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This letter was sent to all
elected officials of the
City of Spring Lake Park

Rhonda Sivarajah
County Administrator

September 20, 2021

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

RE: Rice Creek Watershed District Appointment

Dear Mayor Nelson:

In accordance with the provisions of Minn. Stat. § 103B.227, Anoka County in September 2021 published a notice that a term will expire for a manager on the Rice Creek Watershed District Board of Managers. The notice publication requirement applies because Rice 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 Rice Creek Watershed District, Minn. Stat. § 103D.311 is also applicable. This statute requires a county board, upon the expiration of a term, to appoint managers for a watershed district from a list of persons nominated jointly or severally by the cities and municipalities within the district if a list(s) is submitted 60 days before the manager's term of office expires or to appoint a manager who resides in a city that fails to submit a list. The vacancy expires on January 17, 2022.

In order for the county to accept nominations, they must be received by Thursday, November 18, 2021. If there is a desire to jointly submit a list for the manager appointment, you may wish to confer with affected cities and jointly submit the list. The cities with territory located in the Rice Creek Watershed District are Blaine, Centerville, Circle Pines, Columbia Heights, Columbus, Fridley, Lexington, Lino Lakes, and Spring Lake Park.

In order for names submitted to the county to be considered a list under the statutory definition, the list must contain the names of at least three nominees eligible to be appointed. 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).

Minn. Stat. § 103D.311 requires the county board to appoint watershed district managers that fairly represent the various hydrologic areas within the watershed district. Rice Creek Watershed District is divided into five separate planning zones. The appointee whose term expires on January 17, 2022, is Steve Wagamon. Mr. Wagamon's residence is located in planning zone 4 while the remaining managers each live in planning zones 1, 2, 3, and 5 of the Rice Creek Watershed District. A map with the location of current board members highlighted is being forwarded to the Spring Lake Park city manager/administrator. Although Rice Creek Watershed District has divided itself into five planning areas, the county board may appoint any eligible individual who resides within the watershed district as long as that appointee can fairly represent the various hydrologic areas within the district.

All applicants must submit a completed application form to the appointing authority. Find the application at <https://www.anokacounty.us/3122/Citizen-Advisory-Boards-and-Commissions>.

If you have any questions regarding this appointment process, you may contact me at 763-324-4715.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure

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

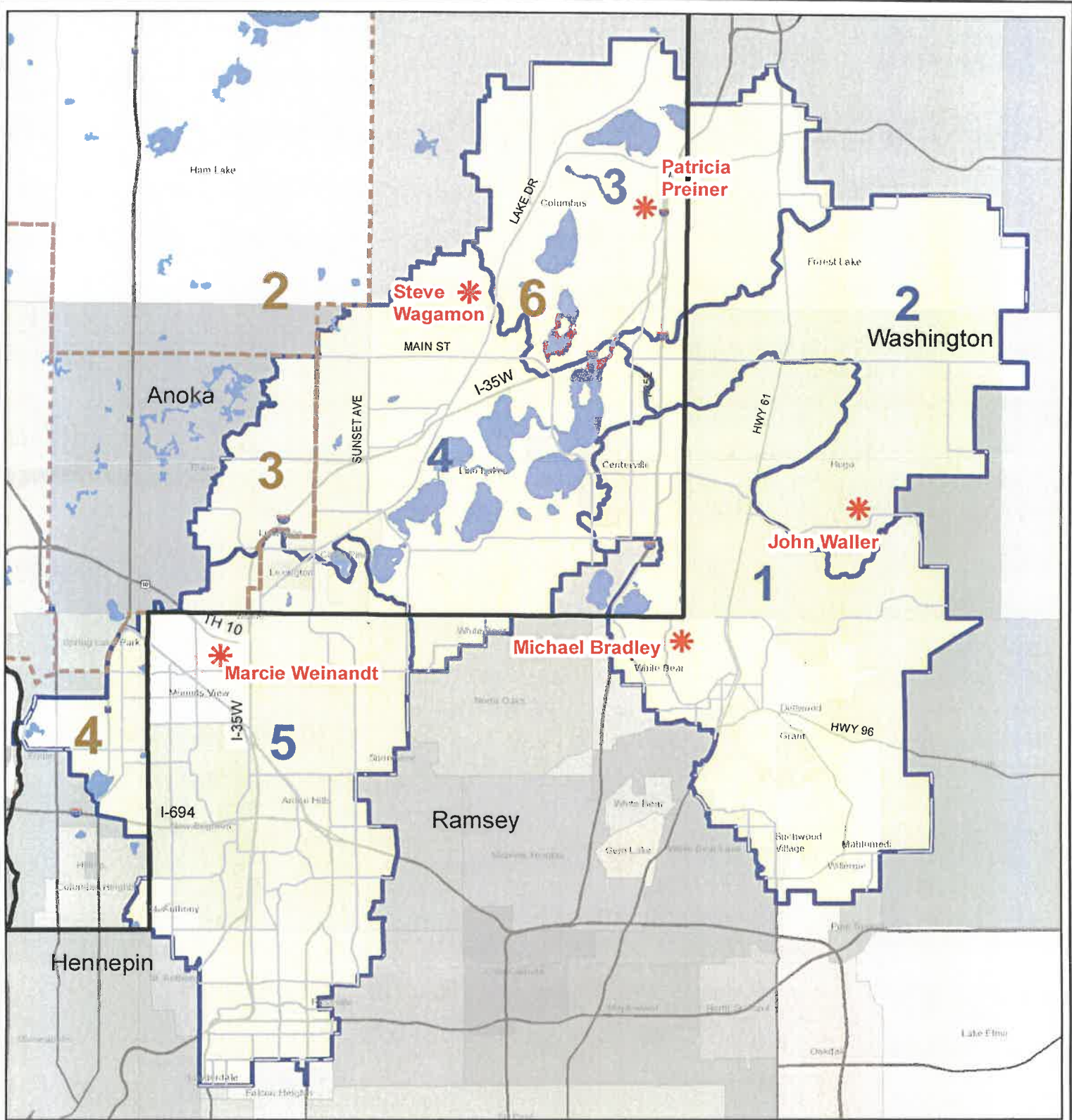
PUBLIC NOTICE OF VACANCY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 103B.227 and § 103D.311 that a vacancy will occur on the Rice Creek Watershed District Board of Managers due to the expiration on January 17, 2022, of the term of Steve Wagamon, city of Columbus. Term of the appointment is for three years. Managers are eligible to be reappointed. Persons interested in being appointed to serve on the Rice Creek Watershed District Board of Managers may submit their names for consideration to the Anoka County Board of Commissioners, the appointing authority. 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 term or by November 18, 2021, the Anoka County Board of Commissioners is required to make an appointment 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 Rice Creek Watershed District who is not a public officer of the county, state, or federal government.







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