COON CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT
Request for Board Action

MEETING DATE: February 27, 2017
AGENDA NUMBER: 6
ITEM: MAWD Request for Special Meeting

AGENDA: Policy

ACTION REQUESTED
Make request to the Minnesota Association of Watershed District’s (MAWD) for a special meeting

BACKGROUND
At the 2016 MAWD Annual meeting, the MAWD Membership approved a Strategic Plan for the organization. The Strategic Plan contemplates an increase in dues to fund future activities of MAWD. Dues are a component of the MAWD Bylaws and the Bylaws require an amendment to change the dues. Bylaw changes can only occur at the Annual Meeting or a Special Meeting (planned for the Summer Tour), thus the call for a request for a special meeting.

Currently the MAWD Bylaws Committee and Finance Committee are drafting Bylaw Amendments for consideration by the Membership at the Summer Tour (Special Meeting). One third (or 15 Districts) of the membership are required to request a Special Meeting. The Draft dues structure and Bylaw changes are expected to be distributed in March at the Legislative Breakfast and Briefing.

The dues structure is not the only Bylaw amendment that will be under consideration. Amendments to the bylaws requested include:
1. A revised dues structure to increase revenue;
2. Provide for hiring staff;
3. Align the association fiscal year with the calendar year.

The special meeting is requested to be held and the MAWD Summer Tour event planned for June 21-23, 2017. Taking action on a dues change in June of 2017 will allow Districts to incorporate any changes to dues in time for their 2018 budget.

ISSUES/CONCERNS
1. Last Dues Increase: 2015
2. Current Annual Dues Amount: $4,000

PRIOR DECISIONS
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OPTIONS
1. Approve request
2. Don’t approve request

RECOMMENDATION
Approve motion to request a special meeting of the Minnesota Association of Watershed District’s (MAWD)