

**HIGH ISLAND CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT  
NEW AUBURN, MINNESOTA**

**RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF MANAGERS**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Minn. Stat. 103D.201, the purpose of the High Island Creek Watershed District is, among other things, to control or alleviate damage from floodwaters; to improve stream channels for drainage, navigation, and any other public purpose; to regulate the flow of streams and conserve the streams' water; to provide for sanitation and public health, and regulate the use of streams, ditches, or watercourses to dispose of waste; to control or alleviate soil erosion and siltation of watercourses or water basins; to regulate improvements by riparian property owners of the beds, banks, and shores of lakes, streams, and wetlands for preservation and beneficial public use; and to protect or enhance the water quality in watercourses or water basins;

AND WHEREAS, the Watershed District has allocated \$91,500.00 of its 2021 budget, and 94,000 of its 2022 budget for repairs and maintenance for district-wide benefit.

AND WHEREAS, the Watershed District is aware that there are numerous areas in an around High Island Creek which have been damaged from floodwaters and other water erosion on stream banks; this damage and erosion threatens infrastructure, travel, and economic activity in the district, causes the loss of use of land near High Island Creek, contribute to downstream sedimentation, and other negative effects.

AND WHEREAS, the Watershed District finds it is in the best interest of the Watershed District and will provide a district-wide benefits to contribute funds and technical assistance to help landowners facing erosion and damage from High Island Creek remedy particular areas of concern, and a cost-share program for this purpose is warranted and authorized,

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Managers of the High Island Watershed District

establishes the High Island Creek Cost-Share Program, as set forth below:

- 1) For the remainder of the 2022 fiscal year, \$20,000 of the budget for repairs and maintenance for district-wide benefit shall be allocated for the Cost-Share Program.
- 2) The Cost-Share Program funds shall be used for projects that repair or eliminate eroding banks or washouts, reduce downstream erosion, or improve water quality by such actions as: bank stabilization and vegetation projects, placement of instream weirs or wingdams or similar construction to divert or reduce bank scour, placement of riprap or other bank-armoring. Cost-Share funds will not be awarded for work required as a condition of a permit issued by High Island another governmental entity.
- 3) Landowners, townships, counties, or cities may apply to the Cost-Share Program by submitting an application to the Board of Managers, Watershed District Attorney, or Watershed District Ditch Inspector. Cost-Share funds will be awarded for up to 50% of a project implementation cost on a reimbursable basis. Itemized invoices shall be provided to the Board of Managers prior to reimbursement.
- 4) The deadline for submission of an application for priority consideration shall be March 31, 2022. The Board of Managers, together with any necessary assistance from the Chief Engineer of the Watershed District, shall evaluate all applications submitted by the priority deadline for consideration, and may, in its discretion, award grants to those proposed projects which would best achieve the purposes for which the Watershed District is established and provide the greatest public benefit. High Island, in its discretion, may postpone consideration or deny any or priority applications of any priority applications in order to further consider applications submitted after March 31, 2022. The Board of Managers may award grants in any amount it deems reasonable, up to the amount requested in the application not to exceed 50% of the

cost of the project, and not to exceed the total amount for all grants awarded of the amount allocated for the Cost-Share Program. The Board of Managers has discretion to choose among any applications those to award a grant, if any.

- 5) **The Application shall include:** [BZ1]
- a. Description of the of the area including a location map
  - b. Description of the proposed work to be completed
  - c. Narrative on how the project will address the goals of the Cost-Share Program identified in bulleted item #2
  - d. Record of property ownership or signed landowner agreements
  - e. **Itemized budget or contractors bid** [BZ2]
  - f. Identify permits that will be required prior to implementation
  - g. Long term maintenance plan (if applicable)

The above Resolution was moved by Manager Peris seconded by Manager Mueller and passed by a unanimous vote by the Board of Managers of the High Island Watershed District.

/s/ Kevin Miller  
President

/s/ Verne Schlueter  
Secretary