COON CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT
Request for Board Action

MEETING DATE: March 12, 2018
AGENDA NUMBER: 11
ITEM: Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of a Grant from MDNR for Improved Flood Risk Mapping

AGENDA: Policy

ACTION REQUESTED

BACKGROUND
During the summer and fall of 2017, staff informed the Board of Managers that the District had been contacted by the Minnesota DNR about conducting additional work in refining the District’s hydrologic model. The DNR would like to follow through with conversation and award the District up to $100,000 to complete specific analysis and map preparation suitable for submission to FEMA and the National Flood Insurance Program.

The purpose of this project is to update special hazard areas within the Coon Creek Watershed District to assist in the greater effort to update the HUC 8 watersheds within the Twin Cities. To do this, hydrologic and hydraulic models need to be created/revised in the areas identified by DNR and revised by the District (Fig 1). There are both detailed and non-detailed areas shown on figure 1.

ISSUES/CONCERNS
Contract: To receive the funds the District must enter into a contract which references an approved scope of work for improved floodplain modeling and mapping.

Resolution: The DNR requires that the District Board adopt a resolution accepting the grant from the Minnesota DNR for improved flood risk mapping (attached)

PRIOR DECISIONS

OPTIONS

RECOMMENDATION
1. Adopt resolution
2. Authorize President to sign contract with DNR for improved floodplain modeling and mapping
RESOLUTION
COON CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT
STATE OF MINNESOTA GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE COON CREEK
WATERSHED DISTRICT FOR IMPROVED FLOODPLAIN MODELING AND
MAPPING

Recitals
WHEREAS, Under Minn. Stat. Section 84.026, Subdivision 2, the State is empowered to
enter into this grant agreement, and

WHEREAS, The State agrees that updating and improving floodplain data is in the
interest of the State, and

WHEREAS, The grantee represents that it is duly qualified and agrees to perform all
services described in this grant contract to the satisfaction of the State.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT
1. The Coon Creek Watershed District hereinafter referred to as the “Applicant” act
as legal sponsor for entering into an agreement with the Minnesota Department of
Natural Resources for a collaborative effort to improve flood risk identification
and mapping within its jurisdiction.
2. The District Administrator is hereby authorized to collaborate with the Minnesota
Department of Natural Resources for secure funding of a project on behalf of the
Applicant
3. The Applicant has the legal authority to request financial assistance, and the
institutional, administrative and managerial capability to ensure satisfactory
completion of the project described in the scope of work prepared by Wenck and
Associates in the document entitled Coon Creek Watershed Model Update,
January 18, 2018, attached herein.
4. The Applicant understands that funding provided through the Minnesota
Department of Natural Resources requires no monetary match.
5. The Applicant has not incurred any reimbursable project expenses prior to full
execution of a grant agreement.
6. The Applicant has not violated any Federal, State or Local laws pertaining to
fraud, bribery, graft, kickbacks, collusion, conflict of interest or other unlawful or
corrupt practices.
7. Upon approval of its request to the State, the Applicant may enter into an
agreement with the State of Minnesota, and that the Applicant certifies that it will
comply with all applicable laws and regulations as stated in the contract
agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT The District Administrator is hereby
authorized to execute such agreements as are necessary to implement the project on
behalf of the Applicant.