

## MEETING MINUTES

### Riley-Purgatory-Bluff Creek Watershed District

#### June 17, 2026, RPB/CWD Board of Managers Regular Monthly Meeting

#### Attendees:

##### Managers

Jill Crafton (Secretary); Tom Duevel (Treasurer); Bonnie Nelson (Vice President), Dorothy Pedersen (President), and Leslie Stovring

##### Staff/Advisors

Liz Forbes (Deputy District Administrator), Zach Dickhausen\* (Natural Resources Manager), Terry Jeffery\* (District Administrator), Dylan Monahan (Watershed Planner), Louis Smith (Smith Partners), and Scott Sobiech (Barr Engineering)

##### Other Attendees

John A.; Ed Goff, Larry Koch\*, Michael M.; Dan Smith

*\*Attended the meeting virtually.*

### Call to Order of Board of Managers Regular Monthly Meeting

President Pedersen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at the District Office, 18681 Lake Drive East, Chanhassen, Hennepin County, Minnesota, and all managers were in attendance.

#### 1. Approval of Agenda

Manager Crafton moved to approve the agenda. Manager Stovring seconded the motion. Upon a vote, the motion carried with no managers opposing.

#### 2. Matters of General Public Interest

Larry Koch of 471 Bighorn Drive, Chanhassen, commented he thinks there was a great budget proposal presented by Terry Jeffery at the Board's earlier workshop notwithstanding the Spring Road purchase price that was included. Mr. Koch said he thinks the District should not have purchased that property and should sell it. He remarked that the property does not have significant water features and he believes the purchase was outside of law. He commented that the District does not need to build a building and with the changing economics it would be foolish to build a building without a lot more study. Mr. Koch said the District should hire a commercial real estate firm to look into the options. Mr. Koch said he is curious about the increase in the number of District employees and the related budget item as it seems like a significant increase. He said the District can address that offline to him. Mr. Koch said this is taxpayer money that the District is supposed to be a steward of and it looks to him like the expenditure for an edifice is a waste of taxpayer money. Mr. Koch said with regard to the District's 10-year plan he recommends keeping it simple and

not overworking it. He said the plan should drive what money the District spends, if anything, on the Spring Road property and when it is going to be spent. Mr. Koch commented he believes renting the property is the way to go. Mr. Koch said he would like the District to address wake boats and he believes the District has the authority to stop wake boats based on the criteria and findings of the University of Minnesota study. He remarked that something that could help the water quality of Lotus Lake and Lake Riley is to control wake boats and limit their operations based on the scientific study by the University of Minnesota. He said the problem is that wake boats stir up lake bottoms. Mr. Koch said this is the third year in a row that Lotus Lake has had a massive algae bloom and he asked to be informed offline if anyone else has experienced this and he asked to be answered offline about whether St. Hubert has paid what it owes the District for all the work the District did on that property.

### 3. Reading and Approval of Meeting Minutes

#### a. Approve Minutes of the May 20, 2026, RPBBCWD Board of Managers Workshop and Regular Meeting

Manager Crafton noted an edit to be made in the Regular Meeting minutes to line 117 to correctly spell “off.” Manager Duevel moved to approve the minutes of the May 20, 2026, RPBBCWD Board of Managers workshop and regular meeting with Manager Crafton’s edit. Manager Stovring seconded the motion. Upon a vote, the motion carried with no managers opposed.

### 4. Committee and Member Reports

#### a. Receive June 4, 2026, Citizen Advisory Committee Report and Minutes

CAC member Ed Goff introduced himself and mentioned he is serving in his first year on the CAC. He reported the CAC spent a lot of time at its most recent meeting going over the 10-year plan. Mr. Goff said if there are items the Board wants to direct the CAC to work on, to let the CAC know. He reported the CAC is putting together recommendations to provide to the Board regarding ways the CAC sees it could help the District as well as other conservation and preservation activities in the District.

#### b. Select Board Member to Attend August 6<sup>th</sup> CAC Meeting

Manager Duevel volunteered to attend the August 6<sup>th</sup> CAC meeting.

#### c. Receive May Administrator Report

Terry Jeffery reported there has been some consternation over the Universal Building Code Plumbing Code Chapter 15 proposed rule changes. He said this morning a group of representatives of a number of organizations and cities met to discuss the issue and status.

56 Administrator Jeffery said the Plumbing Board is holding a special meeting on June 23<sup>rd</sup>  
57 to discuss the rule and impacts, and interested parties are encouraged to attend and offer  
58 comments as possible. He said he will apprise the Board of what happens at that meeting.

59 Administrator Jeffery said the District's lease on its current office space is up in April  
60 2027. He reported on the available space in the Eden Prairie City Hall as possible space  
61 for the District to reconfigure as District office space. He said he thinks the space would  
62 work really well. Administrator Jeffery mentioned maintenance that needs to be done on  
63 the lights in the District's current office. Manager Stoving suggested postponing the work  
64 until closer to the time that the District plans to vacate the space.

65 Manager Crafton asked if Capitol Region Watershed District put forward a resolution  
66 regarding the plumbing code to be considered in the August meeting of Minnesota  
67 Watersheds for putting forward to the lobbyists to the state legislature. Administrator  
68 Jeffery said he believes that is Capitol Region's intent.

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70 **d. Receive May Staff Report**

71 Manager Crafton asked for more details about groundwater management plans. Mr.  
72 Sobiech responded that the idea is to focus on a specific resource and work to better  
73 understand the groundwater – surface water interaction of that resource. He confirmed no  
74 wells have been installed.  
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76 **e. Receive May Engineer's Report**

77 Manager Crafton asked for more details about Task Order 52 of the wake boat work and  
78 developing assessment codes for statistical analysis. Mr. Sobiech said that work is for the  
79 software coding to run the statistical analysis.  
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81 **f. Receive May Regulatory Report**

82 No comments raised.

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84 **g. Receive Legal Report**

85 Louis Smith said the Legislative Committee for Minnesota Watersheds meets Monday  
86 afternoon, June 22, and Manager Nelson serves on that Committee. Mr. Smith said he  
87 will be present to answer questions as needed at that meeting.  
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89 **h. Receive Manager Reports**

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94                   **i. Receive June 1, 2026 Audit & Finance Committee Meeting Report**

95                   Manager Duevel summarized the Committee’s meeting topics, including the District’s  
96                   annual audit. He explained the District received a clean unmodified GAAP opinion and no  
97                   internal control findings for 2025. He said the issue found and documented in the  
98                   management report is related to the legal compliance regarding payments within the  
99                   statutory 35 days. Manager Duevel said the sampling found three instances where  
100                  payments were made outside of 35 days. Manager Duevel said he provided the auditor  
101                  with the information that the District works on 45-days contract provisions with vendors,  
102                  which was documented in the District’s meeting minutes as an action the Board approved  
103                  through a motion. He said with BIL.com and the new Sage System with Barry Dunn in  
104                  place, the new system should ameliorate the issue going forward. Manager Duevel  
105                  reminded the Board it has until July 15<sup>th</sup> to document the changes regarding the new  
106                  financial systems and processes in the District’s Governance Document.

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**5. Consent Agenda**

- 108               **a. Adopt Resolution 26-022 Declining to Waive Statutory Tort Liability Limits**  
109               **b. Approve Modification to Permit 2024-098 Pioneer Ridge Project as Presented in the**  
110               **Recommended Board Action Section of the Permit Review Report**  
111               **c. Approve Modification to Permit 2025-073: Wings Financial as Presented in the**  
112               **Recommended Board Action Section of the Permit Review Report**  
113               **d. Accept 2025 Audit Report: Annual Financial Report and Executive Governance**  
114               **Summary**

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116               Manager Stoving moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Manager Duevel seconded the  
117               motion. The motion carried with no managers opposing.  
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**6. New Business**

119               **a. Items Removed from Consent Agenda**

120               No items were removed from the Consent Agenda.

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122               **b. Adopt Resolution 26-023 Accepting the May Treasurer’s Report and Approving**  
123               **Payment of the Bills**

124               Manager Duevel moved to adopt Resolution 26-023 Accepting the May Treasurer’s  
125               Reports and Approving Payment of the Bills. Manager Crafton seconded the motion.  
126               The motion carried with no managers opposing.

**c. Adopt Resolution 26-024 to Approve the Proposed Boundary Adjustments with Carver County Watershed Management Organization**

Administrator Jeffery explained Carver County Watershed Management Organization and Minnehaha Creek Watershed District are looking at boundary adjustments. He said in their proposed adjustment, one parcel from Carver County WMO would come into RPB/CWD and one parcel would go the opposite direction. He explained the adjustment would not impact tax revenues or the District's abilities to carry out the work of the District.

Mr. Smith noted his proposed edits to the resolution, which are non-substantive to include more precise language. He recommended the Board include in its motion an approval of the edits consistent with the non-substantive changes as recommended by legal counsel. Manager Duevel moved to adopt resolution 26-024 approving the proposed boundary adjustments with Carver County Watershed Management Organization and with the edits as recommended by legal counsel. Manager Crafton seconded the motion. Upon a vote the motion carried with no managers opposing.

**d. Adopt Resolution 26-05 Authorizing the Administrator to Expend up to \$40,000 from Reserve Funds on a New Truck and to Sell Ford at State Auction.**

Administrator Jeffery said as the resolution explains, staff will follow the statute procurement process to purchase a new truck, which will be a Ford Maverick. He requested an edit to the resolution to authorize District staff to expend up to \$40,000 for the purchase. Administrator Jeffery said this action would need to be reflected in the District's proposed 2027 budget. He said the proposed budget would be modified to reflect the \$40,000 being taken out of the District's Reserve Funds, as it is not reflected in the proposed budget presented in this evening's workshop. Manager Duevel moved to adopt Resolution 26-05, as amended, Authorizing the Administrator to Expend up to \$40,000 from Reserve Funds on a New Truck and to Sell the Ford at State Auction. Manager Stovring seconded the motion. The motion carried with no managers opposing.

**e. Approve the Variance from Rule J for Permit 2026-026: Marshall Farms as Presented in the Potential Board Variance Action Section of the Permit Review Report**

Mr. Sobiech displayed the presentation titled, "2026-026 Marshall Farms." He mentioned that Dan Smith, engineer on the project and representing the developer, is here at tonight's meeting to answer any questions on the developer's behalf about the project.

Mr. Sobiech summarized the project, which is a redevelopment of a 32.1-acre parcel tributary to Riley Creek to construct 50 residential homes with associated streets, parking, utilities, and stormwater management facilities. He said the proposed project

would increase the site's impervious area by 6.06 acres. Mr. Sobiech presented a summary of the compliance review, highlighting the District engineer's comments such as the applicant must provide documentation demonstrating that the necessary land-use rights have been obtained for the proposed activities, among other rule-specific permit conditions and stipulations.

Mr. Sobiech reviewed the applicant's variance requests including a variance from rate control to allow increased discharge to Dell Road. Mr. Sobiech said the variance is substantial in terms of absolute numbers, for example for the 100-year, 24-hour rainfall event, the existing discharge is 6.9 cfs and the proposed discharge is 13.1 cfs. He said the proposed design is within the design rate for the storm sewer pipe, set at 14.5 cfs, so the pipe is sized to handle the entire 100-year event flow.

Mr. Sobiech explained that the discharge will all go to Riley Creek, but rather than discharging over the bluff, the discharge will flow through a storm sewer down to the creek, except the flow that goes to the offsite wetland. He reminded the Board that one of the reasons the site is restricted is because the hydrology to the wetland needs to be maintained so there would not be an adverse impact.

Mr. Smith asked if the design increases peak rates. Mr. Sobiech said the discharge rate to Riley Creek does not increase under proposed conditions, but the discharge rate to Dell Road does increase. He said the flows at Riley Creek will be less under proposed conditions than existing conditions and the flows will be treated, meaning less pollutants will be entering the stream via the flow.

Manager Duevel moved to approve the variance from Rule J for Permit 2026-026 Marshall Farms as presented in the Potential Board Variance Action Section of the Permit Review Report, including the conditions and stipulations, for the reasons set forth in the permit review report. Manager Stoving seconded the motion. The motion carried with four managers voting in favor and Manager Crafton opposing.

**f. Approve Permit 2026-026 Marshall Farms as Presented in the Recommended Board Action Section of the Permit Review Report**

Manager Stoving moved to approve Permit 2026-026 Marshall Farms as presented in the recommended Board Action section of the Permit Review Report. Manager Duevel seconded the motion. The motion carried with four managers voting in favor and Manager Crafton opposing.

**g. Select Delegate for the Minnesota Watersheds Business Meeting**

Manager Crafton moved to approve designating Manager Crafton and Manager Nelson as delegates and Manager Stoving as alternate delegate for the Minnesota Watersheds business meeting in August. Manager Duevel seconded the motion. The motion carried with no managers opposing.

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## 7. Discussion Items

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No discussion items.

## 8. Upcoming Board Topics

- 209 a. Ten-Year Plan Update – ongoing (future workshops and October 6<sup>th</sup> retreat)  
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## 9. Upcoming Events

- 211 a. MN Watershed Summer Tour – August 25 and 26, 2026  
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## 10. Adjourn

214 Manager Crafton moved to adjourn the meeting. Manager Duevel seconded the motion. The  
215 motion carried with no managers opposing.  
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217 The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.  
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Jill Crafton, Secretary

