South Washington Watershed District

President’s Declaration Regarding Necessity to Conduct Meetings by Telephone or Other Electronic Means

Whereas the spread of the COVID-19 infectious virus in the United States and Minnesota raises serious and significant public-health concerns;

Whereas the World Health Organization determined on March 11, 2020, that the COVID-19 outbreak constituted a pandemic;

Whereas on March 13, 2020, Governor Tim Walz issued Emergency Executive Order 20-20, declaring a state of peacetime emergency as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

Whereas as president, I am the chief presiding officer of the South Washington Watershed District.

Now, therefore, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 13D.021, subdivision 1, I hereby determine that it is not prudent to conduct meetings of the South Washington Watershed District Board of Managers or committees thereof in person, and that it is not feasible or prudent to for a SWWD manager, legal counsel or the SWWD staff to be physically present at City of Woodbury Public Works building, the SWWD’s regular meeting location. Given these determinations and until it is withdrawn by me, SWWD’s legal counsel or SWWD staff, meetings of the SWWD Board of Managers and its committees will be convened and all members will participate by telephone or other electronic means, and the SWWD administrator is directed to make necessary arrangements for compliance with notice and other applicable requirements of Minnesota Statutes section 13D.021 and the state Open Meeting Law generally.

April 8, 2020
Donald L. Pereira, President
South Washington Watershed District Board of Managers