

CITY OF MINNETRISTA



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM 6B

Subject: Res. No. 97-25 Resolution of Support for Acquisition of 6300 Painter Road by MCWD

Prepared By: Nickolas Olson, Senior City Planner
Through: David Abel, Community Development Director

Meeting Date: November 3, 2025

Background: Minnehaha Creek Watershed District has identified the potential opportunity to acquire an 11.4-acre parcel located at 6300 Painter Road, A Agriculture Zoning District; PID# 02-117-24-32-0010 (the “Property”), which offers the possibility for regional water quality improvements draining to Jennings’s Bay on Lake Minnetonka. This parcel is situated within the Painter Creek Subwatershed, near MCWD’s existing strategic land holdings and other publicly held conservation easements, and is identified in MCWD’s 2017 Watershed Management Plan as a priority area for coordinated planning and capital investment due to its regional ecological significance and its contribution to phosphorus loading to impaired Jennings Bay. The Property is available on a willing seller basis.

Discussion: Minn. Stat. § 462.356, Subd. 2 requires public agencies to notify the planning agency of a city prior to purchase of any public land. Furthermore, it is stated that the planning agency (Planning Commission) shall review the potential purchase and report in writing to the governing body (City Council) its findings as to compliance with the comprehensive municipal plan.

Recommended Action: Motion to adopt a resolution of support for Minnehaha Creek Watershed District’s acquisition of 6300 Painters Circle.

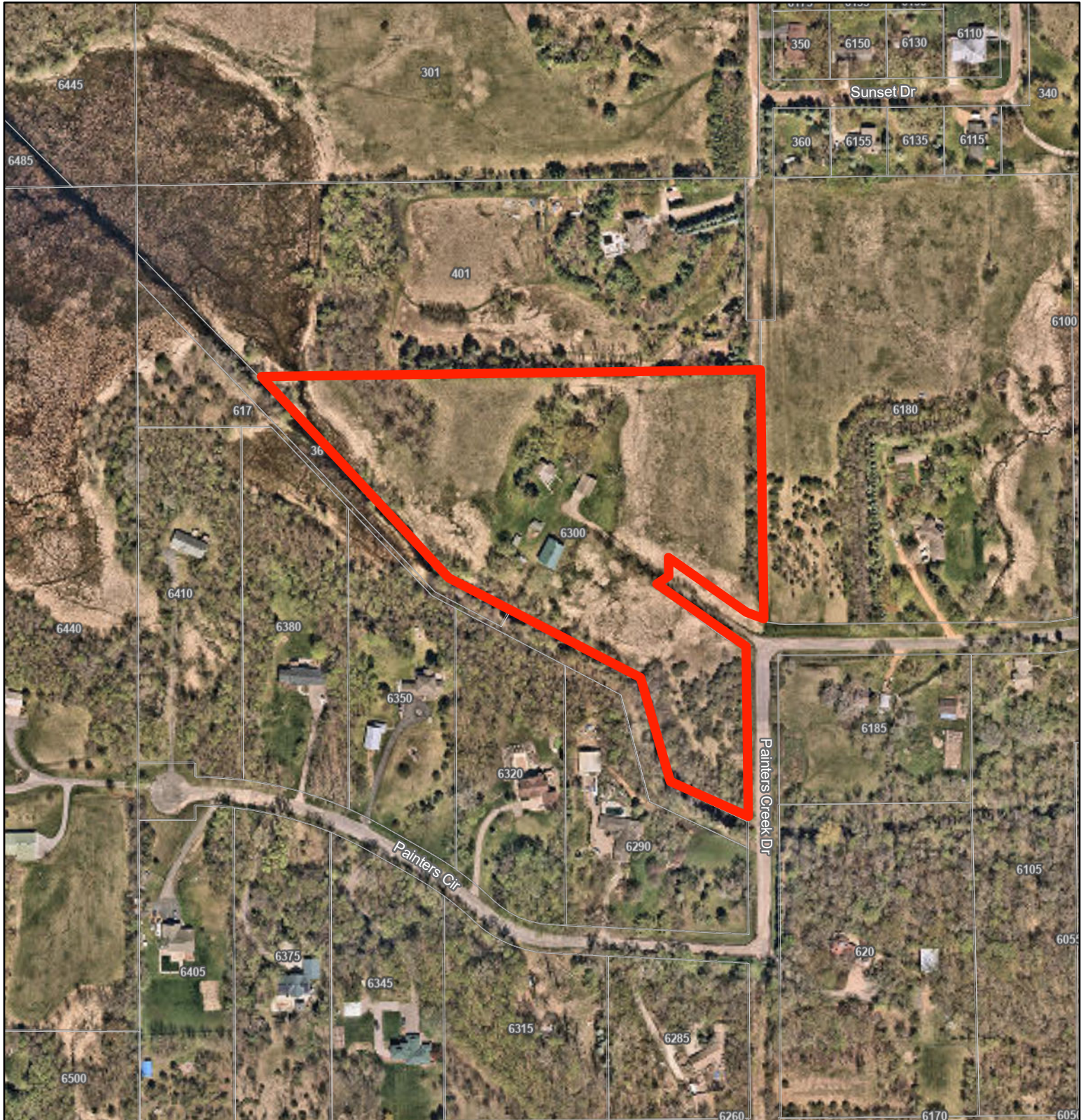
Attachments:

1. Location Map
2. Letter from MCWD Regarding Purchase
3. Res. No. 97-25 Resolution of Support for Acquisition of 6300 Painter Road by MCWD

Mission Statement:

The City of Minnetrista will deliver quality services in a cost effective and innovative manner and provide opportunities for a high quality of life while protecting natural resources and maintaining a rural character.

6300 Painters Drive



1 in = 400 Ft

-  City Boundary
-  Address Labels
-  Parcels





October 14, 2025

City of Minnetrista Planning Commission
City of Minnetrista
7701 Co. Rd. 110 W.
Minnetrista, MN 55364

RE: Consideration of Minnehaha Creek Watershed District’s Purchase of 6300 Painter Road

Dear Chairman Young and Planning Commission Members:

The Minnehaha Creek Watershed District (MCWD) has a rich history of partnership with the City of Minnetrista, bridging land use planning with shared goals for natural resource stewardship.

Successful examples of this can be found in the delivery of the 42-acre Mader Wetland Bank, which improved water quality and facilitated thoughtful conservation development, and the acquisition and delivery of the 160-acre Six Mile Marsh Prairie restoration, which restored critical habitat and delivered a new publicly accessible nature-based place off the Dakota Regional Trail. Together, MCWD and Minnetrista have collaborated to deliver a shared vision for sustainable growth that maintains the city’s rural character, while improving natural resources and expanding recreational access to nature.

This year, through its annual coordination meetings with the City of Minnetrista, MCWD identified the potential opportunity to acquire an 11.4-acre parcel located at 6300 Painter Road, which offers the possibility for regional water quality improvements draining to Jennings’s Bay on Lake Minnetonka. This parcel is situated within the Painter Creek Subwatershed, near MCWD’s existing strategic land holdings and other publicly held conservation easements, and is identified in MCWD’s 2017 Watershed Management Plan as a priority area for coordinated planning and capital investment due to its regional ecological significance and its contribution to phosphorus loading to impaired Jennings Bay.

Guided by Minnetrista staff, MCWD is asking for review by the Planning Commission before seeking support from the Minnetrista City Council. As MCWD’s proposed acquisition is considered, it is our understanding that this potential acquisition aligns with the City’s Comprehensive Plan, and that it offers a unique opportunity to advance shared objectives around water quality, ecological restoration, and community access to natural areas. MCWD will be available at the October 27, 2025, Planning Commission meeting to answer any questions you may have at that time.

Sincerely,

James Wisker

James Wisker
District Administrator

We collaborate with public and private partners to protect and improve land and water for current and future generations.

RESOLUTION NO. 97-25

**A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE ACQUISITION OF 6300 PAINTER ROAD
BY MINNEHAHA CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, the City of Minnetrista is a municipal corporation, organized and existing under the laws of the State of Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota State Statute 462.365 (subd. 2) requires public agencies to notify the planning agency of a city prior to purchase of any public land and the planning agency (Planning Commission) shall review the potential purchase and report in writing the governing body (City Council) its findings as to compliance with the comprehensive municipal plan; and

WHEREAS, Minnehaha Creek Watershed District (“MCWD”) has entered into an agreement with the landowners to purchase property adjacent to Painters Creek; and

WHEREAS, the property proposed to be purchased is generally located at 6300 Painter Road (the “Property”) and is legally described on Exhibit A attached hereto: and

WHEREAS, if the purchase agreement is completed, Westonka proposes to use the Property for regional water quality improvements, ecological restoration, and community access to natural areas; and

WHEREAS, on October 27, 2025, the Minnetrista Planning Commission considered the proposed land purchase and, after consideration of the record before it, voted 5-0 in favor of recommending the City Council determine the proposed land purchase is consistent with the 2040 Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, on November 3, 2025, the City Council reviewed the proposed land purchase and the findings of the Planning Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Minnetrista hereby determines the proposed land purchase of 6300 Painter Road by Minnehaha Creek Watershed District is consistent with the 2040 Comprehensive Plan.

This resolution was adopted by the City Council of the City of Minnetrista on the 3rd day of March 2025, by a vote of ___ Ayes and ___ Nays.

Lisa Whalen, Mayor

ATTEST:

Ann Meyerhoff, City Clerk

EXHIBIT A

Legal Description of 6300 Painter Road:

That part of the following described property:

That part of the Northwest quarter of the Southwest quarter, and of the North half of the Southwest quarter of the Southwest quarter of Section 2, Township 117 North, Range 24 West of the 5th Principal Meridian, lying Northerly of the centerline of Painters Creek, EXCEPT that portion platter as PAINTERS CREEK ESTATES

Which lies South of the North 405 feet of said Northwest quarter of the Southwest quarter.