WHEREAS, the Carmelien-Marine-St. Croix Watershed District (hereinafter “District”) is a political subdivision of the State of Minnesota established under the Minnesota Watershed Act, Minnesota Statutes 103B & 103D; and

WHEREAS, the District has implemented a watershed management plan (hereinafter “Plan”) as mandated by Minnesota Statute 103D.401; and

WHEREAS, the District’s most recent approved Plan is for the years 2010 - 2020; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the requirements of Minnesota Statute 103D.401, the District must complete a new ten-year Plan for the District by September 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Managers for the District have determined that due to a series of factors, it is in the best interest of the District to request a two-year extension to update its new ten-year Plan; and

WHEREAS, factors considered by the Board of Managers includes, but is not limited to:
- The current Plan was reviewed and amended in 2015.
- District Board Managers and Staff are participating in multiple committees on the Lower St. Croix One Watershed One Plan (LSCOWP), which is currently scheduled for significant completion by December 2019. The District would like to begin the watershed plan update once the LSCOWP is complete to fully consider and engage District residents and stakeholders on the issues, goals, and priorities associated with the larger planning effort.
- A new District Administrator was hired in July 2019 and it is prudent to provide the District Administrator additional time to fully learn and understand the needs of the District, which includes 81 square miles of watershed containing 31 lakes, 22 streams, and 18 miles of the St. Croix River.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Managers of the Carmelien-Marine-St. Croix Watershed District, as follows:

1. The District approves requesting a two-year extension from the Board of Water and Soil Resources with the following timeline:
   a. Formally begin public engagement and participation in April 2020
   b. Draft Plan Development concluding in May 2021
   c. Public comments addressed and a Board of Water and Soil Resources approval by March 2022.

MANAGERS:

Wade Johnson, President
Kristin Tuenge, Treasurer
Paul Richert, Secretary

Eric Lindberg, Manager
Andy Weaver, Manager
Carnelian-Marine-St. Croix Watershed District
Resolution 19-05
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Adopted by the Board of Managers of the Carnelian-Marine-St. Croix Watershed District this 22nd Day of January 2020.

Motion by Eric Lindberg  Second by Andy Weaver

In Favor 41  Against 0

President Waldo Johnson
Secretary Paul Richard