



BROWN'S CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT

2 **Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Brown's Creek Watershed District Board of**
3 **Managers, August 16, 2006.**

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5 **1380 W. Frontage Road, Hwy 36**
6 **Stillwater, MN 55082**

APPROVED

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9 **ROLL CALL**

10 Present: Craig Leiser, President Others Present: Karen Kill, WCD, Administrator
11 Gerald Johnson, Secretary Chuck Holtman, Smith Partners
12 Connie Taillon, Treasurer Pat Conrad, EOR
13 Rick Vanzwol
14 Gail Pundsack, Vice-President

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16 **1) Call to Order**

17 President Leiser called the meeting to order at 6:38 p.m.

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19 **2) Approve Agenda**

20 **Manager Vanzwol, seconded by Manager Johnson, moved to approve the Agenda as**
21 **presented. Vote: 5/0.**

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23 **3) 2007 Proposed Budget**

24 President Leiser requested that the Board keep the following questions in mind while
25 going through the budget planning process:

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27 ◦ What percent to increase the budget is acceptable over prior levels?
28 ◦ How long can proposed projects be stretched out over time?
29 ◦ What would be the penalties/negative affects of stretching out the proposed projects?
30 ◦ Can the Board adjust any priorities?
31 ◦ How should the Board inform taxpayers of the amount, need, and results of the 2007
32 Budget?

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34 Administrator Kill went through the proposed changes from the July 26, 2006 budget
35 workshop. The Board suggested reallocating necessary funds from the contingency fund
36 to the perceived negative balance in the general fund. For budgeting purposes, \$1,837

1 was reallocated from the Contingency Reserve and \$263 from account 200-4410. The
2 amount of \$700 was reallocated to account 200-4330 for accounting expenses and \$1,400
3 was reallocated to account 200-4410 for legal fees-general.
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5 Changes made included increasing legal fees by 7.5% in 2007, with no projected change
6 for 2008. The Board requested that Benz Lake monitoring be split out on a separate line
7 item to reflect on-going monitoring efforts and continued dedication to improving water
8 quality. The Board was supportive of working with the City of Stillwater to participate in
9 half of the funding for a Lake McKusick management plan. Continued discussions with
10 the City of Stillwater are necessary to determine their willingness in participating. The
11 Board discussed the implementation of the Long Lake management plan. The proposed
12 budget accelerated the implementation. The Board consensus was to implement the
13 Market Place Pond 1, 8, and 9 modifications, conduct the targeted Long Lake education
14 efforts and fund the feasibility study for the next steps of the implementation in 2007.
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16 The Board discussed how to inform tax payers on the potential levy increase. President
17 Leiser stated that he would draft a press release.
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19 **4) Washington County Budget Presentation Request**

20 The Board reviewed the draft Washington County budget presentation summary and
21 provided comments to clarify that the Long Lake Management Plan implementation is the
22 primary reason for an increase in levy and that the BCWD intends to work with the City of
23 Stillwater and Middle St. Croix Water Management Organization to develop a strategic lake
24 management plan for improving the water quality of Lake McKusick.
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26 **5) Adjournment**

27 **Manager Vanzwol, seconded by President Leiser, moved to adjourn at 8:40 p.m.**
28 **Vote: 5/0.**
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30 Respectfully Submitted,
31 Karen Kill, Administrator