COON CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT
BOARD OF MANAGERS' SPECIAL MEETING
Tuesday, December 22, 2015
At 5:30 p.m.
Coon Creek Watershed District Office
12301 Central Avenue NE, Suite 100
Blaine, Minnesota

The Board of Managers of the Coon Creek Watershed District held a special meeting on Tuesday, December 22, 2015 at the Coon Creek Watershed District Office.

POLICY ITEMS
1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM
Staff: Corinne Elfelt, Tim Kelly, Michelle Ulrich.
Others: Scott Bromley (listened in via telephone 5:34 p.m. through conclusion of meeting), John Kysylczyn (Anoka County Recorder), Dwight McCullough (Ham Lake)

2. Approval of the Agenda: Hoffman moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Phelps. Motion carried with four yeas (Hoffman, Kearns, Phelps, Westlund) and no nays.

3. Adopt Resolution Repealing the property tax levy approved December 14, 2015.
Kelly noted that President Westlund, Mayor Mike Van Kirk, City of Ham Lake asked for the meeting that the Board consider repealing the tax levy approved on December 14, 2015. Kelly also noted he had clarified in a meeting with Van Kirk and Don Krueger City Administrator for the City of Ham Lake building cost and staffing estimates that had become exaggerated in recent weeks. Kelly relayed Van Kirk’s suggestion that the District establish a building committee to facilitate communication and advise the Board.

Kearns stated since the resolution was passed just a week ago, and although he did not agree with the resolution, he felt it would be setting a bad precedent rescinding the resolution.

Hoffman said the general public has come to recognize and accept the need for the levy, but they do not want the higher levy as was passed last week. Hoffman also said the Board needs to consider how to accomplish what needs to be done by October, 2017, when the District’s lease expires.

Westlund noted that levied funds would not be available until approximately June, 2016.

Westlund moved to approve adopting the resolution repealing the property tax levy approved December 14, 2015. Seconded by Hoffman. Westlund asked for a vote by roll: Hoffman – Yea; Phelps – Nay; Kearns – Nay; Westlund – Abstaining.

Westlund stated that the past five days have brought forward much false information. Westlund also felt it was too bad that Bromley could not be present and part of this very
important decision for the Board. Westlund stated this is a character issue for him, and has experienced a great deal of backlash since this was first approved. Westlund explained he has been on the Board for ten years, and has been told he has done well, being very frugal with the taxpayer’s money and making efforts to work with the County and feels the Board has done a fine job. He also explained his fiduciary responsibility is to the Coon Creek Watershed District; taking into consideration the savings the new building will produce, help meet the needs of District staff, help facilitate future needs and make an investment.

Motion failed to adopt the resolution repealing the property tax levy approved December 14, 2015, by a vote of one yea (Hoffman), two nays (Kearns, Phelps) and one abstaining (Westlund).

ADJOURN
President Westlund stated that no action can be taken on revising the levy since item #3 did not pass.

The meeting adjourned at 5:42 PM on a motion by Kearns, seconded by Phelps. Motion carried with four yeas (Hoffman, Kearns, Phelps, Westlund) and no nays.

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Byron Westlund, President