

**Minutes: Monday, May 21, 2018**  
**RPBCWD Citizen’s Advisory Committee Monthly Meeting**  
**Location: RPBCWD offices: 18681 Lake Street, Chanhassen**

**CAC Members**

Jim Boettcher	P	Curt Kobilarcsik	P	Marilynn Torkelson	P
Paul Bulger	P	Matt Lindon	P	Lori Tritz	P
Anne Deuring	P	Sharon McCotter	P	David Ziegler	P
Peter Iverson	E	Joan Palmquist	P		

**Others**

Michelle Jordan	District Liaison	P
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**Summary of key actions/motions for the Board of Managers:**

Stormwater Pond Proposal from Dr. John Gulliver: The CAC expressed interest in helping to monitor which ponds have wildlife and how the wild life is affected during the iron filling field trial in RPBCWD.

Paul made a motion and Joan seconded to support the launch of the website based on the draft content presented tonight. The CAC made recommendations for additional web site improvements but feels the improvements can be made after the site is launched. Motion carried

David made a motion and Joan seconded to support the Groundwater Conservation Challenge to ideally start this year as a pilot, and if not possible this year, to tee it up for next year. Motion Carried

**I. Opening**

- A. Call CAC meeting to Order:** President Ziegler called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.
- B. Attendance:** As noted above
- C. Matters of general public interest:** None
- D. Approval of Agenda:** Sharon moved to approve the agenda. Second by Joan. Motion carried.
- E. Approval of April 16, 2018 CAC Meeting Minutes:** Paul moved to approve minutes. Second by Jim. Motion carried.

**II. Old Business**

- A. RPBCWD Board Workshop and Meeting information:** David reported that Leslie Yetka is resigning from the Board because of time constraints. June will be her last meeting. Her replacement will be appointed in July. If interested apply at [www.hennepin.us/advisory boards](http://www.hennepin.us/advisory_boards). Look for “CAC” positions. The City of Eden Prairie nominates Board candidates.

There was much discussion on the Stormwater Pond Proposal from Dr. John Gulliver of the University of Minnesota regarding effect on wildlife and whether iron filings are a contaminant, but ultimately approved to support testing in our watershed. Test sites haven’t been chosen yet. The CAC expressed interest in helping to monitor which ponds have wildlife.

Lake Susan Park Pond Watershed Treatment and Stormwater Reuse Project was approved conditionally based on staff recommendations.

A new car was approved to be used for wetland inventories, permit inspections, and education and outreach.

- B. Recommendations for Interface with other CAC groups: Sharon suggested some areas that we have to offer other CACs: fundamentals (bylaws, etc.), how we communicate with Board and Staff, how we balance action (subcommittees) with reaction. At least 3 other CACs have expressed interest. Sharon and David will continue to work on it.
- C. Website review and update: Michelle walked us through the most recent iteration of the newly revamped website. Kelly from HDR is our web person. The site is moving from Concrete 5 to Concrete 6 and staff has started populating the new site. Lori suggested a calendar link on the front page. Matt suggested adding layers to the map to make it explorable: water quality, projects by year, invasive species. Are ADA requirements being incorporated? They are easier to address now than later. Lori wondered if we will offer opportunities to engage, such as the ability to adopt-a-drain, or sign up to volunteer. As we develop programs we can add in the engagement. Matt mentioned an app that will track harmful algal blooms to alert people sooner than later.

There was discussion on how the website could help answer questions on permits, timing, design, etc. Right now many people who want to do the right thing are confounded by how to get started. Sharon raised the concern on behalf of Steve Barnes, a homeowner on Lake Lucy. Resource people are available, but avenues to them by the public are not clear. Ideas included connecting with previous cost share grantees, updating the "pamphlet" (Michelle passed around a copy), ask DNR to train us to give guidance, have a FAQ component with DNR supplying the FAQs, have a "Submit a question" component. Michelle expressed appreciation for the feedback. Paul made a motion and Joan seconded to support the launch of the website based on the draft content presented tonight. Motion carried.

**B. Updates from subcommittees as available**

Joan reported that Speakers Bureau presentation "Watershed 101" has been transcribed and is ready to go. It is 30 slides and about 45 minutes. We looked through it on the screen. Univ of MN is the source for old aerial photos to use with customized presentations. We may be given training on how to give presentations. Michelle will review the transcribed notes this week.

Sharon met with Chanhassen Environmental Commission. They have chosen to sponsor the fall clean up. There will be three opportunities to promote it: July 3 will be a tabling event at City, July 21 Splash Bash, and August 15 free day for Chanhassen at the U of M Arboretum. We recommended getting the RPBCWD logo on all advertising.

Silver Lake Association (Dorothy Pederson's) wants to do adopt a drain for the 210 drains in the subdivision. Deirdre Coleman (freshwater.org) built a website that anyone can use which, will roll into metro adopt a drain when it goes live during the state fair. The SLA also wants to stencil the drains. A paint source has been determined. Next the proposal will go to the City of Shorewood. Chanhassen will support stenciling if they can see and approve the design. Sharon will continue work with the SLA providing them contact information and specifics on the stenciling and adopt-a-drain programs. The group would like to launch both adopt a drain and stenciling for at least the 30 drains closest to the lake, this Spring.

Silt Sock Solution or 24/7 Storm Drain Protection: Anne talked to Tom Dietrich, the water resource manager from the City of Minnetonka about the EZ-Flo mats and silt socks. He is interested in pursuing a pilot project and will be reaching out to the watersheds in the city.

### III. New Business

- A. **Any new 2018 Cost Share reviews:** Michelle said there will be no new applications until after the next deadline in June.
- B. **Wetlands Walk:** Michelle reported that a new date has not yet been set. Terry Jeffery wonders whether a week night is preferential to a weekend day. Several members preferred Tuesday evenings.
- C. **A Master Water Steward is Installing her capstone project** on June 18 and 19. Let Michelle know if you are interested in helping with ground prep and planting from 9:00 to 5:00. Food will be provided.
- D. **Local Leaders Water Institute:** Talk, Boat Tour, Bus Tour, Wed, Jun 20 2018 - 5:00 pm to 8:30 pm. No cost for CAC members but you need to register on the web site (<http://bit.ly/LocalLeaders2018>) if you plan to attend.
- E. **Splash Bash:** July 21 at Lake Ann Pavilion, everything water related, 1:00 to 4:00. Sharon reported that Chanhassen is hosting the event for the entire family and we are looking for someone to host the RPBCWD table. The sandbox will be at that event. The new intern Maya will be there and we need one more volunteer.
- F. **Ground Water Conservation Challenge:** Paul has imagined a program to motivate groundwater conservation. The concept is to invite residents to limit summer water usage to a 50% increase or less over their winter usage (150% of winter usage) to win a \$100 gift card. Discussion included: could the gift card be for something sustainable, random selection rather than first 100 applicants, less than 50% rather than 50%, greater conservation might have greater chances, broaden the invite and verbiage beyond Eden Prairie, consider absolute number rather than percentage so residents don't increase winter usage to position themselves for summer usage. Michelle will bring the idea to Claire. Staff time may be an issue if we want to start it this year. We would need the Board of Managers to authorize the program including dollars and staff time at their June meeting. David made a motion and Joan seconded to support the Groundwater Conservation Challenge to ideally start this year as a pilot, and if not possible this year, to tee it up for next year. Motion Carried. Ideally, we would send helpful tips and reminders to applicants, so it is not forgotten over the course of the program.
- G. **Arctic Meltdown:** David attended the MOOS Lecture on Arctic Meltdown and Minnesota Weather. He took excellent notes and distributed them to the CAC including a link to a video.

### IV. Looking Forward

- A. **CAC 2018 agenda items for our May meeting**
  - 1. Update of the Watershed awareness pamphlet
  - 2. Michelle will let us know when the wetland walk is rescheduled
  - 3. 10 year plan status
- B. **Upcoming events**
  - 1. Wetlands Walk TBD
  - 2. RPBCWD Board of Managers meeting, June 6 at 7:00 pm, 18681 Lake Drive East
  - 3. RPBCWD CAC meeting June 18 at 6:00 pm, 18681 Lake Drive East
  - 4. Turf to Fescue Workshop Carver WMO and 9-Mile Creek, June 25, 6:30 to 8:00 pm, Chanhassen Library. (Second session July 12 at Southdale library)
  - 5. Splash Bash: July 21 at Lake Ann Pavilion, everything water related 1:00 to 4:00
  - 6. June 18, 19 Master Water Steward Capstone installation

- V. **Adjourn CAC meeting:** Motion to adjourn Paul. Lori seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:32.