

DRAFT Regular Meeting Minutes –September 18, 2023
RPBCWD Citizens Advisory Committee Monthly Meeting
Location: Virtual via Zoom

ATTENDANCE

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

CAC Members

Andrew Aller	P
Arne Bjork	P
Bonnie Nelson	P
Dave Paulson	A

Jeff Weiss	P
Jessica Willey	P
Jim Boettcher	P
Louise Ludford	P

Marilynn Torkelson	P
Michelle Frost	E
Savanna Larson	E
Sharon McCotter	P
Terry Jorgenson	P

Others

Liz Forbes	<i>RPBCWD Staff</i>	P
Eleanor Mahon	<i>RPBCWD Staff</i>	E

Manager Jill Crafton	<i>BOM</i>	P

CAC MOTIONS for the Board of Managers:

1. The CAC wants to commend the BOMs and WD on their community education & outreach and would like to suggest a Climate Resilient Landscaping Workshop. The workshop could encompass best practices for water quality, soil health, climate mitigation & adaptation, and HOA responsibilities with regards to water quality. Also include the people to contact if you notice something that is a bad practice for water quality.

Key CAC discussion items for the Board of Managers:

1. The CAC voted to return to in person meetings with one vote against.

I. Opening – 5 minutes

- A.** Call CAC Meeting to Order: Andrew called meeting to order at 6:01pm
- B.** Attendance: *As noted above*
- C.** Matters of public interest: none
- D.** Approval of the Agenda: Jim spoke about the location of zebra mussels on Lake Ann. More info: rpbcwd.org/whats happening/zebra-mussels. Marilyn suggests adding education to the agenda since the buckthorn workshop was very well attended. It was added as item IV B ii.
- E.** Designate timekeeper: Andrew

F. Approval of previous CAC meeting minutes: adopted without objection

II. **Learning Presentation - None**

III. **Board Meeting Recap and Discussion Report by Sharon**

A. Highlights from most recent BOM meeting; September 13 BOM mtg Sharon gave a recap of the meeting. Admin, treasurer's, report, 7 or 8 consent items moved to action, closed session. The bulk of the meeting got postponed until a continuation on Thursday September 21st at 6 PM. Jeff agreed to attend. Status of CAC motions: Open lines of communication with other watershed districts has been fulfilled since Terry attends a Metro wide regulatory working group of watershed administrators that meets quarterly. Standardizing the rules is not possible. Steep Slope Definition: A slope greater than 18% definition already exists. Does this take into consideration Dr. Otto Strack's concern of slope vulnerability during heavy rain events? Manger Ziegler suggests resuming monthly meetings with the CAC president. Andrew will contact President Ziegler to set up a meeting. A list of CAC Motions can be found here: [CAC Motions](#). Response on CAC recommendations to Board at their latest meeting

B. New Advisory Topics from the Board: none

C. CAC members:

IV. **Program and Project Updates – 20 minutes**

A. General (Liz): Project & program updates

i. CAC may resume in-person meetings in October. Administrator Jeffery would like to do an EHAP presentation at the Oct. 16 meeting.

ii. Staffing update Liz shared an RPBCWD organization chart

B. E&O updates (Liz)

i. Creek Week (rpbcwd.org/creekweek) events: Rain barrel workshop-\$40 using a retired wine barrel. (Oct. 3), Tree Giveaway Pickup (Oct 6), Cycle the Creek (Oct. 7), Urban Soils Walkshop Dr. Ann Journey (Oct. 7), Passport Adventure (Oct 1-31)

ii. Workshops: Motion was made by Marilyn: **The CAC wants to commend the BOMs and WD on their community Education & Outreach and would like to suggest a Climate Resilient Landscape workshop. The workshop could encompass best practices for water quality, soil health, climate mitigation & adaptation, HOA responsibilities with regards to water quality. Also include the people to contact if you notice something that is a bad practice for water quality. All voted in favor. Other potential workshop topics discussed included Responsible living near wetlands, volunteer plants on shoreline-learning to differentiate between the good and the bad, HOA education, Importance of healthy wetlands.**

V. CAC Process and Function 15 minutes

- A. Committee/project interest/ideas CAC Friends Subcommittee Form
- B. New motion by CAC members: Consider resuming CAC meetings in person

VI. Running List for guest speakers for Future Meetings – 5 minutes

- A. TBD: Dave Hansen or Jack Distel, City of Bloomington – Natural Areas Restoration
- B. TBD: Importance of native plants
- C. TBD: Climate change & watershed impacts
- D. TBD: 10 Year Plan Update: Overview/requirements
- E. TBD CAC/community education approach (idea: incorporate work Alaina is doing with soil health)

VII. Upcoming Events and Adjournment (5 min)

- A. CAC Meeting – October 16, 6:00 PM Yes to Terry’s EHAP update all in favor. Meet in person or Zoom. Louise asked about hybrid meetings. One nay vote from Louise. Bonnie asked if call in attendance would be considered Present. The consensus was that Yes, all voting privileges would be intact.
- B. TAC meeting – as needed
- C. View District calendar at rpbcwd.com/calendar
- D. BOM Regular Meetings (1st Wednesdays @ 7 pm): October 4 Andrew to attend
- E. BOM Workshops (3rd Thursdays @ 7 pm): September 21
- F. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 7:54 pm by general consent

TENTATIVE Upcoming BOM Workshop Topics - (anyone can attend)

Date	Topic #1	Topic #2	Topic #3
9/21/2023	Data Retention/Open Meeting Laws	Resolutions for MN Watersheds (formerly MAWD) annual meeting	District Project & Program Update
10/19/2023	TBD		District Project & Program Update
11/16/2023	Information Technology System Report	Governance Manual review	District Project & Program Update
12/23/2023	Disaster Preparedness Plan	2024 Workplans by program	District Project & Program Update