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Mayor Gary Holter
City of Medicine Lake, Minnesota
10609 South Shore Drive
Medicine Lake, MN 55441

Dear Mayor Holter and City Councilmembers:

It is with my deepest regrets that I tender my resignation as Commissioner from the Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission (BCWMC). I appreciate and thank you for the confidence you have placed in me in appointing and supporting me as a citizen commissioner for the past four years. I have enjoyed very much working with Medicine Lake residents, the Medicine Lake City Council, commissioners of our nine member city organization, their technical advisory committee members and consulting staff. It was truly an exceptional experience that has broadened my understanding and increased the community value I placed on the local operations of a watershed management authority.

While a part of the Commission, I have served on four committees and most recently held the position of secretary to the Commission. I have served on the administration committee and was actively involved in a search for an administrator. I have served on the budget committee, which helped to oversee the planning and presentation of the Commission's annual budget. I served on the next generation plan steering committee, a huge undertaking for the consulting staff and committee members involved. And finally, I served on the education committee, which helped provide public communications and participation in at least four yearly public outreach events within the watershed. This last position came with the additional responsibility of participating monthly as commission representative to the West Metro Water Alliance, a joint powers organization whose goal it is to leverage local watershed organizations' education and community outreach efforts. These positions require a great deal of uncompensated time, preparation and creativity to fulfill and I did my best to do so as your Medicine Lake BCWMC representative.

I do want to make it clear that I am not stepping down for a failure to perform or lack of continued interest in this position. I do so only so that you and your future appointee may better fulfill the current Council's desire to achieve design modifications or accept management practices that would allow the Bassett Creek dam to retain additional lake waters and improve seasonal recreational convenience for Medicine Lake users.

While I have provided this Council and past Council's ample significant research and communications supportive of the difficulties of attaining this goal and provided for members of the Medicine Lake Council and its citizens to be heard by the Commission, this Council has indicated that it is my prerogative to strictly support and fulfill its direction. In good faith to all the people of Medicine Lake and as a steward of the environment, I can not support this Council's wishes to have the BCWMC expend countless thousands of taxpayer dollars on the necessary permits, environmental assessments, engineering and hydraulic/hydrologic studies necessary to achieve a quantified design proposal for citizen acceptance. As required by the Minnesota DNR, I see in no way would it be possible for *all* lakeshore owners to reach consensus and approve a change in the dam or the way it is managed. That is a hurdle that, in the case of Medicine Lake and most other Minnesota lakes in which a dam modification is proposed, is just too high to jump.

I wish the City of Medicine Lake and its City Council the very best and continued success in representing *all* the deserving citizens of Medicine Lake.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ted Hoshal". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Ted" and last name "Hoshal" clearly distinguishable.

Ted Hoshal
BCWMC Commissioner, City of Medicine Lake

cc Medicine Lake City Council
Ginny Black, Chairperson, BCWMC
Laura Jester, Administrator, BCWMC
Amy Herbert, Recording Administrator, BCWMC
John O'Toole, Medicine Lake Alternate Commissioner, BCWMC