

Minutes: March 16, 2015 RPBCWD Citizens Advisory Committee Regular Meeting

P Claire Blessner	P Jim Boettcher	P Sharon McCotter
P Laurie Susla	E Bob Shurson	P Larry Koch
E Peter Iverson	P Matt Lindon	P Laurie Hable
P Paul Bulger	P Mark Weber	P Dorothy Pedersen
P Bill Coppage	P Bob Adomaitis	E Dave Ruby
G Michelle Jordan District	G Josh Maxwell District	

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:36 pm by President Dorothy Pedersen.

2. Approval of the Agenda:

The following items were added to the agenda

9. Discussion of funding a mailing on AIS for up to \$1,000.

10. Discussion of article in Eden Prairie Paper on Schussler Barn

11. Discussion of Kirkland-Orsland home on Lake Riley

12. Overview of the Riley Creek Project

13. Revisit Riley Alum Treatment issue

Motion: Bulger//Koch Approve the Agenda with the additions, passed unopposed.

3. Approval of the Minutes from the 2-16 CAC regular meeting.

Motion: Coppage/Koch Approve the minutes of the 2-15 meeting with changes, passed unopposed.

Changes: noted that Bob Shurson, Peter Iverson, and Dave Ruby were excused absences. Changed wording on Action: Claire will check with Barr about running the P Budget and getting us (a) the safety of alum treatment assessment.

Motion: Coppage/Hable Approve the minutes of the 2-23 Special Meeting on AIS Strategy, passed unopposed.

4. Claire Blesser gave a recap of the March Water Board Meeting.

The Board went ahead with the CAC recommendation to go ahead with Phase 1 of the Lake Riley Alum Treatment Plan. This has Wenck and associates preparing a P Budget for Rice Marsh Lake and Lake Riley and a UAA update. Board could still approve a fall treatment if they approve the figures from Wenck.

Action: Claire will provide the CAC the updates to the UAA's for Rice Marsh Lake and Lake Riley so we can make further recommendations to the Board.

Kirkland-Orsland property on Lake Riley: Claire cannot comment at this time, since the property owners have not contacted the district. The combination of the 2 properties is mentioned on page 4 of Barr's report. Claire said that the city of Eden Prairie is in the process of updating their rules. The watersheds rules are already in place.

Future Action: Look at the rules regarding replatting. Are there different rules for splitting property vs. combining property.

Schussler Barn: The Board granted a caveat for financial assurances that are joint between the Watershed and the city of Eden Prairie. The district is working with the city to determine the financial assurances.

Riley Creek: The Board approved to amend the 10 year plan to include the Riley Creek Restoration. This was done to assure that the District would not lose out on grant money for projects not in the 10 year plan. The 10 year plan was developed in Feb.

2011. Koch asked that the the details of the plan be given to the CAC. Adomaitis asked if the district does not receive any grants and a project is in the 10 year plan do we still have to go through with the project. Blessner said that the money would have to come out of a levy. There is money set aside for CIP (Capital Improvement Projects). If no grant money was available the time line for the project would have to be adjusted and go into a phase approach. Koch requested that a presentation on the Riley Creek Restoration be given to the CAC.

5. Lake and Creek Report Michelle Jordan, District

This presentation was also made to the Board at their March meeting. The report addresses Lake and Creek Water Quality in the District. They are in the process of updating the Fact Sheets on the District Website for all the lakes. This will include updated graphs, a summary table, and more detailed explanations. They have also drawn up creek maps and highlighted different parameters. This will be on the District website once the Board has approved the information, currently it is still in draft form.

Action: Adomaitis will get ice in/ice out and secchi disk readings for Lake Riley to Michelle for the district records.

6. New Business

a Education Funds for CAC Members: Blessner indicated that the CAC does have a budget (\$4,500??). We would need to make a proposal to the Board for any disbursement of funds. There was a brief discussion on making a procedure for the dispersal of funds.

Motion: Coppage/McCotter Form a three person committee to work with Pedersen to meet and determine what educational opportunities exist for CAC members, passed unopposed. Committee members will be Pedersen and Blesser. There were no volunteers for the committee. Bleser/Pedersen will work on how we go forward on this topic, and how to deal with events in arrears.

b. Creek Restoration Action Strategy (CRASS) Josh Maxwell, District

See handout from email for details of the presentation. The district is looking for feedback from the CAC on the CRASS. Josh walked us through the scoring process for the creeks. All in agreement that it was an excellent presentation that should possibly be made at the Evening With The Watershed Meeting. There was concern expressed on the weighting of the different factors in the study. Josh said this has come up in other presentations as well, the difficulty lies in determining the weighting, due to differing opinions. A concern was raised about maintaining our “premiere waters” by using a parallel tracking system, not just improving impaired waters. A request was also made to come up with a similar rating system for the lakes in the district. Josh stated that they have already started walking the creeks in the district and hope to have their surveys done by July.

Action: Members McCotter, Coppage, Pedersen, Hable, Susla, and Lindon all volunteered to walk the creeks with the District staff.

c. Pedersen handed out an updated CAC monthly calendar, she will add further updates and resend via email. A brief discussion was entered about meeting dates with no resolution. If we change the date of our meetings it will require a change in our by-laws.

Action: Pedersen will send out a Survey Monkey on dates/days for meeting options.

8. AIS mailing, was not discussed.
9. Article in Eden Prairie paper re Schussler barn covered in Board recap.
10. Kirkland-Orsland home covered in Board recap.
11. Riley Creek project covered in Board recap.
12. Riley Alum treatment covered in Board recap.

Motion: For adjournment Boettcher/Koch passed unopposed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:12 pm

Next Watershed Board Meeting Wednesday, April 1, 2015 7:00pm at District Office

Next CAC Meeting Monday April 20, 2015 6:30 pm at District Office

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Hable

Recorder