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FINAL Minutes of the special meeting of the Brown's Creek Watershed District Board of Managers, Tuesday June 3, 2025

ROLL CALL

Managers Present:	Others Present:
Klayton Eckles, President	Karen Kill, BCWD administrator
Debra Sahulka, Secretary	Hannah Peterson, BCWD staff
Chuck LeRoux, Vice President	Michael Welch, Smith Partners, BCWD counsel
Celia Wirth, Treasurer	Camilla Correll, EOR, BCWD engineer
Griffin Brod, Manager	Alex Furneaux, EOR, BCWD engineer
	Bethany Cox, Washington County Commission

1) Call special meeting to order

President Klayton Eckles called the workshop meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

2) Oath of office for Griffin Brod

Michael Welch administered the manager's oath of office to Griffin Brod.

3) Introductions

The managers and others present introduced themselves to Manager Brod.

4) Watershed management plan update workshop

Alex Furneaux shared where the Brown's Creek Watershed District is in the process and next steps. President Eckles asked legal counsel what the penalty is for not completing the new plan on time, and Michael Welch said that the watershed would not be eligible for grant funding and there would likely be political pressure to complete the plan from cities and townships in the watershed.

Mr. Furneaux presented the board's historical priorities with budget allocations and the priorities that came from the Technical Advisory Committee and Citizens Advisory Committee n April. The managers did an activity to individually divide investments in capital improvement projects by resource type and saw how the average of their results compared to the TAC and CAC priorities in a similar activity. The managers discussed how Brown's Creek has seen improvement through prior activities, so they may want to focus more on other resources in the district.

Mr. Furneaux presented historical prioritization approaches and shared the feedback from the TAC and CAC. The managers discussed diversity, education, inclusivity and accessibility as an approach and how that aligns with the priorities of the current presidential administration. Mr. Welch recommended using the term "equity" to encompass all aspects of DEIA, and the managers agreed. The managers discussed how the prioritization approaches are verbalized in the plan and agreed that more flexibility can be created when their approach is clearly stated. The managers completed an activity to individually rank the prioritization approaches presented.

The managers completed another activity to individually indicate which implementation items in the seven presented categories that they loved, had questions on, or wanted removed, with the opportunity to add comments and questions. They then discussed the risk of adding items to the plan that will not all be completed and how their success in implementation compares to other watershed districts. The managers agreed to schedule a workshop to assess the remaining implementation item categories on Tuesday, August 26, from 5 to 7 p.m.

5) Adjournment

Manager Wirth moved, seconded by Manager Sahulka, to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 p.m. Motion carried 5/0.

Respectfully Submitted by
Hannah Peterson, BCWD staff and Debra Sahulka, Recording Secretary