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FINAL Minutes of the regular meeting of the Brown's Creek Watershed District Board of Managers, Wednesday June 25, 2025

ROLL CALL

Managers Present:	**Others Present:**
Klayton Eckles, President	Karen Kill, BCWD administrator
Chuck LeRoux, Vice President	Hannah Peterson, BCWD staff
Celia Wirth, Treasurer	Michael Welch, Smith Partners, BCWD counsel
	Camilla Correll, EOR, BCWD engineer
Managers Absent:	Ryan Fleming, EOR, BCWD engineer
Griffin Brod, Manager	Paul Nation, EOR, BCWD engineer
Debra Sahulka, Secretary	Ryan Hoefs, Washington County engineer
	Kevin Peterson, Washington County engineer
	Ryan Nagle, resident
	Tina Nelson, resident
	Barbara Medinger, resident
	Sam Deno, Summit Management

1) Call regular meeting to order

President Klayton Eckles called the regular meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2) Approve agenda

Manager Wirth moved, seconded by Manager LeRoux, to approve the agenda. Motion carried 3/0.

3) Public comments

There were no public comments.

4) Public hearing – Change of principal place of business to Stillwater Township Town Hall

President Eckles opened the hearing. No testimony was received on the proposed move of the district's principal place of business to Stillwater Township Town Hall. With Secretary Debra Sahulka absent, legal counsel recommended appointing a secretary *pro tem* to certify the order moving the district's principal place of business.

Manager LeRoux moved, seconded by Manager Eckles, to nominate Manager Wirth as the secretary *pro tem*. Motion carried 3/0.

5) Consent agenda

a) Adopt order to change principal place of business

b) Approve minutes of the May 14, 2025 regular meeting

c) Approve minutes of the June 3, 2025 workshop

d) Accept Permit Fee Statement

e) Accept Authorized Funds Spreadsheet

f) Authorize payment to Geomorphic Restoration for Brown's Creek restoration pay application #6

g) Authorize payment to Geomorphic Restoration for Brown's Creek restoration partial retainage release

h) Authorize the payment of bills totaling $157,800.82

i) Authorize apparel order for managers, staff, and citizen advisory committee

j) Authorize the administrator to enter an agreement with Belwin Conservancy on advice of counsel not to exceed $5,000 for 2025-2026 watershed education programming with Stillwater Public Schools.

k) Authorize staff and manager registration, expenses, and per diem to attend the Lower St. Croix Watershed Partnership workshop on the water July 30, 2025

Manager Wirth moved, seconded by Manager LeRoux, to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried 3/0.

6) Permits

e) BCWD Permit #24-18 Washington County Highway 15B Amendment

Paul Nation presented the engineer's report on Washington County's proposed amendment of permit 24-18 to pave Highway 15B and install associated utilities. The county is seeking a variance from the no-adverse impact provision of BCWD Rule 7.0 because the project may result in an increase in flood risk – a rise of 0.01 feet – on Long Lake. To offset the increase, the county would enter into an agreement with Lakeview Hospital, permit #25-03, to use excess stormwater management capacity on the hospital site to mitigate the risk on Long Lake.

Manager Wirth moved, seconded by Manager LeRoux, to approve the variance and amendment to Permit 24-18 for Highway 15B with the conditions and stipulations stated in the engineer's report. Motion carried 3/0.

7) Projects

a) Flood vulnerability assessment

Camilla Correll and Karen Kill shared the flood vulnerability assessment plan and how it would be a great opportunity to both discuss flood impacts and get community leader input on the implementation items in the management plan update. The managers discussed the process, including how the meetings would be scheduled and structured. Mr. Nation shared his experience with a flood-vulnerability assessment for Carnelian Marine St. Croix Watershed District and Comfort Lake Forest Lake Watershed District, and how they proved to be good opportunities for collaboration. Manager Wirth shared that Grant has a new mayor that might be interested. Ms. Correll shared that she could provide updates on the process at future board meetings.

Manager Wirth moved, seconded by Manager LeRoux, to approve the scope of work for the Flood Vulnerability Assessment with EOR not to exceed $34,180 from account 909-0000. Motion carried 3/0.

8) Discussion Agenda

e) Updates

(1) Administrator

Ms. Kill shared a homeowners' association's concerns with lead in East Bass Lake due to a landowner on the lake restoring old cars and stripping lead paint. Contamination has been found in homes and is a concern, especially for young children that recreate near or in the lake. She shared a scope of work from EOR for in-lake water and sediment testing. Ryan Nagle and Tina Nelson, who live on the lake, shared their concerns about the lead and noted that the City of Grant had previously not wanted to be involved, but new leadership is showing more concern. The managers discussed the legal implications of the testing with Michael Welch. They expressed their sympathies and concerns to the landowners present and directed staff to get more information from the City of Grant, the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, and Minnesota Department of Health.

Ms. Kill also provided an update on the management plan update process and shared that the managers would receive some homework to complete prior to the August board meeting in preparation for the August 26 workshop. She also said permit inspections report shows that the permittees are preparing and responding to recent storm events.

(2) Legal

Mr. Welch shared the open meeting law change that allows board members to attend and vote via interactive television if all actions include a roll-call vote and recommended providing notice that BCWD may utilize the new flexibility for board meetings. The managers directed staff to update the posted meeting schedule to allow virtual attendance.

(3) Engineer

No updates

(4) Managers

Manager LeRoux shared that the mayor of Oak Park Heights had recently passed away.

9) Adjournment

Manager Wirth moved, seconded by Manager LeRoux, to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:08 p.m. Motion carried 3/0.

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