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2 Approved Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Brown’s Creek Watershed District Board of
3 Managers, Wednesday October 13, 2021 at 6:30 PM
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5 *Based on the Brown’s Creek Watershed District president’s determination pursuant to*
6 *Minnesota Statutes section 13D.021, subdivision 1, that it was not prudent to meet in person*
7 *because of health concerns raised by the COVID-19 pandemic, the meeting was held*
8 *electronically, via webcast.*
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10 ROLL CALL

Managers Present:	Others Present:
Klayton Eckles, President	Karen Kill, Administrator
Gerald Johnson, Treasurer	Carmen Simonet, Recorder
Charles LeRoux, Secretary	Michael Welch, Smith Partners, BCWD counsel
Celia Wirth, Vice President	Camilla Correll, EOR, BCWD engineer
	Cameron Blake, BCWD staff
	Mike Majeski, EOR
	Trevor Rundhaug, EOR
	Don Peterson, resident
	Lee Miller, resident

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12 1) **Call Regular Meeting to Order @ 6:30PM**
13 President Eckles called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:31PM.
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15 2) **Approve Regular Meeting Agenda and Discussion Agenda**
16 **Manager Wirth moved, seconded by Manager Johnson, to approve the Regular**
17 **Meeting agenda and discussion 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 LeRoux</u>	<u>X</u>			
<u>Manager Wirth</u>	<u>X</u>			

23 **Motion carried 4/0.**
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25 3) **Oath of Office – Gerald Johnson and Celia Wirth**
26 Michael Welch, Smith Partners administered the oath of office to Gerald Johnson and
27 Celia Wirth.
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1 4) **Public Comments**
 2 There were no public comments.

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 4 5) **Consent Agenda**
 5 **Manager Johnson moved, seconded by Manager LeRoux, to approve the consent**
 6 **agenda as presented:**

- 7 • **Approve minutes from September 8, 2021 Regular Meeting as presented.**
- 8 • **Accept the permit fee statement as presented.**
- 9 • **Ratify administrator approval of a BCWD engineer task order for a**
 10 **tributary restoration sign, not to exceed \$2,530 including printing costs of**
 11 **\$130 to Bayport Printing, from account 910-0000 (Education & Outreach).**

	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent
12 <u>Manager Eckles</u>	<u>X</u>			
13 <u>Manager Johnson</u>	<u>X</u>			
14 <u>Manager LeRoux</u>	<u>X</u>			
15 <u>Manager Wirth</u>	<u>X</u>			
16 <u>Motion carried 4/0.</u>				

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 19 6) **Treasurer's Report**

20 a) **Review Authorized Funds Spreadsheet**

21 Administrator Kill presented the authorized funds spreadsheet.

22 **Manager Johnson moved, seconded by Manager Wirth, to accept the authorized**
 23 **funds spreadsheet as presented.**

	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent
24 <u>Manager Eckles</u>	<u>X</u>			
25 <u>Manager Johnson</u>	<u>X</u>			
26 <u>Manager LeRoux</u>	<u>X</u>			
27 <u>Manager Wirth</u>	<u>X</u>			
28 <u>Motion carried 4/0.</u>				

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 31 b) **Current Items Payable – Board Action**

32 **Manager Johnson moved, seconded by Manager Wirth, to authorize payment of**
 33 **bills as presented in the total amount of \$214,559.56.**

	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent
34 <u>Manager Eckles</u>	<u>X</u>			
35 <u>Manager Johnson</u>	<u>X</u>			
36 <u>Manager LeRoux</u>	<u>X</u>			
37 <u>Manager Wirth</u>	<u>X</u>			
38 <u>Motion carried 4/0.</u>				

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 41 Treasurer Johnson reported a total balance of \$1,090,715.80 after payables.

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7) **Projects**

a) **Brown’s Creek and Long Lake Trend Analysis – Summary Presentation**

Administrator Kill reported the information from the Brown’s Creek and Long Lake 2020 trend analysis will be used in completing the Nine Key Element Plan for Minnesota Pollution Control Agency grant funding and in the development of the next Watershed Management Plan update.

Trevor Rundhaug, EOR presented the report. The purpose was to evaluate trends in the complete data set of Brown’s Creek and Long Lake and identify long-term trends in water quality. Flow data and water quality data for nine stream reaches in Brown’s Creek and Long Lake were evaluated. Climate and precipitation data collected from the BCWD weather station and regional climate and precipitation trends from the Minnesota State Climatology Office were also summarized in the report.

The Board discussed Long Lake and the improvement in water quality. Numerous projects addressing pollutants draining into Long Lake have been done over the years and this has had a positive impact, with decreasing phosphorus and increasing clarity. The improved clarity also results in better plant growth. This is good for water quality, but detracts for some recreational boating. The managers noted the need to manage expectations with education. Ms. Kill reported staff is working on a homeowner packet that talks about steps to take to be a good watershed steward.

Chloride concentrations are a growing problem in Long Lake and increasing in all reaches of Brown’s Creek. Managers Eckles noted the difficulty of the chloride issue with the need for safe roads and the need to protect water resources. He pointed to the need for education as a first step, including the need for the managers to learn about the issue.

Don Peterson, a long-time resident on Long Lake, acknowledged the improvements in Long Lake water clarity.

Lee Miller, another resident on Long Lake, agreed. He noted concerns that new residents are unaware of the water quality improvements that have been made over the years.

Manager Johnson moved, seconded by Manager LeRoux, to accept the 2020 trend analysis report.

	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Manager Eckles	X			
Manager Johnson	X			
Manager LeRoux	X			
Manager Wirth	X			
<u>Motion carried 4/0.</u>				

1 **8) New Business**

2 **a) BCWD Apparel Order**

3 Ms. Kill confirmed interest in BCWD apparel and will gather information on options
4 and costs.
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6 **9) Discussion Agenda – No Action Required**

7 **a) Updates**

8 **(1) Administrator –**

9 Karen Kill gave a PowerPoint presentation with pictures of recent BCWD
10 activities including meeting with the county commissioners, community
11 events, Brown’s Creek restoration and tributary rock vane projects, and the
12 water-reuse projects.
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14 Her goal is to have liaisons use the presentation as a tool to connect with the
15 communities in the watershed on what BCWD does, using a tailored version
16 with a few specific projects of interest for the individual communities. The
17 managers expressed their support. The next step is to get on their meeting
18 agendas.
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20 **(2) Legal –** Michael Welch confirmed that the managers continued to concur in
21 the determination that the persistence of the COVID-19 pandemic warrants
22 continuing to meet via web conference.
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24 **(3) Engineer**

25 Mike Majeski, EOR gave an update on the tributary restoration project with
26 pictures of the completed work. The managers remarked on the openness and
27 park-like experience created from the vegetation clearing. The engineer noted
28 the site is expected to strongly revegetate and fill in the open space.
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30 **(4) Managers –** No additional reports.
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32 **b) November 2021 Regular BCWD Board Agenda**

33 No items were suggested.
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35 **10) Adjournment**

36 **Manager Wirth moved, seconded by Manager Johnson, to adjourn the Regular**
37 **Meeting at 8:22PM.**

	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent
<u>Manager Eckles</u>	<u>X</u>			
<u>Manager Johnson</u>	<u>X</u>			
<u>Manager LeRoux</u>	<u>X</u>			
<u>Manager Wirth</u>	<u>X</u>			
<u>Motion carried 4/0.</u>				

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45 Respectfully Submitted by
46 Carmen Simonet, Recorder and Charles LeRoux, Recording Secretary