NORTHERN MORAINE WASTEWATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT RESOLUTION NO. 2025-R-01

RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE MCHENRY COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT PERTAINING TO THE WATER QUALITY TRADING PROGRAM FOR PHOSPHORUS REMOVAL

WHEREAS, the Northern Moraine Wastewater Reclamation District (the "District") is a sanitary district operating pursuant to the authority set forth in the Illinois Sanitary District Act of 1917, 70 ILCS 2405; and

WHEREAS, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (the "IEPA") is responsible for administering National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System ("NPDES") permits to the District in accordance with state and federal regulations; and

WHEREAS, the IEPA and the District have entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (the "MOU") for implementing a watershed-based nutrient reducing offset process for inclusion in future NPDES permits issued by the IEPA to the District; and

WHEREAS, the MOU offers a framework for the District to implement quantifiable pollutant load reduction models to calculate nutrient reduction offsets in compliance with NPDES permit requirements; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the MOU, the District desires to enter into a water quality trading agreement for phosphorus removal (the "Agreement") with the McHenry County Conservation District in the form attached this Resolution as Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, the District desires to enter into substantially similar agreements with farmers, landowners, and other similarly circumstanced parties as the McHenry County Conservation District; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the District (the "District Board") has determined that the terms of the Agreement are in the best interests of the District and its residents;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CORPORATE AUTHORITIES OF THE NORTHERN MORAINE WASTEWATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT, LAKE AND McHENRY COUNTIES, ILLINOIS, as follows:

<u>SECTION 1.</u> Recitals. The foregoing recitals are incorporated herein as if fully set forth.<u>SECTION 2.</u> Approval of the Agreement; Authorization.

(a) The District Board hereby approves the Agreement in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A.

(b) Subject to the District first receiving the signed Agreement from the McHenry County Conservation District, the District Board authorizes and directs the District President and District Clerk to execute, attest, and otherwise finalize the Agreement attached hereto as Exhibit A on behalf of the District.

(c) The District Board authorizes the District Manager to sign, execute, and otherwise finalize additional agreements that are in substantially the same form and containing the same payment rate as the Agreement attached hereto as Exhibit A with similarly circumstanced parties.

SECTION 3. Effective Date. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and approval in the manner provided by law.

PASSED by the District Board on this 10th day of March 2025.

AYES:

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NAYS:

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ABSENT:

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APPROVED on this 10th day of March 2025

SEAL

ATTEST:

District Clerk

District President

EXHIBIT A

Water Quality Trading Program Agreement