



## STAFF REPORT

DATE: November 5, 2019

**REGULAR**

**AGENDA ITEM:** Recommendation for Valley Branch Watershed District Board

**TO:** Mayor and City Council

**SUBMITTED BY:** Kristina Handt, City Administrator

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### **BACKGROUND:**

Anthony Haider recently relocated within Lake Elmo however into a different watershed district. This has created a vacancy for the remainder of his term on the Valley Branch Watershed District.

The appointment process for watershed district managers as stated in Minnesota Chapter 103D.311 provides that County Commissioners must select district managers from a list of nominees "submitted jointly or severally" by the municipalities that are wholly or partially in the watershed district. Such a list must be submitted to the County at least 60 days prior to the expiration of term of office of a manager. If no list is submitted, the County Board may then appoint a manager through its open appointment process.

No person shall be appointed who is not a voting resident of the watershed district and none shall be a public officer of the county, state or federal government, provided that a soil and water conservation supervisor may be appointed as manager.

### **ISSUE BEFORE COUNCIL:**

Who should the Council recommend to the Washington County Board of Commissioners for Appointment to the Valley Branch Watershed District?

### **PROPOSAL:**

We've been made aware that two Lake Elmo residents have submitted applications for appointment to the Valley Branch Watershed District. The applications of Mr. Link Lavey and Dr. John Hamerly were previously provided to the Council. Either gentleman meets the statutory requirements for appointment. I have clarified with the county that Dr. Hamerly is again eligible. He was noticed as not eligible due to not being the chosen candidate when he applied the initial time. The City can submit up to three names for consideration and recommend one to the County Board. Recommendations are due November 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

NA

### **OPTIONS:**

- 1) Recommend Appointment of Link Lavey
- 2) Recommend Appointment of John Hamerly
- 3) Recommend Appointment of someone else in Lake Elmo and Valley Branch Watershed District
- 4) Make no recommendation

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

*Motion to recommend \_\_\_\_\_ be appointed to the Valley Branch Watershed District.*

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

- None