

reasonable time after qualifying, adopt an overall plan for projects and improvements within the district for reclamation, drainage, erosion, and flood control, and improvement of lands, soils, waters, forests, wild life, and projects therein. A copy of such plan shall forthwith be transmitted to the county auditor of each county affected, the secretary of the board, the commissioner, the director, and the chief executive official of any municipality affected. The managers shall forthwith cause a notice that such plan has been adopted to be posted at three conspicuous places within the district. Upon receipt of such copy the commissioner and the director shall examine the same and within 20 days thereafter shall transmit to the board recommendations in connection therewith, a copy of which shall be transmitted to the managers and the county auditor of each county affected and to the chief executive official of any municipality affected. Within 45 days the board shall have a hearing on the proposed plan, the provisions of this chapter relating to notice, time, and place of hearing upon a nominating petition governing. After such public hearing the board shall, by its order, prescribe a project and improvement plan for the district. A copy thereof shall be transmitted to the managers, the county board of each county affected, the commissioner, and the director, and to the chief executive official of any municipality affected whereupon said plan shall become the project and improvement plan for the district. *Said plan may be amended upon a petition therefor, and a notice and hearing thereon, in the same manner as in the original proceeding.*

Approved April 15, 1959.

CHAPTER 247—S. F. No. 719

An act relating to the watershed district advisory committee; amending Minnesota Statutes 1957, Section 112.44.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1957, Section 112.44, is amended to read:

112.44 **Advisory committee.** The managers, upon qualifying, shall appoint an advisory committee consisting of *at least* five members, who shall be selected *if practicable* as follows: one shall be a supervisor of a soil conservation district; one shall be a member of a county board; one shall be a member of a sportsmen's organization, and one shall be a member of a farm organization *and others may be appointed*

at the discretion of the managers, which appointees shall be residents of the district, and shall serve during the pleasure of the managers. The committee shall advise and assist the managers upon all matters affecting the interests of the district, and shall make recommendations to the managers upon all contemplated projects and works of improvement within the district.

Approved April 15, 1959.

CHAPTER 248—S. F. No. 721

An act relating to procedure for establishment of a watershed district; amending Minnesota Statutes 1957, Section 112.37, Subdivisions 1, 3, and 4.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1957, Section 112.37, Subdivision 1, is amended to read:

112.37 Procedure for establishment. Subdivision 1. Proceedings for the establishment of a watershed district shall be initiated only by the filing of a nominating petition with the secretary of the board, which nominating petition shall be signed either by not less than 25 percent of the resident freeholders of the proposed district, *exclusive of the resident freeholders within the corporate limits of any city, village or borough on whose behalf the authorized officials have signed the petition*, or by the authorized officials of any county, city, village, and borough authorized by resolution duly passed by the governing body thereof, and, if signed by one or more counties, or by three or more cities, villages, and boroughs, the same need not be signed by any of the freeholders of the proposed district, which petition shall set forth the following:

- (1) The name of the proposed district;
- (2) The necessity for the district, and why it would be conducive to public health and public welfare, or accomplish any of the purposes of a watershed district;
- (3) A statement in general terms setting forth the purpose of the contemplated improvements, the territory to be included in the district, and all proposed subdivisions thereof, if any, of the district;
- (4) The number of managers proposed for the dis-