

**Minutes: Monday, March 16, 2020**  
**RPBCWD Citizens Advisory Committee Monthly Meeting**  
**Location: Zoom online meeting**

**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	Peter Iverson	E	Sharon McCotter	P	Marilynn Torkelson	P
Kim Behrens	P	Michelle Frost	P	Jan Neville	P	Lori Tritz	P
Vanessa Nordstrom	P	Terry Jorgenson	P	Joan Palmquist	P	Heidi Groven	P
Barry Hofer	E	Matt Lindon	P	Larry Cook member of public	P		

Claire Bleser	RPBCWD Administrator	P
B Lauer	RPBCWD staff	P
David Ziegler	Board of Manager	P

**Key MOTIONS for the Board of Managers:** A motion was made by Matt Lindon and approved by the CAC to support the Staring Lake Outdoor Center Capture and Reuse Demonstration project for groundwater conservation and educational opportunities to the approximately 7,000 yearly visitors.

**I. Opening**

- A. Call CAC meeting to Order:** President Lori Tritz called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.
- B. Attendance:** As noted above.
- C. Matters of general public interest:** None
- D. Approval of Agenda:** Jim made a motion and Joan seconded. Motion carried.
- E. Approval of February 24, 2020 CAC Meeting Minutes** Jim made a motion to approve the minutes. Joan seconded. Motion Carried.

**II. Learning Presentation: Claire What is the process the district utilizes to implement projects that may or may not be in the 10 year plan?** Claire reviewed Appendix E on the 10 year plan. She noted that it needs updating in a couple of places.

**III. Program and Project Updates:**

- A. Recap of pertinent items from the March board meeting-** Matt briefly mentioned some of the items discussed including: three WOMP stations (Watershed Outlet Monitoring Program) in the district. MPCA's fee structure for training with regards to chloride limited liability rule, Atlas 12 flood monitoring, Green Corp member, land exchange with road construction for Chanhassen, Wake boat usage that can have a huge damaging impact on shorelines, Staring Lake water capture and reuse demonstration proposal. Lori stated the Staring Lake project is an excellent idea and asked about the pros and cons? Con: Per plumbing codes water can only be used for flushing but not drinking. Pro: Reduce water demand and provide educational

opportunities for the 7,000 visitors to the outdoor center. Similar to Fire Station 2 program in Eden Prairie. Matt made a motion to support the Starring Lake Water Capture and Reuse Demonstration Project. Marilyn seconded, motion carried to support this groundwater conservation project.

**B. Duck Lake** -Claire- Requested quotes for 2 RGs. Quotes were due today. There is 25% participation in the Duck Lake subwatershed pilot project. RG planter styles have been selected by residents. Jan asked if there is a bottom to the RG planters to allow water infiltration through root channels. The planters do have a bottom. Plant palettes are not all natives.

**C. St. Hubert's**-Claire-Project was ordered by the Board of Managers, going into the design process. Summer 2021 implement.

**D. Alum for Lake Riley Project** - Claire- Second dosage on this lake needs a tight turn around since the watershed would like to apply the Alum treatment in May.

**E. Middle Riley Restoration** -Claire- Working with the Bearpath golf course on re-meandering the creek and will hopefully be able to implement this fall.

**F. Wetlands at Pioneer Trail** - Claire- It has not been decided yet whether there will be a water retention pond for the site. The wetlands may include a boardwalk.

**G. Staring Lake Outdoor Center/Capture and Reuse** - Claire- City of Eden Prairie Mayor Case initiated this project as part of Sustainable EP.

**H. Education Series**- Claire-Public events have been canceled for the next couple of months. They are staying tuned to state of MN recommendations. Can possibly use a virtual method for some programming. The district still hopes to have hands-on workshops this summer if group meeting restrictions are lifted. Lori suggested a Webinar. Claire said they are looking into this possibility.

**I. Lifetime Fitness/tennis ball**-Joan-no new news

**J. Groundwater Conservation Program** -B-Application period for grant EP, Minnetonka, Bloomington and Shorewood have applied.

**K. Watershed Cost Share Grant**-B- Marilyn made a motion to require native plants in a restoration for benefits to wildlife, especially pollinators. Matt didn't want to limit the plant selection. Claire suggested further discussion to take place outside of the CAC meeting. Motion did not get seconded. Vanessa concurred via Chat with Marilyn, "They are to serve as habitat to local native ecosystems and when adding non-natives that changes up the scope of the resources available to the natives. It would be good to review non-natives and how they interact or they steal the nutrition and value, and throw the eco system off".

#### **IV. Topics and Discussion**

**A. Google Drive, CAC calendar and group email** – Any questions, comments, issues? -Lori

**B. Discussion: Youth Members in CAC Update** -Matt, Heidi, Michelle- Youth engagement umbrella with youth CAC member as one possible component. Goal this month was to connect with Maya which they did at the Youth Education Workshop. What might the opportunities be after elementary school? Maya would like: 1) Education to see young people connect and explore waterways. 2) Stewardship opportunities for youth. 3) Provide resources to educators for teaching about water topics. Next step for the subcommittee will be to draft

a charter. Claire mentioned the watershed is on a list of action projects at the high school, but there could be more engagement. Sharon will inquire whether Tamara Sather is still the teacher/advisor for EP Tree Huggers Club.

**V. Subcommittee Reports:**

**A. Education and Outreach-** no new news, upcoming presentation at Rotary Club if not canceled.

**B. Lakes and Streams Vanessa and Terry interested in joining. Keep Jim on Lakes and Streams too.**

**C. Stormwater-** Sharon, Joan (oversalting business handout), Barry- Reviewing existing materials. They've not found one that is right yet- Bassett Creek WD's handout is too big). Sharon will meet with Jill Sinclair, Chanhassen's Arborist, once the city is back to work, to discuss getting the new water resource person for the city of Chanhassen up to speed on existing and potential projects.

**D. Landscaping for Water –** Meeting March 19th to work on RG owners manual. Vanessa discussed her residence and project-30 households on Vanessa's stormwater pond. She asked for a site visit and plans to submit a stewardship grant for soil and shoreline restoration with the entire neighborhood.

**E. Youth Engagement in CAC** Vanessa as covered in IV B.

**VI. Upcoming Events**

1. RPBCWD Board of Managers April 1, 2020 online/virtual meeting 7:00 Regular board meeting; Sharon is CAC representative for his meeting
2. **RPBCWD CAC Meeting April 13, 2020; 6:00 PM 18681 Lake Drive East**
3. **Statewide Environment Commission Conference** is April 4, 2020 9am-3pm **Hennepin Avenue Methodist Church** in Minneapolis. Focus in 2020 is on Energy
4. April 8 – Lori Tritz to speak at the Chanhassen Rotary meeting – 7-8 AM at the Chanhassen American Legion

**VII. Adjourn CAC meeting:** Motion to adjourn by Marilyn and seconded by Jim. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:55pm.