

Draft Regular Meeting Minutes – September 16, 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
Sharon McCotter	P

Dave Paulson	E
Jeff Weiss	P
Jim Boettcher	P

Michelle Frost	P
Marilynn Torkelson	P
Terry Jorgenson	P

Others

Andy Forbes	USFWS/guest	P
Liz Forbes	Staff	P
Eleanor Mahon	Staff	P

Bonnie Nelson	Manager	P
Jill Crafton	Manager	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 6:03 PM.
- B. **Attendance:** As noted above. Quorum present.
- C. **Matters of general public interest:** None
- D. **Approval of Agenda:** approved without objection
 - 1. **Approval of Meeting Minutes:** Sharon and Marilyn were listed in the incorrect order for the watershed research. Flip who is doing which city.
 - 2. Sharon motioned, Marilyn seconded. Motion approved.

II. Learning presentation - Bird ecology, Andy Forbes/U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

- A. Presentation recorded and available on RPBCWD YouTube channel

III. Board Meeting Recap and Discussion - report by Michelle Frost

- A. **Highlights from the (monthly) managers meeting: recording on YouTube channel.**
 - 1. Reported to board on CAC water-conservation ideas. Advised board on approach to gathering info from other cities.
 - 2. Discussed CAC member attendance to watershed conference.
 - a) Decided if some wanted to go, money could potentially be allocated from the reserve.

- b) Up to 3 CAC members would be able to attend the meeting.
 - (1) Covers conference fee and lodging
 - (2) December 4-6 are the conference dates.
- 3. Other topics discussed included:
 - a) Lotus lake stormwater project. Discussed public art project to engage public
 - b) Discussed lake management plans and how work could be more applicable across district and leverage existing staff and expertise.
 - c) Held public meeting at the beginning to review the budget.
- 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 end of year. 2025 BOM meeting dates will be set at the end of 2024.

IV. Program and Project Updates

- A. General (Liz):
 - 1. Upcoming presentations
 - 2. Let Liz know if interested in attending the Watershed conference
 - 3. October tour of Spring Road property being planned. Date TBD
 - 4. 10-year plan update planning has started
 - 5. Developing updated documents and website content for lake residents' education, water resources program, and carp control program education
- B. E&O updates (Eleanor)
 - 1. No major upcoming events on the calendar

V. CAC Business: Process and Function

- A. EHAP Document sent by Liz (will resend link)
- B. Committee/project interest/ideas – none discussed
- C. Motions by CAC members: None
- D. Opportunity for discussion items/motions from CAC members: Will discuss city water conservation/protection programs reviewed by CAC members at next CAC meeting

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

VII. Scheduled Guest Speakers

- A. 10/21: Administrator Update, Terry Jeffery, RPBCWD
- B. 11/19: Habitat restoration in Eden Prairie, Karli Witter, City Forestry & Natural Resources Supervisor

VIII. Upcoming Events and Adjournment.

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

TENTATIVE – Upcoming BOM Work Session Topics (anyone may attend)
 Oct 2: EHAP Strategy prioritization
 Oct 17: Retreat: Manager roles/responsibilities; mission/values review
 Nov 6: EHAP Strategy prioritization
 Dec 11: EHAP Strategy prioritization

IX. Adjournment

- A. Meeting adjourned at 8:07pm by quorum.