

DRAFT Regular Meeting Minutes – August 19, 2024
RPBCWD Citizens’ Advisory Committee Monthly Meeting
Location: RPBCWD Office

ATTENDANCE

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

Members

Andrew Aller	P
Andrew Peterson	P
Dave Paulson	P

Jeff Weiss	P
Jim Boettcher	P
Michelle Frost	P

Marilynn Torkelson	P
Terry Jorgenson	E
Sharon McCotter	P

Others

Liz Forbes	RPBCWD Staff	P
Eleanor Mahon	RPBCWD Staff	E
Manager Crafton	BOM	P

CAC MOTIONS for the Board of Managers:

None

Key CAC discussion items for the Board of Managers:

None

I. Opening

- A. **Call CAC meeting to Order:** Meeting was called to order by Andrew Aller at 6:01 PM.
- B. **Attendance:** As noted above. Quorum present.
- C. **Matters of general public interest:** None
- D. **Approval of Agenda:** approved without objection
- E. **Approval of Meeting Minutes:** approved without objection

II. Learning presentation - None

III. Board Meeting Recap and Discussion - report by Dave Paulson

- A. **Highlights from the (monthly) managers meeting**
 - 1. A Residential Water Conservation Audit similar to an energy audit – for the purpose of water conservation.
 - 2. How to add to educational efforts the concept that clean and available water is part of the common good, also termed “The Commons” in economic disciplines, and that is where the authority to make regulations ultimately comes from. This could be effective with people effected by regulations in ways they do not like.
 - 3. All board votes passed 5-0
 - 4. New Business, presented by Administrator Jeffery, included:

- a) An old security system for the District office is deficient, failing and outdated, and will be replaced. A \$16,500 quote was received. This one is portable, so will move when the office moves.
 - b) The District organization chart is being updated to reflect all eight staff positions.
5. The 2025 Budget and Levy were enumerated and discussed briefly.
 6. The categories of monies Not Spent increased almost two-fold.
 7. There was some discussion about whether a 4.5 or 5.0% increase was warranted. 5.0% won out.

B. **Response on CAC recommendations to the Board:** Nothing brought to the board.

C. **New Advisory Topics from the Board:** Seems to be looking to CAC for additional water conservation ideas to be brought to future meetings.

D. **CAC members:** Please sign up to attend a Board meeting. Meetings covered through October.

IV. Program and Project Updates

A. General (Liz):

1. Upcoming presentations
2. Administrator Jeffrey to attend a future CAC meeting (October)
 - i. Feel free to ask about any of the programs
3. Open house held on July 29th for Upper Bluffs/Bluff Creek Headwaters Ecological Restoration Project

B. E&O updates (Liz)

1. EHAP Workshops
2. No major upcoming events on the calendar

V. CAC Business: Process and Function

A. EHAP Document sent by Liz.

B. Committee/project interest/ideas (leadership needed)

C. Motions by CAC members: None

D. Opportunity for discussion items/motions from CAC members:

1. Ongoing discussions occurred related to water conservation efforts. Topics discussed included:
 - a) options for city notifying customers about high-water usage
 - b) water audits similar to energy audits given by power companies.
 - c) Annual mailer with water conservation tips
 - d) Self-audit options. Will send a Bloomington Stewards Pilot Program self-audit for review.
 - e) Learn what other cities are doing and how to share the info. How can we meet with them?
 - (1) City sustainability/environmental/park commissions a place to start?
 - (2) Should we come up with a list of questions to ensure we are asking the same things during these conversations?
 - (3) Volunteers collected to look at what each city offers or has in place today through website searching or other review:
 - (a) Eden Prairie-Michelle

- (b) Chanhassen-Marilynn
- (c) Minnetonka-Dave
- (d) Bloomington-Sharon

VI. Running list of PENDING priority motions/items of interest to share with BOM

Date	Motion	Action Requested	Status	Notes
9/1/2021	Recommend collaboration with other Metro watershed districts on rulemaking efforts	Direction by BOM; Staff time	Ongoing via EHAP and 10-year plan update.	
11/1/2022	Recommend revisiting definition of steep slopes due to impacts from climate change.	Direction by BOM; Staff time		

Marilynn to review list of motions to revisit the springs/seeps motion back to CAC for discussion and review.

VII. Scheduled Guest Speakers

- A. 9/16: MN Bird Ecology, Andrew Forbes, USFWS
- B. 10/21: Administrator Update, Terry Jeffery, RPBCWD
- C. 11/19: Habitat restoration, Karli Witter, City of EP Forestry & Natural Resources Supervisor

VIII. Upcoming Events and Adjournment.

- A. CAC Meeting – Sept 16, Oct 21, Nov 18, Dec 16
- B. BOM Regular Meetings (1st Wednesdays @ 7 pm): Sept 11, Oct 2, Nov 6, Dec 11
- C. BOM Workshops (quarterly @ 7 pm): Oct 2, Oct 17, Nov 6, Dec 11

IX. Adjournment

- A. Meeting adjourned at 7:40pm by quorum.