

## **COON CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT BOARD OF MANAGERS' MEETING**

The Board of Managers of the Coon Creek Watershed District held a special meeting on Monday, July 29, 2024, at the Coon Creek Watershed District Office.

### **1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 5:31 PM

Board Members Present: Jim Hafner, Mary Campbell, Jason Lund, Erin Lind & Dwight McCullough

Staff Present: Tim Kelly, Jessica Lindemyer, Bobbie Law, Erik Bye & Michelle Ulrich

Stakeholders Present on Zoom: Abbey Shea

Stakeholders Present: Michelle Jordan

### **2. Announcements**

No announcements.

### **CONSENT ITEMS**

#### **3. Approval of Minutes of July 22, 2024**

Board Member McCullough moved to approve the July 22<sup>nd</sup> minutes as presented. Seconded by Board Member Lund. The motion carried with 5 yeas (Board Members Campbell, Hafner, Lind, Lund, and McCullough) and no nays.

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

#### **4. Purpose and Scope of Hearing**

President Hafner outlined the purpose and scope of the public hearing. He explained this hearing provides the District the opportunity to gather public opinion and concerns on the draft 2024-2033 Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan prior to the submittal of the document to the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR).

#### **5. Submission of Written Documents/Exhibits into the Record**

Mr. Kelly gave an overview of the planning timeline. He submitted multiple items into public record including:

- May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022, notice of intent
- July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022, public notice period ended
- January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023, the initial planning meeting required by statute was held by the CCWD Board of Managers
- September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023, the Board adopted Resolution 23-04 requesting an extension to the 2013-2023 Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan
- October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023, BWSR approved extension request
- November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023, the Board of Managers discussed the Plan summary
- On December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023, the Board released a draft of the Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan for 2024- 2033 for public review. The public review period ended on February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024, and on July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024, that public hearing to receive comments was held. Notice of Hearing and Affidavit of Publication included

- On August 12<sup>th</sup> the Board will approve the Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan with updates made based on comments received

Staff recommended that the Board move to receive the public record as stated and presented.

Board Member Lund moved to receive the public record. Seconded by Board Member Lind. The motion carried with 5 yeas (Board Members Campbell, Hafner, Lind, Lund, and McCullough) and no nays.

5:34 PM Michelle Jordan joined the meeting. BWSR Board Conservationist

Mr Kelly called for a point of order. He noted that the verbal record given was not complete. He added the following points of information:

- The surveys and meetings to prioritize certain water resource issues and priorities occurred at 60+ meetings with multiple stakeholders. These meetings included the CAC and TAC. The District also conducted surveys that included other stakeholders affected by the District's Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan. The District responded to 298 official comments on the draft Plan. The Plan also includes additional exhibits including the public engagement plan, record of public engagement, the Notice of Intent regarding comments, and the comments and responses themselves, a summary of the Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan will be provided online.

Board Member Campbell moved to add additional items to the record. Seconded by Board Member Lund. The motion carried with 5 yeas (Board Members Campbell, Hafner, Lind, Lund, and McCullough) and no nays.

## **6. Summary of the Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan**

Erik Bye the Coon Creek Watershed District Planner gave a presentation regarding the Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan. He covered many topics including:

- The planning process
- Authorization
- The current condition of the watershed, specific to impaired waters, the connections between surface and groundwater, flood risk, and TMDLs.
- The management plan goals and strategy.
- Essential tasks
- Risks and concerns identified with the implementation of this watershed management plan including funding, prolonged debate, rejection of effort due to cost, transfer of risk
- Strategies to alleviate risks and concerns including additional funding, staggered TMDL timeline, differentiation of water resources, and incremental plan review at 2.5 and 5-year marks

Mr. Kelly spoke to the importance of incremental updates to the plan. Board Member Campbell supported the big efforts planned for the next ten-year Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan cycle.

### **7. Call for Public Comments**

President Hafner called for comments from stakeholders and meeting attendees three times. He called for comment directly from the two stakeholders in attendance and once to the general public.

### **8. Close Hearing**

Board Member Lund moved to close the public hearing. Seconded by Board Member Lind. The motion carried with 5 yeas (Board Members Campbell, Hafner, Lind, Lund, and McCullough) and no nays.

### **9. Summary of Comments, Proposed Responses, and Needed Actions**

Kelly noted the 298 comments are broken into 3-5 general categories

- Editorial
- Technical
- Goal specific

Kelly provided a summary of next steps and timeline for the remainder of the planning process.

### **ADJOURN**

Board Member Campbell moved to adjourn at 6:06 pm. Seconded by Board Member Lund. The motion carried with 5 yeas (Board Members Campbell, Hafner, Lind, Lund, and McCullough) and no nays.

  
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