

**Minutes: September 20, 2021 (DRAFT)**  
**RPBCWD Citizens' Advisory Committee Monthly Meeting**  
**Location: Lake Susan Park Dug Out**

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

Andrew Aller	P	Samuel Griffin	A	Terry Jorgenson	P	Jeff Weiss	P
Rodey Batiza	E	Heidi Groven	P	Sharon McCotter	P	Jessica Willey	P
Kim Behrens	P	Michelle Frost	P	Jan Neville	P		
Jim Boettcher	P	Peter Iverson	E	Marilynn Torkelson	E		

Manger Crafton	BOM	P
Liz Forbes	RPBCWD staff	P
Eleanor Mahon	RPBCWD staff	P
Manager Ziegler	BOM	P
Amy Bakkum	RPBCWD staff	P

**CAC MOTIONS for the Board of Managers:** None

**Key CAC discussion items for the Board of Managers:** After a robust discussion on permitting rules, the CAC suggested the managers/Staff develop a pipeline with other metro watersheds around permitting rules. When a metro watershed updates its rules, it would be great to be in the loop on the changes. It could save time and money in the long run, provide consistency between the watersheds and help make sure we don't miss something. RPBCWD would reciprocate by sharing our permitting rules and changes as well.

**I. Opening**

- A. **Call CAC meeting to Order:** Meeting was called to order by Heidi at 5:45 PM. (The tour originally scheduled for the meeting night was cancelled due to rain. The

meeting and dinner were held at the Lake Susan dug out. A request was made to reschedule the tour potentially in October. Members were OK with going into the field even if the temperatures are getting colder.)

- B. **Attendance:** As noted above.
- C. **Introductions:** This was our first-time meeting as a full 2021 CAC with staff in a face-to-face situation. We took time to introduce ourselves allowing everyone an opportunity to put names with faces.
- D. **Matters of general public interest:** none
- E. **Approval of Agenda:** Those with printed agendas agreed to be “timekeepers”. Jim made a motion to approve the agenda and Terry J. seconded. Motion passed.
- F. **Approval of August 16, 2021 Meeting Minutes:** Andrew made a motion, Jan seconded. Motion to approve minutes was approved.

## **II. Board Meeting Recap and Discussion**

- A. Highlights from the (monthly) managers meeting were presented by Jeff. The board, with input from Jeff (CAC), discussed our permitting rules to determine if they are strong enough to get the results we are looking for. Contractors are aware of and are taking advantage of the wording around the exception clause. After discussion it was agreed there is momentum to re-examine the rules and likely to make recommendations in specific areas. The Board has requested Staff to investigate and provide them a recommendation.
- B. New Advisory Topics from the Board: None were mentioned.
- C. Manager discussion: Manager Crafton mentioned Hennepin County is updating the natural resource plan and is seeking input. This will define their natural resources goals and strategies for the next 10 years. Members who utilize natural resources in Hennepin County are encouraged to complete the survey. See <https://www.hennepin.us/natural-resources-plan>

## **III. BOM / 10 Year Plan Program and Project Updates**

- A. District project update: Cycle the Creek – October 9<sup>th</sup> from 10-12 at the Purgatory Creek Pavillion in EP. Registration has been closed; capped at 25 however if there are CAC members who want to participate or volunteer, they should contact Eleanor.
- B. District project: Gravel bed tree distribution – An email with specifics will be coming soon. Trees grown in raised containers outside the district offices will be distributed to allow for fall planting. Assistance will be needed in giving out the trees and potentially talking about the importance of trees in the ecosystem.
- C. District project: Semi-annual calendar photo judging. Riley Purg and 9 Mile watersheds take turns, every other year, creating a photo calendar of their watershed. The CAC votes to determine which photos are used. Due to COVID restrictions with in person meetings (and to hopefully improve the process), Eleanor is working on an online option for voting. Entries are closed October 15<sup>th</sup>. Information is on the website.

## **IV. CAC Business: Process and Function**

- A. Update on CAC survey: Liz shared the high-level results of the survey; more details to follow as the year continues to unfold. Several CAC members were interested in field work assistance. She shared several different jobs that can be done when going on field work. It was helpful to hear not only what they did and how they felt about the work but the diversity of the work as well. Liz asked for clarification if the entire CAC wanted emails on field work, or only those who requested the information. By show of hands, the CAC indicated everyone would like the emails. Liz mentioned there might be opportunities for CAC to participate in a Creek Walk. Watch emails for updates.
- B. Heidi led us on a good discussion on topics for future agendas. She is creating a list of topics and speakers based on our recent input as well as other sources like our pending list. There was interest to get an Environmental Commissioner in to speak with us. Chanhassen's Environmental Commission will be discussing water quality (their designated theme for 2021) at their October meeting. Sharon to attend and bring back any pertinent information.

**V. Upcoming Events and Meeting Close.**

- A. RPBCWD Board of Managers Oct. 6th 2021; 7:00 PM Regular board meeting – virtual Zoom meeting - Michelle attending on behalf of the CAC
- B. RPBCWD CAC Meeting Oct. 18th, 2021; 6:00 PM – Manager Pederson to attend; potentially we will reschedule today's originally scheduled tour for out Oct. meeting.
- C. Motion to Adjourn made by Andrew and seconded by Jim. Meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.