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## Second Declaration Under Minnesota Open Meeting Law, §13D.021

On March 16, 2020, Jon Spence, President, Comfort Lake – Forest Lake Watershed District Board of Managers, signed a declaration pursuant to Minnesota Statutes §13D.021, subdivision 1, determining that due to the COVID-19 health pandemic, it was not prudent for the Board, or any committee thereof, to meet in person, and not feasible to provide for any member of the Board, or of the public, to meet at the regular meeting location. Thereafter, the meetings of the Board and its committees have been convened by remote means in accordance with the cited statute.

Since that date, the health risk of COVID-19 has eased due to a reduced incidence, corresponding reduced transmission, and improved means of treating COVID-19. As a result, it is no longer necessary for meetings to convene entirely by remote means. However, official and other reliable published information, as well as the personal experience of Board members, indicate that COVID-19 incidence and transmission continue at a significant level, and that the health effects of COVID-19 remain significant. In addition, the District presently does not have access to meeting facilities sufficient in size or design for the Board to be able to fully manage risk. For these reasons, for a member of the Board who may be at risk, or may have a family member at risk, it may not be prudent to attend meetings in person.

Because of the foregoing, I hereby determine that due to health pandemic (COVID-19), in-person meeting outside of the terms of Minnesota Statutes §13D.021 continues not to be prudent. As of the date of this declaration, the Board and its committees will return to the use of an in-person meeting space. However, a Board member who judges him- or herself, or a family member, to be at risk may elect to attend a meeting remotely in accordance with the statute. Members of the public may attend a meeting in person or may continue to attend remotely, as they choose.

All meetings will be noticed and conducted in accordance with Minnesota Statutes §13D.021 and all other applicable terms of the Open Meeting Law.

Stephen Schmaltz, President, Board of Managers  
Comfort Lake – Forest Lake Watershed District

Date: May 5, 2023

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Board of Managers

Steve Schmaltz, President · Christopher Loth, Vice President  
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