

Minutes: Monday, February 22, 2021
RPBCWD Citizens' Advisory Committee Monthly Meeting
Virtual Via Zoom

CAC Members (By each name, put a P=Present, E=Excused, not present but with notification or A=Absent with no notification)

Andrew Aller	P	Samuel Griffin	P	Terry Jorgenson	E	Jeff Weiss	P
Rodey Batiza	P	Heidi Groven	P	Sharon McCotter	P	Jessica Wiley	P
Kim Behrens	P	Michelle Frost	P	Jan Neville	P		
Jim Boettcher	P	Peter Iverson	E	Marilynn Torkelson	P		

Claire Bleser	RPBCWD staff	P
B Lauer	RPBCWD staff	P
Amy Bakkum	RPBCWD staff	P
Dorothy Pederson	BOM	P

Key MOTIONS for the Board of Managers:

1. Unanimously elected Heidi Groven as Chair with Jim Boettcher as Vice Chair..
2. A motion was unanimously approved to adopt an initial 2 year commitment from new members of the CAC and update bylaws accordingly, pending posting of bylaws change and approval by the BOM.

Key discussion items:

1. St. Hubert's School Ground Water conservation: The CAC brainstormed groundwater conservation ideas, other than a below ground cistern. B to place the suggestions in the board packets.
2. B introduced us to the Google Jamboard to brainstorm ideas for future learning presentations. These will be placed on the Google Drive.

I. Opening

- A. Call CAC meeting to Order:** Vice-Chair Heidi called the meeting to order at 6:16 pm (after introductions of new members).
- B. Attendance:** As noted above.
- C. Matters of general public interest:** None
- D. Approval of Agenda:** Andrew moved and Sharon seconded to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
- E. Approval of January, 2021 CAC Meeting Minutes:** Jan moved and Jim seconded to approve the minutes. Motion carried. Sharon, Michelle (who were excused from the January meeting) and all new members abstained.

II. Board Meeting Recap and Discussion -

- A. Highlights from the February managers meeting were presented by Marilyn.
1. Lotus Lake Vegetation Management Plan was approved. Claire to determine whether the City of Chanhassen will partner with the project.
 2. BOM approved a Water stewardship grant (WSG) amount increase of 30% for people willing to commit to a 3 year professional maintenance plan.
 3. BOM approved Bluff Creek Reach 5 Stabilization Feasibility 353 Study as part of the 10 year plan.
 4. RFP went out(Auditor, Accountant, 96 District Engineer, Engineering Pool, Information 97 Technology, Banking Services, Legal) BOM to revise Human Resources RFP.
 5. Response to question as to whether the CAC should review BOM packet in full. Prior legal review qualified the statute provides the opportunity to review all BOM activities. BOM asks that we review BOM packets paying particular attention to the following 4 items: Grants, Education & Outreach (E&O) strategies, Capital Improvement Projects (CIPs) and items related to the 10 yr management plan.
 6. **Response on CAC recommendation to the Board?** Lotus Lake Vegetation Management Plan was approved, Soil Health Amendment to 10 year plan approved.
 7. New Advisory Topics from the Board? St. Hubert Water Conservation
 8. Questions from CAC and/or highlights (if needed) - B -none

III. Program and Project Updates; Staff Engagement with CAC;

A. New Advisory Topics Recommendations for Board of Managers

1. **Groundwater conservation at St. Hubert**

Claire gave an overview of the project, including Four major components: habitat restoration/outdoor classroom with walking path, tree trenches to capture stormwater from the parking lot, rain garden and gully repair. SRS revealed the opportunity to install infrastructure so that a water reuse system can be implemented to capture roof stormwater runoff and hold in an underground cistern to irrigate soccer fields. BOM decided not to go ahead because of the high cost of a below ground cistern. B collected Groundwater conservation suggestions for this site.

Suggestions included a Smart irrigation controller, fescue or bee lawn conversion of playing field, phytoremediation, conversion of drinking fountain to include water bottle fill stations, education stations at walking paths, additional rain gardens, scientific but fun messaging, pervious pavements (Claire stated these were not practical because of the heavy clay soils), green roof/growing food on roof, downspout planters, raised bed vegetable gardens, Launch party/grand opening, way to capture the water from the roof and move to the fields (open aqueducts). B to include these suggestions in the BOM packet.

2. 2021 CIP and 10 Year Plan project overview Claire gave an overview of ongoing, upcoming and recently completed projects throughout the district. Much of this information can be found in the Annual Communication Report. Bluff creek tributary restoration, wetland restoration at Pioneer Trail to increase flood storage, Bluff Creek behind KwikTrip feasibility to restore creek and reduce erosion. Alum treatment completed on Lake Riley, monitor results. BOM approved Rice Marsh Lake water quality improvement. Reach 3 Riley Creek, Middle Riley Creek in partnership with Bearpath Golf Course, Upper Riley corridor enhancement plan in Chanhassen to restore and build resiliency. St. Hubert's Catholic School campus erosion reduction, tree trenches, rain garden, habitat restoration, SW station Eden Prairie retain berm function AND carp removal location. Silver Lake south side ravine stabilization and restoration.

Finished restoration at Scenic Heights Elementary School. Highland Lake 2nd alum treatment. Lotus Lake ravine. Duck Lake in partnership with Eden Prairie to remove Duck Lake Road where it divides Duck and install a bridge to reconnect the west and east sections of the Lake.

IV. CAC Business: Process and Function

- A. Discussion about CAC Chair. Sharon McCotter stepped down from Chair. Sharon motioned and Andrew seconded for Heidi to serve as Chair and Jim as Vice Chair for the CAC.
- B. **Learning Topic ideas-** B taught us a new tool: Google jamboard. We used this tool to suggest ideas for district staff to present to the CAC as learning presentations. These ideas will be in the CAC Google drive under learning presentations JamBoard Folder.
- C. **Review current by-laws and recommendations:** Heidi and Jim as Vice Chairs reviewed current bylaws in view that current application requirements ask new members to serve a 2 year term initially. Sharon made motion Jan seconded that a 2 year initial term requirement for new CAC members be included in the CAC bylaws.

Re: Statutory requirements for CAC to review complete board packets Sharon McCotter mentioned that a person from BWSR was brought in to advise the CAC in the past about this requirement. Committee agreed to accept the prior BWSR interpretation that the CAC has the *opportunity* to “review and comment on reports, minutes, activities, and proposed projects of the managers” but not the *requirement*. B to look into making the board packet more accessible, perhaps by supplying the online agenda with links to the relevant materials, rather than scrolling through hundreds of pages. Committee agreed current interpretation should continue.

D. 2021 Calendars

- a. Review District calendar board meeting and CAC dates
- b. Volunteers for board meeting attendance are asked to sign up.

V. Upcoming Events and Meeting Close.

- A. Lakeshore management webinar February 24th at 6pm
Terry and Scott, 2 guest speakers,
- B. RPBCWD Board of Managers meeting March 3, 2021; 7:00 PM Regular board meeting – virtual Zoom meeting - Sharon to attend on behalf of the CAC
- C. RPBCWD CAC Meeting March 15, 2021; 6:00 PM – virtual Zoom meeting; Manager TBD to attend on behalf of the managers.
- D. Jim made a motion to adjourn. Michelle seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:57 pm.