

Minutes: Monday, March 18, 2019
RPBCWD Citizen's Advisory Committee Monthly Meeting
Location: RPBCWD offices: 18681 Lake Street, Chanhassen

CAC Members

Jim Boettcher	P	Peter Iverson	A	Sharon McCotter	E	Marilynn Torkelson	P
Scott Bryan	E	Daryl Kirt	A	Jan Neville	P	Lori Tritz	P
Anne Deuring	P	Denny Kopfmann	P	Joan Palmquist	P	Ali Tuttle	R
Barry Hofer	E	Matt Lindon	P	Samir Penkar	P		

Michelle Jordan	RPBCWD staff	P
Dick Ward	RPBCWD Board of Managers	P
Larry Koch	RPBCWD Board of Managers	P
Terry Jeffery	RPBCWD Permits Coordinator & Project Manager	P

Summary of key actions/motions for the Board of Managers:

1. **Motions:** None

I. Opening

- A. Call CAC meeting to Order:** President Lori Tritz called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. Welcome
- B. Attendance:** As noted above.
- C. Matters of general public interest:** None
- D. Approval of Agenda:** The date of the next Board meeting should be April 3. Jim moved and Jan seconded to approve the agenda as corrected. Motion carried.
- E. Approval of CAC Meeting Minutes:** Joan moved and Jan seconded to approve the minutes of the February 25, 2019 CAC meeting. Motion carried.

II. Manager Dick Ward: Stopped in to introduce himself and thanked us for our diligence and commitment to the Watershed District.

III. Staff Reports

- A. Staffer of the Month - Terry Jeffery,** Permit Coordinator and Project Manager for the Watershed District, gave us an overview of what he does for the District, including the wetland inventory and assessment (including a brief Wetlands 101) with the goal of identifying wetlands that could be restored or enhanced. We have 2011 individual wetlands totaling 5000 acres. Terry explained how a developer might get a permit to fill a wetland including nearby mitigation and out-of-the-watershed mitigation. Terry gave an update on the status of the 3 wet properties on Pioneer Trail and the former Prince property development. He feels the proposal for 169 units on the former Prince property to be quite ecologically sensitive.
- B. Cost Share Update:** Michelle reported the revamped Stewardship Grant program (cost share) was approved at the last Board meeting and is up and running. The review committee has already met to review a grant request for a vacuum sweeper truck by the City of Chanhassen which they recommended for approval. Because the grant was for more than \$20,000 it needs to go to a public hearing and then to the Board of Managers for review.
- C. Project Updates:** Applications are now closed for the targeted Duck Lake neighborhood raingarden project. The goal of 25% participation was attained. Michelle hopes to use this project as a template for other subwatersheds. Michelle also wants to create a maintenance guide for rain gardens.

There has been winter kill in Duck Lake and Lake Lucy, probably due to low oxygen levels from snow covered ice. It is a natural phenomenon (for once humans weren't responsible!). Fish kills can also happen in the summer due to high heat or bacteria.

- IV. Board of Managers Meeting:** Matt Lindon reported the major topics discussed were the AIS decontamination site at Lake Riley, the revamped cost share program, the permit & cost share database, the former Prince Property, and the Pioneer Trail wetland restoration project.
- V. New Business**
- A. Subcommittee Charters:** Joan, in conversation with Terry Jeffery, created a Wetland Subcommittee Charter. It is an excellent example of what we are hoping each subcommittee will undertake. We would like to keep all charters in a central location so as CAC members come and go, the records will remain. We will spend time after the adjournment of our meeting in subcommittee work.
- B. Amend CAC Bylaws:** We reviewed the changes to the bylaws – basically responsibilities of CAC members. One typo was corrected. The newest members found the more specific language helpful. Joan moved and Matt seconded to approve the bylaw changes. Motion carried. Michelle distributed the final bylaws via email.
- VI. April Meeting Topics**
- A. Presentation: Groundwater (early on the agenda)
- B. Discussion: Excess Salt Use Response – Sharon
- C. Citizen Lake Monitoring - Sharon
- VII. Upcoming Events**
- A. RPBCWD Board of Managers meeting April 3, 7:00 pm, 18681 Lake Drive East (Marilynn will attend)
- B. RPBCWD CAC meeting April 15 at 6:00 pm, 18681 Lake Drive East
- C. 2019 Water Summit Bridging Science and Society, May 9-10, 2019, Science Museum of Minnesota, St. Paul
- D. Sustainable Lawn class on May 21 and June 5
- E. Workshop at EP City Hall at 5:30 tomorrow
- F. Metro Wide Sustainability Commission Conference, 4/13/2019, 8:30 – 3:30, at Hennepin Ave United Methodist Congregation. Let Lori know tomorrow.
- G. Isaac Walton Watershed Summit at Normandale, \$35, March 23, 9:30 – 4:00
- VIII. Adjourn CAC meeting:** Joan moved and Denny seconded to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:58 pm and we continued working in subcommittees until 8:30.