



BASSETT CREEK WATERSHED MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

Item 2.
BCWMC
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A RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR SERVICES OF LEN KREMER
TO THE BASSETT CREEK WATERSHED MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

WHEREAS, the Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission (the "Commission") is a joint powers organization formed by the cities of Crystal, Golden Valley, Medicine Lake, Minneapolis, Minnetonka, New Hope, Plymouth, Robbinsdale and St. Louis Park; and

WHEREAS, the Commission serves as the duly constituted watershed management organization for the Bassett Creek watershed pursuant to the Metropolitan Surface Water Management Act); and

WHEREAS, under the Act and the Commission's joint powers agreement the Commission is charged with responsibility for the management of storm water to protect persons and property from flooding and to protect and preserve the water quality of lakes, streams and wetlands of the Bassett Creek Watershed and downstream receiving waters; and

WHEREAS, Len Kremer served as Engineer to the Commission from 1973 to 2011 and continues to serve in an advisory role to the Commission; and

WHEREAS, Len developed an extraordinary knowledge of the hydrology, landscape and water resources of the watershed and readily deployed this capacity to provide pragmatic, thoughtful and reasoned guidance to the Commission throughout his tenure as engineer; and

WHEREAS as engineer, Len provided the foundation for and encouraged the progression of the BCWMC from a sole focus of flood protection to a broader mandate to improve water quality and actively conserve water resources;

WHEREAS, in the more than 40 years of Len Kremer's technical guidance, the Commission implemented the construction of significant public works, including the \$40 million flood control project along Bassett Creek comprised of the new tunnel, six control structures, five multipurpose flood storage areas, many storage ponds and channel improvements, several flood-proofed homes and ten creek crossings; obtained more than \$35 million in state and federal grants to finance the flood control project; implemented a water quality policy; was heavily involved in studies such as total maximum daily load (TMDLs); assisted its member cities in regulating development to assure sound management of the watershed's surface waters; developed and reviewed plans for surface water management; and became a model joint powers watershed management organization in the state of Minnesota.

WHEREAS, Len always conducted business in a gracious, reasoned and friendly manner and provided forward thinking advice and good natured humor during Commission meetings.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission, its member cities, and the public hereby express its sincere and grateful appreciation to Len Kremer for his distinguished service to the Commission.

Adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission this 16th day of November, 2016.

Chair