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Capitol Region Watershed District

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Special Meeting Minutes of the Capitol Region Watershed District (CRWD) Board of Managers, for **Thursday, September 3, 2009, 5:00 p.m.** at the office of the CRWD, 1410 Energy Park Drive, Suite 4, St. Paul, MN 55108.

I. Called to Order at 5:00 p.m. (President, Robert Piram)

A) Attendance

Robert Piram

Joe Collins

Seitu Jones

Mike Thienes

Marylyn Deneen

Others Present

Bob Fossum, CRWD

Pat Conrad, EOR, Inc.

B) Review, Amendments and Approval of the Agenda

Manager Piram asked for additions or changes to the Agenda. There were no additions or changes to the Agenda.

The Board adopted the Agenda by consensus.

II. 2010 Watershed Management Plan (Fossum)

a. Review and discussion of Watershed Management Plan, 08/26/09 draft

Mr. Fossum reviewed the objectives of the special meeting and remainder of the Watershed Management Plan development process. He stated that at the next special meeting on September 22, 2009 staff would be seeking authorization to begin the formal review process. Mr. Fossum noted that previously, the Managers reviewed the Implementation section of the 2010 Watershed Management Plan (WMP) and the comments received from the Technical Advisory Committee, Citizens Advisory Committee and the Community Group. EOR Inc and District staff have made the changes to the Implementation section narratives to address most of the comments received. Mr. Fossum noted that the most significant changes occurred in Section 220-Education and Outreach, Appendix G-Stream Corridor Restoration Plan, and Appendix H-Wetland Management Plan.

Manager Collins asked about the status of Burlington Pond. Mr. Fossum clarified that it is a DNR protected water and water body that the District is interested in protecting and improving. The Managers suggested revising the text in the draft plan to reflect this priority. The Managers also requested that Central Corridor Redevelopment Project be amplified in the plan. The Board directed staff to highlight this significant redevelopment project more in the draft plan.

Managers Piram and Thienes suggested changing the Rulemaking and Permitting sections to focus more on being a leader in the water management and seeking innovative standards and approaches. The Managers felt the current draft is too heavily focused on consistency that, while important, is not the primary objective. The Managers directed staff to revise these sections to reflect a focus on leadership and innovation.

Manager Jones suggested reformatting Appendix B to be consistent with the rest of the layout of the plan. The Managers expressed support for the layout and style of the plan. Manager Jones cautioned the use of too many colors in the plan as it may be too distracting.

Staff reviewed the next steps in drafting the plan.

IV. Adjournment – 6:20 p.m. adjourned by consensus.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Fossum