

Minutes: Monday, July 16, 2018

RPBCWD Citizen's Advisory Committee Monthly Meeting

Location: RPBCWD offices: 18681 Lake Street, Chanhassen

CAC Members

Jim Boettcher	E	Curt Kobilarcsik	E	Marilynn Torkelson	P
Paul Bulger	P	Matt Lindon	P	Lori Tritz	P
Anne Deuring	P	Sharon McCotter	P	David Ziegler	P
Peter Iverson	E	Joan Palmquist	E		

Others

Claire Bleser	RPBCWD staff	P
Jill Crafton	RPBCWD Board Member	P

Summary of key actions/motions for the Board of Managers:

Cost Share Reviews:

1. Roberta Jay: The CAC recommends approval of the Jay cost share application with the condition that the plant list be revised to native materials since it seems that it is a buffer from the adjacent areas.
2. Beth Ross: The CAC recommend approval of the Ross Hillside project.
3. Smithson: This proposal still has no plan and needs a better plant list. Sharon moved and Lori seconded that we hold on recommending this project until we see a plan.
4. Prairie East Fifth Home Owners Association: The CAC does not recommend approval until 1) additional info on current system is provided including accountability on its performance, 2) more research on alternative cost-effective irrigation retrofit components, 3) the project include multi modal aspects, and 4) reporting of water conservation is conditional.

I. Opening

- A. Call CAC meeting to Order: President Ziegler called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.
- B. Attendance: As noted above
- C. Matters of general public interest: None
- D. Approval of Agenda: Anne asked that we have staff reports as an ongoing agenda item. Lori moved and Paul seconded to approve the agenda as amended. The motion carried.
- E. Approval of June 18, 2018 CAC Meeting Minutes: Under item I.D., Sharon clarified that she wanted her name removed from the Watershed Pamphlet agenda item, not the whole item. Sharon moved to approve the June minutes as amended. Matt seconded. Motion carried.

II. Staff Reports

- A. Claire Bleser reported that summer intern Aimi Dickel has been doing illustration work for the District, e.g. blue gills eating carp eggs, and ground water. We are invited to suggest illustrations that would be helpful and let Claire know.

We are still in data collection mode on lakes, creeks and wetlands. We are focused on Lake Lucy/Ann area and will move downstream from there. A development concept is proposed for a portion of Prince's site, so the District has been doing work on that site. Staff has been collecting plants for drying and, pressing for an inventory of wetland plants.

Tomorrow is the wetland walk and we are going to Rice Marsh Lake. Terry, Zach and Emma will be leading.

We will have a public hearing for Lotus and Rice Marsh Lake alum dealing with internal loads next month. We hope to implement this fall.

Ponds have been identified for the U of M Stormwater Pond Study: Aquila pond in Bloomington, Pond 42 in Shorewood, Pond 842B in Minnetonka, BC-P4 10C in Chanhassen, 7-14-B in Eden Prairie. These ponds can be found on website map.

The new website is on hold until Michele gets back.

Sharon asked about the One Water initiative. Claire reported that the District is leading the charge on it and has had meeting with Hennepin and Carver County. They are developing a potential grant program available to entities with approved Surface Water Management Plans. They are also developing a strategic planning process to get chloride applicators trained in using BMPs.

The Master Water Stewards information session is on August 7, at 5:30 at Smith Coffee and Café. We are seeking a junior water steward.

Terry Jeffrey will be the staff liaison at the August CAC meeting and Claire will be at September and maybe October meetings.

Claire reported the budget workshop will be Monday, August 27 at 5:30 pm. There is not much changed except the addition of a permit data base software system that would streamline reporting and violations tracking, in partnership with other districts.

The four summer interns are working out well. We'll probably have 3 next year.

Claire mentioned installing bike fix stations in honor of the Districts 50th Anniversary themed "Come Explore with us." Let her know of good places for bike fix stations.

III. Old Business

A. Updates from subcommittees as available.

1. Sharon presented the Silver Lake Homeowners Association stormwater drain stenciling program at the Board of Manager meeting, got approval for \$150, but found we don't need Board approval. Claire can approve. The events flyers for the Chanhassen Splash Bash on July 21 have been approved.

B. Cost Share reviews

1. Roberta Jay: The project is a dry creek bed to slow down the runoff from the cul-de-sac to the wetland at the back of the lot. The runoff is currently causing erosion. Claire proposed a dry creek bed that requires no plastic. They choose not to vegetate the creek bed. Seth feels the design will effectively slow down erosion, but the questioned the plant material choices and prices. Marilynn moved and Lori seconded that the CAC recommend approval of the Jay cost share application with the condition that the plant list be revised to native materials since it seems that it is a buffer from the adjacent areas. Motion carried.
2. Beth Ross: The project involves buckthorn removal and planting understory materials. Seth recommends the project. The first phase of this same property was well done and maintained. Again the plant prices seem high. Sharon moved and Paul seconded that the CAC recommend approval of the Ross Hillside project. Motion carried.
3. Smithson: This proposal still has no plan and needs a better plant list. Sharon moved and Lori seconded that we hold on recommending this project until we see a plan. Motion carried.
4. Prairie East Fifth Home Owners Association: This project is requesting funding for updating the controllers on a one-year old irrigation system to be more water smart. The Association has a lot of turf grass and an inefficient irrigation system. The Board of Managers asked the CAC to discuss this application to see if we feel it is an appropriate use of cost share funds. On one hand the retrofit enables the perpetuation of unsustainable, water-wasting turf grass. On the other hand, retrofitting the system to be more efficient would conserve water. Water saving

irrigation systems are listed as an eligible project on the cost share application, so we can't use turf irrigation as a reason to reject this project. Claire has done a lot of research on cost, effectiveness and ease of use of irrigation controllers to help understand the situation. She feels more homework is needed. Discussion included the possibility of a conservation program other than the Watershed Cost Share, the possibility of requiring water education as a condition, possibly partnering with the City, why would a one-year old system be performing so poorly, the solution should be multi modal and not just new sprinkler heads, considering mow high, capture reuse, and converting turf area to natives. Claire will see if the City has been contacted. Sharon moved that we not recommend approval until 1) additional info on current system is provided including accountability on its performance, 2) more research on alternative cost-effective irrigation retrofit components, 3) the project include multi modal aspects, and 3) reporting of water conservation is conditional. Paul seconded. Motion carried. Claire asked if the District should sponsor a program like Woodbury's (providing smart controllers at a low cost). We agreed it would be a good idea. Kristen Semen from Woodbury would do a Lunch and Learn. Several indicated a Friday in September would work well.

- C. Watershed Awareness Pamphlet: Sharon explained the idea to Claire that we feel more is needed to help guide people to the right people and resources for questions on homeowner water projects. Claire will think on it, talk to Terry, and talk about options.
- D. Board of Managers meeting: David attended and prepared excellent notes which were distributed to the CAC. Highlights: We learned Claire can approve expenditures up to \$1000 for CAC expenses, Dorothy Pederson will be at next CAC meeting, the 10-year plan was approved by BWSR, the Board voted to implement the plan, and Dick Ward was elected as president.

IV. New Business

- A. Wetlands Walk: Tomorrow
- B. MAWD Summer Tour: David attended and distributed excellent notes. 180 attended the boat tour and 120 attended the bus tour.
- C. Adopt a Water/Creek/Lake/Shoreline: Tabled until next meeting.

IV. Looking Forward

- A. CAC 2018 agenda items for our August meeting
 - a. Adopt a Water/Creek/Lake/Shoreline
 - b. Water conservation and incentive program
 - c. Idea for education requirement for grant applicants
 - d. Develop strategy on educating native plants with homeowners and equipping staff to promote it.
- B. Upcoming events
 - 1. Wetlands Walk July 17, 6:00 – 8:00 pm
 - 2. RPBCWD Board of Managers meeting, August 1 at 7:00 pm, 18681 Lake Drive East
 - 3. RPBCWD CAC meeting August 20 at 6:00 pm, 18681 Lake Drive East
 - 4. RPBCWD Board Workshop August 27 at 5:30 PM, 18681 Lake Drive East
 - 5. Splash Bash: July 21 at Lake Ann Pavilion, everything water related 1:00 to 4:00

V. Adjourn CAC meeting:

- A. Motion to adjourn and second by Sharon and Lori. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:17 pm.