

RESOLUTION NO. 25-057
RILEY PURGATORY BLUFF CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT
BOARD OF MANAGERS

APPROVING OUTDOOR HERITAGE FUND AGREEMENT FOR
SPRING ROAD CONSERVATION PROJECT AND
AUTHORIZING ITS EXECUTION

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

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;

WHEREAS, 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, in 2024, the District applied for funding for the Project with the Lessard Sams Outdoor Heritage Council, and pursuant to Minnesota Law 2025, Ch. 36, Art. 1, Sec. 2, subd. 5(b), the Minnesota Legislature appropriated \$1,982,000 from the Outdoor Heritage Fund to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with the Riley Purgatory Bluff Creek Watershed District to acquire priority wildlife habitat lands in fee in Hennepin County for the Spring Road Conservation Project;

WHEREAS, pursuant to this appropriation the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources has provided to the District a Grant Contract Agreement which commits to providing the District with \$1,982,000 in funding for the Project in exchange for the District’s commitments to meeting grant requirements and its approved accomplishment plan;

WHEREAS, the Board of Managers has arranged for the remainder of the Project to be financed through Hennepin County bonds pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 103B.251, subdivisions 6 and 7;

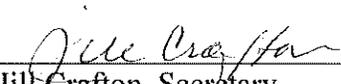
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Managers (“the Board”) of the Riley Purgatory Bluff Creek Watershed District approves the Outdoor Heritage Council Grant Contract Agreement with any non-substantive changes upon advice of legal counsel and authorizes the President to execute the Grant Contract Agreement.

The question was on the adoption of the resolution and there were 4 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 absence 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: October 1st, 2025.

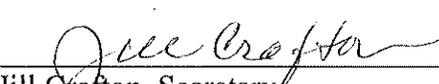


 Jill Crafton, Secretary

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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 1st day of October, 2025.



 Jill Crafton, Secretary