
Sponsor: Board of Commissioners

Meeting Date: 11/4/2025

Title: Appointments to the Valley Branch Watershed District Board of Managers

File Number: 2025-286

Background and Rationale:

The Valley Branch Watershed District (VBWD) is led by a five-person Board of Managers that is responsible for the control and management of the water resources in the VBWD; four managers are appointed by Washington County and one by the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners

There is currently one vacancy on the VBWD Board of Managers due to term expirations. Recruitment through the county's open appointment resulted in one application from the incumbent. On September 29, 2025, the application was forwarded to three Ramsey County Board Commissioners to interview, which gave the commissioners an opportunity to engage with and learn more about the applicant. The interview occurred on October 3, 2025, for final recommendations.

Recommendation:

The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners resolved to:

Appoint Rick Gelbmann (incumbent) the Valley Branch Watershed District Board of Managers for terms beginning November 14, 2025 and ending November 13, 2028.

A motion to approve was made by Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner McGuire. Motion passed.

Aye: - 7: Jebens-Singh, McGuire, McMurtrey, Miller, Moran, Ortega, and Xiong

By: _____



Jason Yang, Chief Clerk - County Board