



**Ramsey-Washington Metro Watershed District  
Minutes of Beltline Special Meeting  
December 17, 2019**

A Special Meeting of December 17, 2019, was held at the District Office Board Room, 2665 Noel Drive, Little Canada, Minnesota, at 6:30 p.m.

**PRESENT:**

Marj Ebensteiner, President  
Cliff Aichinger, Vice President  
Dianne Ward, Treasurer

Lawrence Swope, Manager  
Dr. Pam Skinner, Secretary

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Tina Carstens, District Administrator  
Brandon Barnes, Barr Engineering  
Brad Lindaman, Barr Engineering  
Lulu Fang, Barr Engineering  
Nicole Frethem, Ramsey County Commissioners

Bruce Copley, Shoreview Resident  
Matt Gray, Shoreview Resident  
Ann White Eagle, Ramsey County  
Jamie Becker-Finn, State Representative  
Tad Vezner, Pioneer Press

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by President Ebensteiner at 6:00 p.m.

**DISCUSSION**

District and Barr Engineering staff provided a presentation and led discussion on the contents of the draft Beltline Resiliency Study. The District completed an evaluation to identify potential flood-prone structures based on Atlas 14 rainfall depths. Numerous structures were identified in flood risk areas upstream of the Beltline storm sewer system. The Beltline Resiliency Study evaluates potential system modifications that could be implemented in the Beltline watershed to reduce flood risk to habitable structures without purchasing structures. System modifications included in the draft study provide one option for mitigating flood-risk, and in many locations additional feasibility studies would be required to optimize system modifications and further evaluate the feasibility of the proposed modifications. Much of the study is centered on evaluating ways to optimize the use of the Beltline to lower flood levels upstream. The presentation given at the meeting as well as the draft study can be found on the watershed website on the board of manager's page.

The managers asked about next steps for the study. Staff responded that they will prepare a timeline that would include a meeting to present the study to our city, county, and state agency partners. There would also be time for the public to review and provide comments to the board on the study. Staff will also review which implementation activities should start this year with feasibility studies and/or project construction plans and present those items to the board at future meetings. The managers commented that, besides some minor edits to the study document, it was ready for those next steps to occur before it is deemed a completed study.

**ADJOURN**

Motion: Lawrence Swope moved, Cliff Aichinger seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Pam Skinner, Secretary