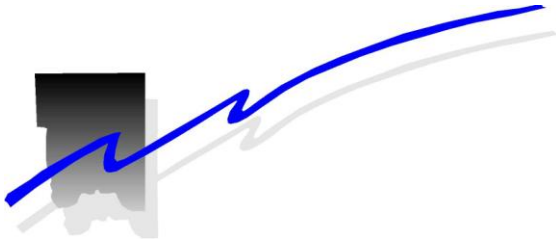


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Minutes of the Board of Supervisors Special Meeting held April 6, 2009.

I. Meeting called to order by Chair Eckman at 10:00 a.m.

A. Roll of Attendance

Supervisors present:

Karen Eckman
Margaret Behrens
Mara Humphrey
Nick Quade
Carrie Wasley

Others present:

Tom Petersen, RCD Staff
Ann Heyer, RCD Staff

B. Review of Agenda: The agenda was approved by consensus, but placed Marketing Strategies last on the agenda. Manager Petersen informed the Board of the following upcoming RCD presentations:

Monday, April 13, 2009 at 6:30pm to the City of Maplewood City Council of Groundwater Plan
Thursday, April 16, 2009 at 7:00pm to Ramsey County Watershed Districts and Water Management Organizations of Groundwater Plan
Thursday, April 23, 2009 at 7:00pm to Water Providers of Groundwater Plan
Wednesday, April 29, 2009 at 6:30pm to the Long Lake Association for Shoreline Restoration
Tuesday, April 14, 2009 at 8:00am to the Ramsey County Commissioners

Resolution 09-04-01. Supervisor Behrens moved and Supervisor Wasley seconded. **Resolved the Board declares Tuesday, April 14, 2009 a Special Meeting, to attend a reception with the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners and a presentation by RCD Groundwater Specialist, Geoffrey Nash and RCD District Manager Tom Petersen, beginning at 7:30am.**

Voting in favor of the resolution: Behrens, Eckman, Humphrey, Quade, and Wasley
Voting against: none
Abstaining: none

Supervisor Eckman suggested having the Executive Summary for the Groundwater Plan available to the public. **Action Step: Ms. Heyer will place the meetings on the Supervisor web site calendar.**

II. Legislative Update: Manager Petersen explained two competing Senate bills (SF1913 and SF1836) that have been introduced in Legislative session, relating to the appropriation of money from the clean water fund and he distributed a document with "Talking Points" for the Supervisors to reference for information on RCD projects and funding sources. **Action Step: Manager Petersen will find out more information on Senate bill SF1836 and evaluate if he estimates that the RCD should support it and the Board authorizes him to make specific suggestions that he deems appropriate.**

III. Board Discussion Protocol: Supervisor Eckman suggested limiting discussion of the Standing Committee Reports at regular Board Meetings to 2-3 minutes and for the Supervisors to submit a written report also. There was also a discussion on protocol for representation at other agency meetings.

IV. Personnel Motion: **Resolution 09-04-02.** Supervisor Behrens moved and Supervisor Quade seconded. **Resolved the approves allowing Ms. Heyer to work up to 40 hours per week, per Manager Petersen's and Ms. Heyer's concurrence.**

Voting in favor of the resolution: Behrens, Eckman, Humphrey, Quade, and Wasley

Voting against: none

Abstaining: none

V. Discussion of RCD Marketing Strategies: The Board held a brainstorming session on increasing the awareness of the Ramsey Conservation District, as well as ways to educate the public on critical environmental protection needs in Ramsey County. They identified specific environmental needs in the county, as well as potential partners in addressing the needs. They also listed potential opportunities as avenues to increase awareness. Manager Petersen encouraged the Board to support practices that would be sustainable. **Action Step: Manager Petersen will make the Board a list of known Lakeshore Owner Associations in Ramsey County.** The Board decided to have discussion of marketing strategies a recurring topic at regular Board Meetings for awhile.

VIII. Next Meeting Date – Monday, April 13, 2009 for the Regular Board Meeting.

IX. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned by Chair Eckman at 11:25am.

These minutes are respectfully submitted by

Ann Heyer

Office Manager