

COON CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT
Request for Board Action

MEETING DATE: January 13, 2025
AGENDA NUMBER: 10
ITEM: CCWD Official Papers

AGENDA: Policy

BACKGROUND

Historically, the Coon Creek Watershed District (CCWD) has designated the ABC newspapers, the Union Herald (Andover - Coon Rapids) and The Life (Blaine-Spring Lake Park-Fridley), as the newspapers where legal notices pertaining to the Coon Creek Watershed District are published to ensure broad coverage to CCWD constituents.

ACTION REQUESTED

Adopt a resolution 2025-02 designating the ABC newspapers, Anoka Union-Herald and The Life, as the official newspapers of the Coon Creek Watershed District.

COORDINATION

None required

PERTINENT FACTS

As a local unit of government, the CCWD is required to publish printed legal notices in a designated Official Newspaper. According to MN statute, the newspaper shall be “a newspaper of general circulation in the watershed management organization area.” (MS 103B.227, <https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=103B.227>)

ISSUES/CONCERNS/RISKS

1. **Note:** We also publish our legal notices on our website for the same duration and in the same format as the newspapers.

OPTIONS FOR ACTIONS

1. Designate identified papers
2. Table pending clarification
3. Review and discuss proposed alternative

CONCLUSION

The two papers listed meet the statutory requirements.

RECOMMENDATION

Designate the ABC newspapers, Anoka Union-Herald and The Life, as the official newspapers of the Coon Creek Watershed District.

**RESOLUTION 2025-02
DESIGNATING THE ABC NEWS AS THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS**

WHEREAS, The Coon Creek Watershed District is authorized and formed under Minnesota Statutes 103D, and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes 103D requires that under certain circumstances, the CCWD notice its meetings, hearings, and decisions, and

WHEREAS, the requirement and the CCWD goal of keeping the public informed is best served by always Noticing CCWD information in a specified source(s),

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the ABC Newspapers Union Herald and The Life are designated as the official newspapers of the Coon Creek Watershed District where all legal notices pertaining to the Business of the District will be published.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, in addition to publishing its legal notices in the above official newspapers, the CCWD will also post its legal notices on the CCWD Website to facilitate public access to this information. The CCWD will post the legal notices in the same format and for the same period of time or longer as required for publication in the official newspapers.

Board Member _____ moved to adopt Resolution 2025-02 designating ABC News as the official newspapers for Coon Creek Watershed District. Seconded by Board Member _____.

Upon a vote, there were _____ yeas and _____ Nays as follows:

	Yea	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Hafner				
Lind				
Lund				
Campbell				
McCullough				

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