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 Minnesota Statutes, Sections 103B.201-103B.253 (the “Metropolitan Area Surface Water Management Act”); and

WHEREAS, under said Act, and the Commission’s joint powers agreement, the Commission is charged with the 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, Charlie LeFevere served as legal counsel to the Commission from 1997 to 2015; and

WHEREAS, Charlie provided sound counsel to the Commission during its 2004 and 2015 Watershed Management Plan development and adoption processes, the development of the Commission’s Capital Improvement Program, amendments to the Joint Powers Agreement, initialization of maintenance funds and fund policies, the creation of the Closed Account policy, development of the Commission's policy manual, implementation of the Commission's review program, development of the Commission’s TMDLs, Flood Control Project work, and all other Commission business; and

WHEREAS, Charlie provided thoughtful and reasoned legal opinions to the Commission during and between Commission meetings, kept the Commission informed of legal requirements and updates, and always cooperated in a timely manner with staff, Commissioners, member cities, and other agencies and organizations; and

WHEREAS, Charlie provided sage advice and good counsel during Commission negotiations, always conducted business in a friendly manner, and regularly offered 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 Charlie LeFevere for his distinguished service to the Commission.

Adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission this 20th day of August, 2015.

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Chair