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## Anoka County **COUNTY ADMINISTRATION**

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This letter was sent to all elected officials of the cities located in the Coon Creek Watershed District

January 22, 2021

The Honorable Bob Nelson Mayor, City of Spring Lake Park 1301 81st Avenue NE Spring Lake Park, MN 55432

RE: Coon Creek Watershed District Appointments

Dear Mayor Nelson:

In accordance with the provisions of Minn. Stat. § 103B.227, Anoka County in January 2021 published a notice that a term will expire for a manager on the Coon Creek Watershed District Board of Managers. The notice publication requirement applies because Coon Creek Watershed District is considered a watershed management organization. The published notice states that persons interested in being appointed may submit their names to the appointing authority, which is the county board, for a watershed district appointment. For your information, a copy of the notice is enclosed.

In appointing a manager to the Coon Creek Watershed District, Minn. Stat. § 103D.311 is applicable. This statute requires a county board, prior to the expiration of a term, to appoint a manager for a watershed district either from a list of persons nominated by one or more cities and municipalities within the district that is submitted at least 60 days before the manager's term of office expires or to appoint a manager who resides in a city or municipality within the district that fails to submit a list. The term expires on May 27, 2021. In order for the county to consider a list of nominations, it must be received by Friday, March 26, 2021. If there is a desire to submit a list jointly for a manager appointment, you may wish to confer with affected cities to coordinate submission of the list. The cities with territory located in the Coon Creek Watershed District are Andover, Blaine, Columbus, Coon Rapids, Fridley, Ham Lake, and Spring Lake Park.

To be considered a list under the statutory definition, the list must contain the names of at least three nominees eligible to be appointed for each manager's position to be filled. To be eligible for an appointment, a nominee must reside within the watershed district boundaries, be eligible to vote in the district, and not be a public officer of the county, state, or federal government (except that a soil and water conservation supervisor can be appointed). The county board may choose to appoint someone who is not on a list if the person resides in a city or municipality that did not submit a list.

The appointee, whose term will expire on May 27, 2021, is Dwight McCullough. A map outlining the Coon Creek Watershed District is being forwarded to the manager/administrator/clerk of the City of Spring Lake Park.

All applicants must submit a completed application form to the appointing authority. Find the application at <u>anokacounty.us/2227/Advisory-Boards-and-Commissions</u>.

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding this appointment process.

Sincerely,

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RS:bv Enclosure

c: Spring Lake Park City Manager/Administrator or Clerk Brenda Vetter, Principal Administrative Assistant

### PUBLIC NOTICE OF VACANCY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Minn. Stats. §§ 103B.227 and 103D.311 that a vacancy will occur on the Coon Creek Watershed District Board of Managers due to the expiration on May 27, 2021, of the term of Dwight McCullough, City of Ham Lake. Term of the appointment is for three years. Managers are eligible to be reappointed. Persons interested in being appointed to serve on the Coon Creek Watershed District Board of Managers may submit their names for consideration to the Anoka County Board of Commissioners, the appointing authority, by March 26, 2021. Minn. Stat. § 103D.311 permits the cities in the district to submit a list(s) of nominations to the county board. If a valid list(s) containing at least three eligible nominees for a manager's position is submitted at least 60 days prior to the expiration of the terms or by March 26, 2021, the Anoka County Board of Commissioners is required to make appointments either from the list(s) or to appoint a manager who resides in a city that fails to submit a list. Since a list may be submitted, persons interested in being considered for appointment may wish to contact their city to request to be included on a list of nominations. In the absence of a valid list, the Anoka County Board of Commissioners may appoint any voting resident of the Coon Creek Watershed District who is not a public officer of the county, state, or federal government.

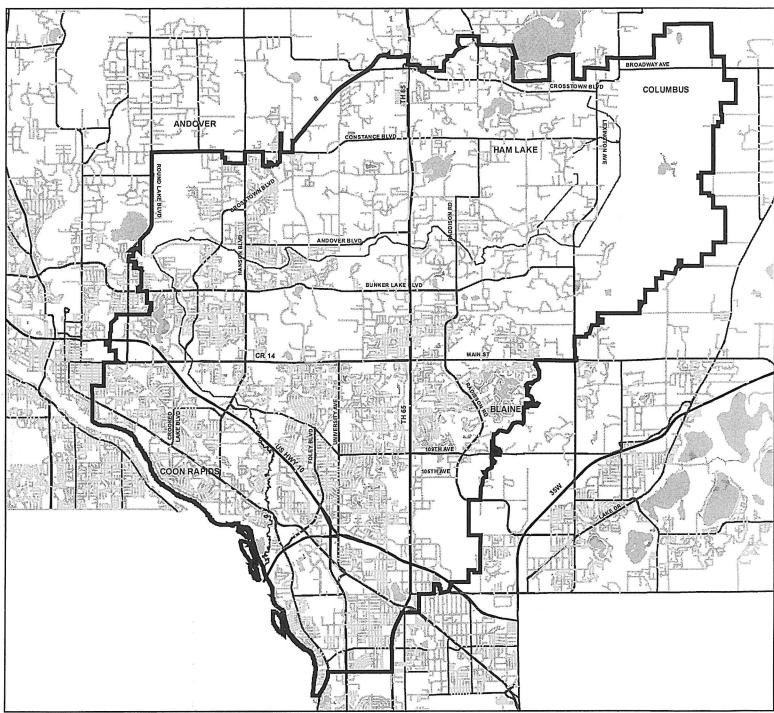
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# **Coon Creek Watershed District**



### Legend

WATERSHED DISTRICT BOUNDARY

#### **BOARD OF MANAGERS**

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