

**Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission
Presiding Officer Statement and Declaration Regarding
Holding Meetings via Telephone or Other Electronic Means**

As the Chair and Presiding Officer of meetings of the Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission (the "Commission"), I find as follows:

- a. On March 16, 2020, former Commission Chair James Prom determined that it was appropriate to allow the Commission to hold remote public meetings under Minnesota Statutes, section 13D.021 because holding meetings in person was not prudent or practical, and it was not feasible to have any person at the regular meeting location due to the ongoing COVID-19 health pandemic and the associated state and local emergency declarations;
- b. Governor Tim Walz has terminated numerous emergency restrictions related to COVID-19, including social distancing, mask wearing, and capacity restrictions, although the statewide emergency remains in place in order to wind down certain emergency measures; and
- c. Remote meetings will soon no longer be necessary, and therefore, I, as Commission Chair, desire to make a new determination that, as of August 1, 2021, meetings will no longer be conducted in such fashion.

Based on the above findings, I determine as follows:

1. Chair Prom's previous Statement and Declaration Regarding Holding Meetings via Telephone or Other Electronic Means, dated March 16, 2020 is hereby rescinded as of Monday August 1, 2021 at 12:00 a.m.
2. Accordingly, as of Monday August 1, 2021, all meetings of the Commission governed by Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 13D (the "Open Meeting law"), including but not limited to Commission meetings and meetings of all committees of the Commission, must be conducted in person in accordance with the Open Meeting Law, which allows for remote participation only under very limited circumstances.

Dated this 28 day of June, 2021.

Chair 
Catherine Conik