
Sponsor: Board of Commissioners

Meeting Date: 11/4/2025

Title: Appointment to the Ramsey-Washington Metro Watershed District

File Number: 2025-284

Background and Rationale:

The Ramsey-Washington Metro Watershed District (RWMWD) is responsible for preserving and improving water resources and related ecosystems in eastern Ramsey County and western Washington County. The watershed district is managed by a board of managers, which consists of four Ramsey County-appointed managers and one Washington County-appointed manager. The district cities include North Saint Paul, Maplewood, Little Canada, Vadnais Heights, White Bear Lake, Gem Lake, parts of Roseville, Saint Paul, and Shoreview. RWMWD managers must be residents of the watershed district and serve a three-year term. RWMWD managers must be appointed to fairly represent the various hydraulic areas within the watershed district by residence of the manager appointed.

There are currently two vacancies on the RWMWD Board of Managers due to term expirations. Recruitment through the county's open appointment resulted in two applications. On September 29, 2025, the applications were forwarded to the commissioners, and interviews were held on October 3, 2025 for final recommendations.

Recommendation:

The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners resolved to:

Appointment the following individuals to the Ramsey-Washington Metro Watershed District Board of Managers for a term beginning February 24, 2026 and ending on February 23, 2029.

- Mark C. Gernes (incumbent)
- Benjamin M. Karp (incumbent)

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