COON CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT
Request for Board Action

MEETING DATE: December 14, 2015
AGENDA NUMBER: 22
ITEM: Consider Regular Contact with County Intergovernmental Committee

AGENDA: Discussion

REQUEST
Direct staff to work with Anoka County Administration to scope out the type, level of detail, and format of information as well as number of times per year.

BACKGROUND
During conversations with Anoka County, staff was made aware of the County Intergovernmental Committee.

The District’s Public and Governmental Relations program is intended to ensure that the continued planning and management of the Coon Creek watershed is responsive to the needs and concerns of an informed public and to coordinate policies and programs of the local, state, and federal government agencies with which we collaborate or have an interest in the goals and services provided by the District.

The District currently employs two strategies: Involvement and Outreach.

The involvement strategy for communicating and coordinating with other units of government involves 2 committees (CAC and TAC). The committees typically meet twice a quarter. The Citizen Advisory Committee is statutorily required to include a County Commissioner. The last County Commissioner to serve on the CAC was Commissioner LeDoux in 2012. Since that time the County has been represented by the County Highway Engineer, Jon Olson in 2013 and Doug Fischer in 2014-15.

The outreach strategy has largely consisted of biannual visits to each of the City Councils, the County Board, and the Anoka Conservation District by various District Board members and staff.

The intergovernmental committee provides an opportunity to inform and educate the County Board on the water and related resource issues the District is working on, and to hear from the County Board the policy direction, constraints, or concerns facing Anoka County.
ISSUES/CONCERNS

Number of Times per Year: one to four

Potential Topics: Varied; topical or issue specific to happenings during past quarter or to date.

Format: Varied; power point, written highlights.

Manager Involvement: The Board needs to be involved in this with staff assistance, much like the CAC

OPTIONS

Board Representation: Could be duties of the President and Secretary

RECOMMENDATION

Direct staff to work with Anoka County Administration to scope type, level of detail and format of information as well as number of times per year and report back to Board of Managers.