

MEETING MINUTES

Riley-Purgatory-Bluff Creek Watershed District

June 1, 2020, RPBCWD Board of Managers Special Meeting: Duck Lake Road Project

PRESENT:

Managers:

Jill Crafton, Treasurer
Larry Koch
Dorothy Pedersen, Vice President
Dick Ward, President
David Ziegler, Secretary

Staff:

Amy Bakkum, MN Greencorps Member, RPBCWD
Claire Bleser, RPBCWD Administrator
Terry Jeffery, Watershed Planning Manager
B Lauer, RPBCWD Education and Outreach Assistant
Louis Smith, Attorney, Smith Partners
Scott Sobiech, Barr Engineering Co.

Other attendees:

Pat Andrican	Rod Fisher
Rebecca Bauman	Mary Krause
Jill Carson	Tom Lindquist
Rode Carson	Sarah Lloyd
Sandy Davis	Tim Olson, Bolton & Menk
Pat Duryee	Julie Peyer
Nancy Fisher	Rod Rue

Note: this meeting was held remotely via meeting platform Zoom in abidance with state mandates in response to Covid-19.

1. Call to Order

- 1 President Ward called to order the Monday, June 1, 2020, Board of Managers Special Meeting for
- 2 the Duck Lake Road Project at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was held remotely via meeting platform
- 3 Zoom.

2. Duck Lake Road Project

- 4 Mr. Rod Rue presented a brief history of the proposed project and four possible design concepts.
- 5 The four concepts included street reconstruction only, as-designed with box culvert, a 150-foot
- 6 bridge with a sidewalk and fishing pier on the east side and a bike trail on the west side, and a 235-
- 7 foot bridge with a sidewalk and fishing pier on the east side and a bike trail on the west side.

8 Mr. Rue displayed renderings of the options and discussed each option in detail, including
9 information about the project costs, floodplain fill, wetland fill, total compensatory flood storage
10 provided, and variances, if any, needed. He addressed pros and cons of each concept option.

11 Mr. Fisher asked whether there are any other sites in Eden Prairie where a road bisects a lake, or
12 the road passes as close to a lake. Mr. Rue responded no. Mr. Lindquist asked about the project
13 impacts to the lake level. Mr. Rue explained that as part of the project, regardless of the design
14 concept selected, the lake level will be raised ten to twelve inches higher than the current lake level
15 at the outlet. He noted that the higher lake level will bring it to the historic lake level per DNR
16 records.

17 Mr. Fisher commented that the two sides of the lake differ in water quality and asked if the water
18 quality impacts from the project are known. Mr. Olson of Bolton & Menk responded.

19 Mr. Koch asked for more details about the plan to raise the lake level and asked about a design
20 concept that would include multiple box culverts in lieu of a bridge. Mr. Rue talked about raising
21 the lake level and the multiple-box-culvert option, which had been discussed early in the process.
22 He noted that concept would have required approximately ten box culverts.

23 Mr. Koch said his view on this proposed project is there is work to be done that falls into the
24 District's purview, and the District will make decisions based on that purview.

25 Mr. Ziegler asked residents to vote for the option they support, and a vote indicated zero votes for
26 the street reconstruction-only option and the as-designed with box culvert option, one vote for the
27 short bridge, and five votes for the long bridge. Mr. Ziegler commented that he supports the long
28 bridge concept.

29 Manager Crafton voiced her reservations about supporting the project at the \$1,000,000 level.
30 Manager Pedersen spoke in support of the long bridge concept. President Ward commented that he
31 is in favor of the District supporting of the long-bridge concept at the \$1,000,000 level, and he
32 remarked that he would like the District and the City to look at options for spreading the cost over
33 three or more years.

34 Administrator Bleser provided information about District funds that could be used toward the Duck
35 Lake Trail project. She noted that the \$1,200,000 Bent Creek Golf Course project the District
36 identified for 2023-2025 isn't going to proceed because there isn't a willing project partner.
37 Administrator Bleser said the District may have an opportunity in Minnetonka for a creek
38 restoration project in 2021, but the District could consider monitoring the situation and including
39 the project in the District's next 10-year plan, freeing funds to be used for other District projects.

40 President Ward said he and Administrator Bleser could talk with the City of Eden Prairie in the
41 next couple of days to consider funding options, and the Board could discuss this information at its
42 June Board meeting.

43 Attorney Smith highlighted that before the Board acts on the Duck Lake Trail project, the Board
44 will want to make sure it clearly presents for the record the water resource benefit of the project.

45 Manager Ziegler stated Administrator Bleser has the water resource data. Administrator Bleser said
46 she will work with the City of Eden Prairie to quantify the data. Manager Crafton noted that there
47 needs to be a narrative, not just numbers, to explain the water resources benefits of the project.

3. Adjournment

48 Manager Crafton moved to adjourn the special meeting. Manager Ziegler seconded the motion.
49 Upon a roll call vote, the motion carried 5-0 as follows:

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<i>Manager</i>	<i>Action</i>
Crafton	Aye
Koch	Aye
Pedersen	Aye
Ward	Aye
Ziegler	Aye

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53 The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

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David Ziegler, Secretary