

**RESOLUTION NO. 25-046
RILEY PURGATORY BLUFF CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT
BOARD OF MANAGERS**

**AUTHORIZING REQUEST FOR LONG-TERM FINANCING
FROM HENNEPIN COUNTY FOR
SPRING ROAD CONSERVATION PROJECT**

Manager Duevel offered the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Manager Stovring:

WHEREAS, in 2018, the Riley Purgatory Bluff Creek Watershed District (District) duly adopted its 10-Year Watershed Management Plan (Plan) with a capital improvement program; this Plan recognizes that unanticipated opportunities may emerge during the life of the Plan; and that while the District cannot predict the future, the District has established a process to allow the District and its partners to take full advantage of these circumstances through the implementation of “Opportunity Projects”; (Plan, Section 9.13, p. 9-49);

WHEREAS, the District undertook months of deliberation to consider an unanticipated opportunity to acquire three contiguous parcels on Spring Road in Eden Prairie for conservation purposes; the District’s acquisition of the Spring Road properties (Project) will complete a contiguous corridor following Riley Creek from Lake Riley to the Minnesota River; the District has identified a series of location, topography, ecological and other benefits for the watershed through conservation of this site; the District engineer scored the proposed acquisition using the prioritization scoring method presented in the Plan, and in comparison to proposed development of the site, the conservation acquisition renders a prioritization score of 35-39 points;

WHEEREAS, on November 16, 2023, following duly noticed comment periods and public hearings to consider the proposed plan amendment pursuant to Section 9.13 of the Plan and to consider whether to order the Project, the Board of Managers adopted Resolution 23-072 Adopting Plan Amendment for Spring Road Conservation Project, and adopted Resolution 23-073 Ordering the Spring Road Conservation Project;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 103B.251, the District may certify to the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners (the “County Board”), for payment by Hennepin County, Minnesota (the “County”), of all or any part of the cost of a capital improvement contained in the capital improvement program of the Plan;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 103B.251, the County may issue its general obligation bonds in the amount necessary to pay all or part of the cost of projects certified to the County Board, to the payment of which bonds the County shall irrevocably pledge and appropriate the proceeds of a tax levied on all taxable property located within the territory of the District or subwatershed unit for which the bonds are issued;

WHEREAS, the Board of Managers finds that it is reasonable and prudent to request long-term financing of the Project from Hennepin County pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 103B.251, subdivisions 6 and 7;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Managers (“the Board”) of the Riley Purgatory Bluff Creek Watershed District, Minnesota, as follows:

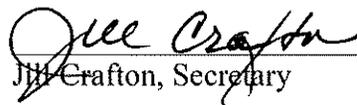
1. The Board hereby declares it necessary and desirable to certify to the County Board capital improvement program costs in the aggregate amount of \$2,455,822 to achieve the purposes set forth in the District’s amended Plan for the Spring Road Conservation Project, and hereby requests that the County (a) issue its general obligation bonds to provide permanent financing for the Project, and (b) levy a tax on property within the District as a special taxing district levy of the District. The District shall include the amount necessary to pay debt service on the County’s bonds in its annual levy certification.
2. The Board delegates to the administrator and Treasurer with the advice of legal counsel authority to sign the necessary certifications relating to the maintenance of the tax-exempt status of any such bonds issued by the County and all other documents as necessary in connection with the issuance of such bonds.
3. The District acknowledges that it will pay a pro rata portion of the issuance costs of the County’s bonds requested hereby.

The question was on the adoption of the resolution and there were 5 yeas and 0 nays as follows:

	<u>Yea</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstain</u>	<u>Absent</u>
CRAFTON	X			
DUEVEL	X			
NELSON	X			
PEDERSEN	X			
STOVRING	X			

Upon vote, the president declared the resolution adopted.

Dated: August 6, 2025.

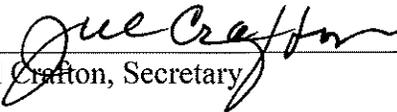


Jill Crafton, Secretary

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I, Jill Crafton, secretary of the Riley Purgatory Bluff Creek Watershed District, do hereby certify that I have compared the above resolution with the original thereof as the same appears of record and on file with the District and find the same to be a true and correct transcription thereof.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I set my hand this 14 day of August, 2025.



Jill Crafton, Secretary

