

Escrows: When appropriate, the District may collect the following escrows:

1. Performance Escrow: Escrow collected from permit applicants to ensure performance of permit requirements. Escrow is calculated by three items

- 1) A base fee of \$500,
- 2) A frontage fee of \$10/ft on the main channel and \$5/ft on a branch.
- 3) Property size \$50/acre.

2. Wetland Escrow: Escrow collected from permit applicants to ensure replacement of mitigated wetlands. Escrow is calculated by two items.

- 1) A base fee of \$1,000
- 2) Wetland impact fee of \$10,000 per acre (is based on the size of the impact to be mitigated)

Payment: Escrows may be paid in the following manner:

1. The first \$500 must be paid in cash
2. The balance of the escrow may be secured with:
 - a. Cash, or
 - b. An unconditional irrevocable letter of credit

Refunding of Escrows: Upon completion of the project the applicant is entitled to a refund of all, or a portion, of the posted escrow pursuant to notifying the District that:

1. The project is complete
2. The site is stabilized
3. The project is ready for final inspection
4. The applicant would like return of their escrow

The District will inspect the project for conformance with the permitted plans and threats to water resources associated with the implementation of those plans resulting from construction. If the project is not complete and vegetation is not stabilized, the District will inform the applicant in writing. If the site is complete and stabilized the District will execute the appropriate refund at their next regularly scheduled meeting where the Board pays bills (typically the second Monday of each month).

Escrow refunds will be calculated as follows and shown on the refund check

1. \$500 cash escrow
2. Amount of escrow balance paid in cash
3. Minus Review fee
4. Minus inspection fee

The applicant may pay review and inspection fees separately, in advance of Board approval of escrow return, to receive full refund of the escrow.

6.0 FEES AND SECURITY ESCROWS

6.1 Policy

The District finds that it is in the public interest to conserve the District's water resources by assuring compliance with its rules. Requiring applicants to pay fees for permit administration, review, project inspection and to provide a bond or other surety to secure performance of permit conditions, is an effective way to assure rule compliance and water resource conservation.

The Board of Managers by resolution will establish a schedule of fees and performance sureties that may be amended from time to time to reflect the costs of providing such services or covering potential liabilities to the District. The District will maintain an accounting of all deposits made under this rule. No interest will be paid to applicants for funds held in deposit.

6.2 Fees

The District will charge the following fees:

1. Application Fees: \$10.00 fee charged for processing permit applications

2. Review and Inspection Fee: Fee charged for review and inspection work performed by District staff on permit applications. Fee will be reviewed and established by the Board of Managers annually.

6.3 Government Agencies Exempt from Fees

The above fees will not be charged to the federal government, the State of Minnesota or a political subdivision of the State of Minnesota.

6.4 Escrows

The District will collect the following escrows from the applicant before a permit is issued. Escrow amounts will be reviewed and established annually by the Board of Managers.

1. Performance Escrow: Escrow collected to ensure performance of permit requirements.

2. Wetland Escrow: Escrow collected to ensure replacement of mitigated wetlands.