

Regular Meeting Minutes – November 15, 2021
RPBCWD Citizens’ Advisory Committee Monthly Meeting
Location: Virtual via Zoom

ATTENDANCE

Status: P=Present, E=Excused, A=Absent without notification

Members

Andrew Aller	P
Rodey Batiza	P
Kim Behrens	P
Jim Boettcher	P

Samuel Griffin	P
Heidi Groven	P
Michelle Frost	P
Peter Iverson	E

Terry Jorgenson	P
Sharon McCotter	P
Jan Neville	P
Marilynn Torkelson	P

Jeff Weiss	P
Jessica Wiley	P

Others

Terry Jeffery	RPBCWD Staff	P
Liz Forbes	RPBCWD Staff	P
Eleanor Mahon	RPBCWD Staff	E

Manager Pedersen	BOM	P
Manager Crafton	BOM	P

CAC MOTIONS for the Board of Managers: None
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Key CAC discussion items for the Board of Managers:
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I. Opening

- A. **Call CAC meeting to Order:** Meeting was called to order by Heidi at 6:04 PM.
- B. **Attendance:** As noted above.
- C. **Introductions:** Manager Pedersen
- D. **Matters of general public interest:** None
- E. **Approval of Agenda:** Sharon made a motion to approve the agenda with stated changes and Andrew seconded. Motion passed.
- F. **Approval of September 20, 2021 Meeting Minutes:** Kim made a motion, Jim seconded. Motion to approve minutes was approved.

II. Board Meeting Recap and Discussion

- A. Highlights from the (monthly) managers meeting were written by Marilyn and read by Heidi. Terry Jeffrey provided additional information on a couple of projects. Michelle shared highlights from the October BOM meeting since we did a tour in lieu of a meeting in October. Terry will be forwarding us the rules other watersheds have. (This follows our discussion in September about making sure we get ahead of possible rules we should have by examining what other watersheds have.)

- B. New Advisory Topics from the Board: None were mentioned.
- C. Manager discussion: None

III. Program and Project Updates

- A. Staff updates
 - a. Rice Marsh Lake Park – Kracken project; monitoring equipment being installed this week
 - b. Middle Riley Creek (project with Bearpath) – Creek meandering and seeding completed
 - c. Upper Riley Creek (Highway 5 to Lake Susan) – Feasibility on the website
 - d. Lower Riley and Silver Lake both finishing up
- B. Learning Presentation: Watershed Rules (Terry Jeffery, Interim District Administrator)
Terry reviewed the watersheds rules and why we have them.
- C. Chanhassen Environmental Commission (Sharon): Detailed notes sent to CAC in advance.
 - a. Sharon shared key points from the October Chanhassen Environmental Monthly Meeting. The Lake Minnewashta Lake Preservation Association and Carver Soil and Water groups have a new grant program they would like citizens to utilize. (Get the word out.)
 - b. Key points from the November meeting. New youth commissioner role put in place. (CAC has had discussions about such a role in the past.) The Commission has chosen Water as its focus topic for 2022. They would like the Watersheds help, partnering on information that can be used to educate and inform. They would like to see the rain barrel sale, done by the watershed in the past, put in place again in 2022. Sharon will email commission staff and cc watershed staff on offers to: contact Terry about the rain barrels; Terry would like to do it but needs help with storage; share Eleanor’s contact info about information on salt for social media and print; ask the commission to invite Terry to a meeting to help with brainstorming on other water topics. Good discussion followed about how the CAC may educate through informing; possibly researching articles by others.
- D. Soil Health – Community Practices – As a December discussion topic, think about how the CAC could help with a project to build a profile about each person’s yard in order to build a database to help with future initiatives. Possibly a survey, do you fertilize, do you use a yard service; maybe we could get a grant to do soil testing and build a database on soil health? Jill and Terry to check grant deadlines. Dorothy recommended not letting the homeowners do their own testing; Terry agreed. Terry will coordinate with Manager Pedersen, Jeff, Rodey and Terry in the next few days to begin the grant writing request (deadline Dec. 21).

IV. CAC Business: Process and Function

- A. CAC membership renewals (roll call) – Jan will not be continuing with the CAC in 2022
- B. Next meeting Agenda Items:

1. Part II: Application of Rules to a project
 2. Soil health
- C. 2021 Calendars – December Board meeting representative
 - D. Discuss changing CAC meeting dates for December, January and February
 - E. Sharon made the motion to change the Dec. 20 meeting to Dec. 13; Jan. 17 meeting to January 24; February 21 meeting will not change; Andrew seconded the motion. The motion passed.

V. Upcoming Events and Meeting Close.

- A. Volunteer Events – none shared
- B. MAWD (virtual) Dec. 1-4, 2021: District can send up to 5 CAC members; let Terry know ASAP
- C. RPBCWD Board of Managers Dec. 8th, 2021; 7:00 PM Regular board meeting – virtual Zoom meeting - ? attending on behalf of the CAC
- D. RPBCWD CAC Meeting Dec. 13th, 2021; 6:00 PM – Manager Crafton to attend
- E. Motion to Adjourn made by Andrew and seconded by Jeff. Meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm.