



**Ramsey-Washington Metro Watershed District
Minutes of Special Board Workshop Meeting
February 24, 2025**

The Regular Meeting of February 24, 2025, was held at the District Office Board Room, 2665 Noel Drive, Little Canada, Minnesota, at 5:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

Val Eisele, President
Ben Karp, Vice President
Mark Gernes, Secretary
Gabi Grogan, Manager
Stephanie Wang, Manager

ABSENT:

ALSO PRESENT:

Staff:

Tina Carstens, District Administrator
Paige Ahlborg, Assistant Administrator

Consultants:

Greg Williams, Barr Engineering

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Eisele at 5:00 p.m. The purpose of this special meeting is for the Board of Managers to discuss the upcoming Watershed Management Plan update and the future goals of the District.

Tina Carstens welcomed newly appointed Manager Grogan to the board. A round of introductions by all attendees followed.

Manager Grogan signed the oath of office.

2. PLAN UPDATE OVERVIEW

Greg Williams provided details of the watershed management plan update process. Greg explained that the process begins with information gathering and engagement, the next step would be to draft a plan development with the final step being formal review, approval and adoption. Greg provided details on the timeline for watershed Management plan update as well as details of the engagement process which includes gathering input from partners and looking for the largest areas of concern within the District, desired actions and partnership opportunities.

3. DISCUSSION OF PRIORITY ISSUES AND RWMWD ROLES

The Board members, Tina Carstens, Paige Ahlborg, and Greg Williams discussed how the District should address gaps and opportunities related to priority issues. The priority issues discussed during the workshop were stormwater management including discussion of chloride reduction and BMP maintenance, flood risk reduction and climate change resiliency, wetlands and wetland restorations, groundwater, shoreland management, resource and project prioritization, and District name recognition. Discussions of the topics included how much focus would be needed for each topic, how other organizations address the topics, what information would be needed to make decisions and how the District's role would evolve over time.

4. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 7:29pm.