

**RESOLUTION**  
**OF**  
**ROCK RIVER WATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT**

**17/18-01**

RESOLUTION NAMING THE ROCK RIVER WATER RECLAMATION ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 3501 KISHWAUKEE STREET, ROCKFORD, WINNEBAGO COUNTY, ILLINOIS, THE “STEVEN F. GRACEFFA ADMINISTRATION BUILDING” IN HONOR OF RETIRED DIRECTOR STEVEN F. GRACEFFA.

WHEREAS, in 1970, Steve Graceffa accepted the position of truck driver for the Rock River Water Reclamation District, thus beginning a career with the District which would span 46 years; and

WHEREAS, Graceffa was repeatedly recognized by District management with positions of increasing responsibility throughout the years, where, at each level, he gained the respect and trust of those with whom he worked; and

WHEREAS, Graceffa’s dedication and contributions to the District led the Board of Directors to name him District Director in 2005; and

WHEREAS, under Graceffa’s leadership, the District grew from a regional, small collection organization to a full collection system serving over 240,000 people, covering over 100 square miles, and including an underground sewer network greater than 1,100 miles, the second largest in the State of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, additional examples of Graceffa’s impressive contributions to the District include:

- establishing a five-year cleaning plan now recognized as the standard in collection system management for over 35 years;
- improving the overall collection system, including repaired pipe, lined sewer mains, and rehabilitated manholes, all resulting in reduced costs to the community;
- updating methods of collecting data, televising and inspecting the system; and

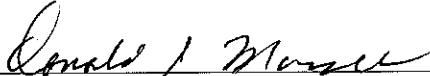
WHEREAS, in addition to his vast system and technological knowledge, Graceffa’s leadership skills were exemplary. This is apparent by the high esteem in which he is held by employees, the Board of Directors, and the community at large; and


WHEREAS, in 2009, under his leadership, Graceffa's passion for implementing new technology was exemplified again with the design and construction of the District's new Administration Building. The 40,000 SF energy-friendly "green" facility uses affluent water from the District to supply 30 heat pumps to regulate the heating and cooling systems and seven rain gardens to reduce and reuse storm runoff. Inside the building, Graceffa included a 6-by-16-foot interactive replica of the treatment plant's layout and the sequential steps in processing solid and liquid waste and generating energy as a by-product of that process. Taking into account conservation requirements such as materials used during construction, how the trash was handled, storm water drainage, the availability of bicycle parking and a bus route, as well as how the building is heated, cooled and lit, the building received Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Silver Certification in 2010.


NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, in light of Steve Graceffa's many accomplishments and contributions to the Rock River Water Reclamation District, the City of Rockford, Winnebago County, and the surrounding area, the Rock River Water Reclamation Board of Directors do hereby name the administration building the "Steven F. Graceffa Administration Building."

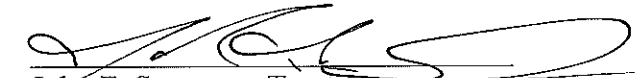
The above and foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Trustees of the Rock River Water Reclamation District this 24<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2017.

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