

Committee Summary

Origin

Established by the Watershed Act, Chapter 112 in September, 1959 "to carry out conservation of natural resources through land utilization, flood control and other needs upon sound scientific principles for the protection of the public health and welfare and the provident use of the natural resources." Chapter 509, Laws of 1982, the Metropolitan Surface Water Management Act (Act), amended the Watershed Act - Minnesota Statutes Chapter 112 - by changing both the procedure for selecting metropolitan watershed district managers and the maximum size of metropolitan watershed district boards of managers. The watershed district consists of land which drains into Nine Mile Creek and comprises approximately 50 square miles in southern Hennepin County. Chapters 103B and 103D of Minnesota Statutes is the enabling statutes for watershed districts.

Composition

Five members, appointed by the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners. Affected municipalities within watershed districts may nominate persons to serve at least 60 days prior to the expiration of term of office.

Duties/Responsibilities

The development of a water management plan is one of the most important responsibilities of the Watershed District. As mandated by Law, the Watershed District will be updating its Plan to identify water improvement plans and projects which can be petitioned for by the cities in the Watershed District. State, County and City projects are reviewed by the Board of Managers of the Nine Mile Creek Watershed District. Permits are required and plans must be submitted to the Watershed District for review and comment. The District deals with questions on such subjects as surface water management, ground water conservation, water quality, land use and development.

Term

3 years

Meetings

Regularly scheduled meetings are held in the evening at 7:00 pm of the 3rd Wednesday of each month at the Discovery Point, 12800 Gerald Drive, Eden Prairie. In addition, there may be occasional special meetings, as well as workshops, to establish District policies and goals/objectives including long-range planning, annual workplans and budgets and implement projects to enhance and protect the District's water resources. A member of the Board is expected to be able to spend approximately 12 or more hours each month on Watershed District work.

Eligibility Requirements

At Large : May not be a public officer of the county, state, or federal government and must be a resident of the District.

Compensation

Shall not exceed \$125 per meeting

Reimbursement

Travel and other expenses

Other Information

The Cities of Hopkins, Bloomington, Edina, Richfield, Eden Prairie and Minnetonka have land within the District

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