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FINAL Minutes of the regular meeting of the Brown's Creek Watershed District Board of Managers, Wednesday September 10, 2025

ROLL CALL

Managers Present:	Others Present:
Chuck LeRoux, Vice President	Karen Kill, BCWD administrator
Celia Wirth, Treasurer	Hannah Peterson, BCWD communications and project assistant
Griffin Brod, Manager	Michael Welch, Smith Partners, BCWD counsel
Klayton Eckles, President	Camilla Correll, EOR, BCWD engineer
Debra Sahulka, Secretary	Brett Stolpestad, Washington Conservation District staff*
	David Wortman, BCWD Citizens Advisory Committee member

** attended virtually*

1) Call to order

President Klayton Eckles called the regular meeting to order at 6:29 p.m.

2) Approve agenda

Manager Wirth moved, seconded by Manager LeRoux, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 4/0.

3) Public comments

There were no public comments.

Manager Brod arrived at 6:31 p.m.

4) Consent agenda

a) Approve minutes of the August 13, 2025, regular meeting as presented
b) Approve minutes of the August 16, 2025, watershed management plan as presented
c) Accept Permit Fee Statement as presented
d) Accept Authorized Funds Spreadsheet as presented
e) Authorize the payment of bills as presented, totaling $94,046.81
f) Authorize Ecker cost-share not to exceed $2,500 from account 914-0000
g) Authorize Dobrotka cost-share not to exceed $2,500 from account 914-0000

Manager Wirth moved, seconded by Manager Sahulka, to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried 5/0.

Manager Eckles shared his support for cost-share projects for conversion to native habitat, noting that maintenance is important in the first couple years for establishment. The managers discussed how the two projects for which cost-share funding was approved are near Liberty Classical Academy.

5) Planning

a) 2026 budget and levy

(1) Public hearing

Karen Kill said that she made no changes to the budget agreed upon at the prior meeting and the 3.3 percent increase in the levy. Manager Eckles opened the public hearing and shared the next steps in the budget process. There was no public comment.
Manager Brod moved, seconded by Manager Sahulka, to close the public hearing. Motion carried 5/0.

(2) Resolution 25-03 – 2026 budget and levy
Manager LeRoux moved, seconded by Manager Wirth, to adopt resolution 25-03, adopting an operating and capital budget totaling $2,240,880, including $2,016,800 for management plan implementation and $224,080 for operations, with 2025 carryover and certain non-levy revenues totaling $993,135, resulting in a levy of $1,247,745, including $219,080 for the general fund as provided by Minnesota Statutes section 103D.905 and $1,028,655 for the management planning fund as provided by the Minnesota Statutes section 103B.241.

	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Manager Eckles	**X**			
Manager Brod	**X**			
Manager LeRoux	**X**			
Manager Wirth	**X**			
Manager Sahulka	**X**			

Motion carried on a roll call vote 5/0.

b) Watershed management plan

(1) Implementation plan discussion
The managers reviewed implementation items for the next watershed plan, directed staff to address further questions at a later meeting, and set priorities. The managers asked about what is being done with the results of all of the monitoring BCWD is proposing and discussed whether groundwater should be prioritized. They also discussed how long-term maintenance costs will continue to rise as more water resource-improvement projects are completed. The managers noted the need to adopt a lake vegetation-management policy. Camilla Correll stated that the next steps in the planning process are to meet with member communities in September or October, share the implementation plan with the citizens advisory committee and technical advisory committee for feedback in October, then bring a revised implementation plan and plan budget to the board for review in November.

6) Discussion agenda

a) Updates

(1) Administrator
Ms. Kill said she would be presenting on the enhanced stakeholder engagement at the Board of Water and Soil Resources Academy on October 21, and that her presentation would be similar to one she gave at the Minnesota Watersheds conference last December. She shared that BCWD had been nominated for a Minnesota Watersheds award for the homeowners' association outreach with the East Metro Water Resource Education Partnership and that she nominated BCWD for an award for the stream restoration project. Ms. Kill also shared that the permit for Liberty Classical Academy had been issued and that

BCWD has verbal interest for the Brown's Creek Cove stretch of stream restoration, but confirmation of funding is still pending. She mentioned that the board and Citizens Advisory Committee tour was not well attended. Hannah Peterson gave an update on the community event coming up September 20.

(2) Legal

Michael Welch said that there would likely be a session at the Minnesota Watersheds Conference about chloride regulation.

(3) Engineer

No updates

(4) Managers

Manager Celia Wirth said that she enjoyed the joint tour for the board and CAC. Manager Eckles asked if there was an update on the open board positions, and Ms. Kill said that there were no applications yet.

7) Adjournment

Manager Brod moved, seconded by Manager Sahulka, to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:42 p.m. Motion carried 5/0.

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