Board discussed the frequency and value of the biological assessment data
29 collection. This data has been collected since 2015 and there is not yet enough
30 information to develop a statistical trend.

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32 The Board supports the diversion drainage headcut repairs and Bass Lake management
33 plan completion.

1 The Board agreed that it is the role of the watershed district to find a solution to the
2 Kimbro flooding. Implementation activities would need to be amended into the
3 watershed management plan. The Board requested that this item be increased from
4 \$50,000 to \$100,000, resulting in an almost equivalent levy in 2021 as 2020.
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6 The Board would like more information on a potential flood protection grant program,
7 such as the program in the city of Woodbury. This could be a useful tool to mitigate
8 flood risk on Long Lake. Manager Schwarze stated that she liked that this program
9 allows homeowners to take some responsibility for flood protection. Manager Eckles
10 suggested to keep the proposed level of funding in the budget and that this could be
11 added to annually.
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13 Stu Grubb presented the information regarding groundwater data and how this data could
14 be used to develop a groundwater model to answer management questions. The Board
15 discussed the timing of developing a groundwater model. Overall the Board supports
16 data collection that could be used in the future for a groundwater model.
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18 The Board would like to have a separate rural communities meeting to get input
19 regarding potential rule revisions. An in-person meeting would be preferred.
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21 Camilla Correll discussed option for a vulnerability assessment to address climate change
22 adaptation. She stated that the first step would be a workshop to determine what you
23 want to assess, for example just flooding or other parameters as well. Administrator Kill
24 has heard from Carnelian Marine St. Croix WD, Comfort Lake Forest Lake WD,
25 Washington County, and Metropolitan Council staff that they are interested in
26 collaboration on a vulnerability assessment. The Board agreed that this is an important
27 long-term issue and would be interested in more information on the extent of such an
28 assessment.
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30 President Leiser requested that the Board reach out to member communities more
31 frequently to keep a positive working relationship, seek input, and share information.
32 The Board discussed ways this could be done.
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34 **4) Adjournment**
35 **Manager Johnson moved, seconded by Manager LeRoux, to adjourn the Special**
36 **Meeting at 7:22PM.**

	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent
<u>Manager Eckles</u>	X			
<u>Manager Johnson</u>	X			
<u>Manager Leiser</u>	X			
<u>Manager LeRoux</u>	X			
<u>Manager Schwarze</u>	X			
<u>Motion carried 5/0.</u>				

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45 Respectfully Submitted by
46 Karen Kill, Administrator and Charles LeRoux, Recording Secretary