

Minutes: Monday, August 17, 2020
RPBCWD Citizen’s Advisory Committee Monthly Meeting
Location: VIRTUAL VIA ZOOM OR TELEPHONE

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

Jim Boettcher	P	Barry Hofer	P	Sharon McCotter	P	Marilynn Torkelson	P
Kim Behrens	P	Peter Iverson	E	Jan Neville	P		
Michelle Frost	P	Terry Jorgenson	E	Vanessa Nordstrom	A		
Heidi Groven	E	Matt Lindon	P	Joan Palmquist	P		

Claire Bleser	RPBCWD Administrator	P
B Lauer	RPBCWD staff	P
Jill Crafton	Board of Managers	P

Key MOTIONS for the Board of Managers: None

Key CONSENSUS ITEMS: We resolve to support BOM’s efforts to prevent unauthorized shoreline projects through education and to provide consequences for implementing shoreline projects without the appropriate permits. The CAC will modify the existing “New Lake Home Owners Guide and update to indicate consequences for doing work without appropriate permits. The CAC will also tailor the guide for different water bodies, including lakes, retention ponds... etc.

Key DISCUSSION ITEMS: None

I. Opening

- A. Call CAC meeting to Order Meeting called to order at 6:01:**
- B. Attendance:** As noted above.
- C. Matters of general public interest:** None
- D. Approval of Agenda:** Kim made a motion to add a 10 minute “get to know you” segment, Joan seconded. Motion passed. Joan moved and Sharon seconded to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried. Everyone introduced themselves and their favorite water body in the watershed.
- F. Approval of July 20 2020 CAC Meeting Minutes:** Joan moved and Jan seconded to approve the minutes as written. Motion carried.

II. Learning Presentation: Review of early draft of yearly watershed budget 6:10 – 6:35 -(Claire) September 2nd proposed budget public hearing at board mtg, must be approved by Sept 15. Review budget December board meeting.

III. Board Meeting Recap and Discussion (Sharon)

- Permit 2020-041 - 7420 Chanhassen Road – Discussion on how to handle a project where the property owner/contractor did not get permission/permits in advance-Project was allowed to be completed but, how will they be held accountable? Vegetation will be installed in the riprap, engineering details will be investigated-were they handled appropriately? Jan suggests that a plan be developed so there’s

some consistency. Consequences may be outlined in the watershed's information on obtaining permits.

- U of MN study on wake boats and impact on shorelines
- Shoreline Stabilization Regulations and Policies – heads up from Terry that it is coming
- Rice Marsh Lake Sediment Chemistry Post-Alum Wait for results from existing work before spending money on future alum treatments.
- Input from Managers on CAC motions, consensus and discussion items
- Marilyn asked Claire about the MAWD resolutions for this year. Last year's resolutions had to do with wake boats and pesticides ban. They were not adopted. They will be revised and resubmitted this year. The Wake boats resolution includes 3 potential concurrent solutions: 1. Limiting wake boats to areas of lakes sufficiently distanced from shorelines to allow boat-generated waves to adequately dissipate and lessen energy before coming into impact with lake shorelines; and 2. Banning wake boats waves in shallow lake areas where waves created by wake boats detrimentally impact sediment, aquatic vegetation, and aquatic habitat; and 3. Requiring wake boats to be designed, and existing boats to be modified, to enable complete drainage and decontamination of ballast tanks to stop the spread of AIS. -will be supported by crowd fund research. The second resolution is to Ban the use of carcinogenic pesticides and herbicides on residential and commercial lawns. A third resolution is on groundwater conservation to limit irrigation with potable water, especially lawn irrigation in urban and suburban areas. Regulate more strictly the time of day and urge cities to require contractors that are installing irrigation systems to receive training so that installed irrigation systems use water efficiently. Fourth resolution is to adopt a Soil Health Day to recognize soil as an essential natural resource, and soils professionals as playing a critical role in managing our soil resources. What do we want to see? 5% soil organic content is one goal under consideration. Metro watersheds incorporate goals with regards to soil health. 5th Resolution from the Technical Environmental Panel that looks at evaluating the wetlands and implements the Wetland Conservation Act. Currently, a city is not required to have the WD staff on the Technical Environmental Panel. Staff is working with Prior Lake Spring Lake WD on a resolution to request that WD staff be included.

IV. Program and Project Updates

- A. Additional specific program/project updates from the June board meeting not discussed in section III. **This item has been postponed until the BOM minutes are available to review.**
- B. CAC questions from their review of the board packet: CAC questions from their review of the board packet for updates to previously discussed projects i.e. St. Hubert's, Alum for Lake Riley, Middle Riley Restoration, Wetlands at Pioneer Trail, Starring Lake Outdoor Center/Capture and Reuse, Groundwater Conservation Program, Watershed Stewardship Grant, Silver Lake Fair, Preserve HOA - **This item has been postponed until the BOM minutes are available to review.**
- C. Brief update from Sharon on the Salt Symposium and Planting Native Prairie Webinar presented by Scott County
Salt Symposium- First day was on water softeners and fertilizers-calibration of equipment is key. Education for end users is also vital. Second day was on the use of salt for deicing. Sharon concluded that the speakers and organizers did an excellent job. The symposium was put on by Fortrin Consulting.

V. Staff Engagement with CAC

- A. Maya is leaving Riley Purgatory Bluff Creek WD for a position with Friends of the BWCA.

- B. CAC addresses are still needed for our CAC map; who is missing and would still like to add their info? (B)
- C. Discussion and workshop on CAC operating model
 - i. Consensus on what are we trying to fix/solve
 - ii. How to best get input from CAC, staff and managers. Claire proposes a survey on what you see as happening and what you would like to see happening? Hire someone to analyze the results-should only cost about \$2000. Joan and Kim volunteered to help draft the survey questions. Upon further discussion, the CAC proposed a workshop instead of survey.
 - iii. Promise of an improved end result

VI. CAC Business

- A. Filling Lori's vacated position; self-nominations? There were no nominations but several members had to leave the meeting at 8:30 (or original end time) and we were running late. Sharon will send out an email soliciting nominations.
- B. Shared Nuggets – Any new “Shared Nuggets”? (Please keep to 1 minute) **omitted due to time constraints**
- C. Other topics – Water Stewardship Grant (WSG) committee is completely separate from the Landscaping for Water subcommittee group.
- D. Topics and suggestions for next meeting - Review shoreline homeowners guide per Matt's suggestion. Possibly tailor the guide for different water bodies, including lakes, retention ponds... etc.

VII. Subcommittee Reports: omitted due to time constraints

- A. **Education and Outreach/Speaker's Bureau:** Wild Ones Prairie Edge chapter and the city of Eden Prairie collaborated to present Lori Tritz's webinar: Landscaping for Water Sustainability August 5th. Thirty or so people participated.
- B. **Lakes and Streams:**
- C. **Landscaping for Water:** Raingarden Maintenance manual has been sent to Barr Engineering.
- D. **Youth Engagement in CAC:** None

VIII. Upcoming Events

1. RPBCWD Board of Managers September 2, 2020; 7:00 PM Regular board meeting – virtual Zoom meeting - Joan to attend on behalf of the CAC
2. RPBCWD CAC Meeting September 21, 2020; 6:00 PM – virtual Zoom meeting; Manager Ward to attend on behalf of the managers
3. Wild Ones partnership presentations through the City of Eden Prairie (look on Wild Ones Prairie Edge Facebook page and City of Eden Prairie website for links)
 - a. Rethinking the Lawn: Landscaping to Mitigate Climate Change- Aug 19, 6:30 pm

IX. Adjourn CAC meeting: Joan moved & ? seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:04PM.