

Draft Regular Meeting Minutes – April 15, 2024
RPBCWD Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) Monthly Meeting
Location: RPBCWD Office

ATTENDANCE

Status: P=Present, E=Excused, A=Absent without notification

Members

Andrew Aller	P	Jeff Weiss	P	Terry Jorgenson	P
Andrew Peterson	E	Jim Boettcher	P	Sharon McCotter	P
Bonnie Nelson	E	Michelle Frost	P		
Dave Paulson	P	Marilynn Torkelson	P		

Others

Liz Forbes	RPBCWD Staff	P	Tom Duevel	BOM	P
Eleanor Mahon	RPBCWD Staff	E			

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 6:02 PM.
 - B. **Attendance:** As noted above. Quorum present.
 - C. **Matters of general public interest:** None
 - D. **Approval of agenda:** approved without objection
 - E. **Approval of last month’s minutes:** Approved without objection

- II. **Learning Presentation:** None

- III. **Board Meeting Recap and Discussion - Report by Marilynn Torkelson**
 - A. **Highlights from the (monthly) managers meeting**
 1. Purchase of Spring Road property was completed on April 3. Plans for more interactive maps for cost share and capital projects. Administrator Jeffery asked CAC to brainstorm ideas for ways the District could be involved in some way in groundwater conservation (piggyback on existing efforts, cost share for stormwater reuse for irrigation, etc.).
 - B. **Response on CAC recommendations to the Board:** Nothing brought to the board.
 - C. **New Advisory Topics from the Board:** None
 - D. **CAC members:** Sign up to attend a Board meeting. June-Dec are open.

- IV. **Program and Project Updates**
 - A. General (Liz): Spring Road purchase; not open for visiting yet but staff are discussing potential opportunities. New native plant resources page: rpbcwd.org/native-plants.

Highlights from Lake Association Summit held on March 21; lake resident page:
rbcwd.org/lake-residents.

ANNOUNCEMENT: Board of Manager seats open for applicants. Two BOM positions are open for application – one in Carver County (open; closes May 5) and one in Hennepin County (opens May 1-31). Learn more and apply at rbcwd.org/manager-vacancy.

- B. E&O updates (Liz): Eleanor at STEM on tap tonight. Check out Creek Week activities at rbcwd.org/creek-week; rain barrel workshop and Cycle the Creek are filling up. Volunteer requested for this Saturday at [Minnetonka Earth Day Fair](#); reach out to Eleanor if you can attend.

V. **CAC Business: Process and Function**

- A. How to relay spreadsheet of motions made/ideas of interest to the BOM was discussed. Instead of sharing link to Google doc, group concluded that including this as a new section within the CAC minutes would be more accessible.
- Motion made by Dave, 2nd by Sharon, and passed by members to incorporate CAC motions/ideas as a new section of agenda/minutes as internal reminder and so BOM can stay up to date.
- B. Member Guidance draft was discussed. Edits will be made by Liz and posted to CAC webpage.
- C. Community projects/events of note: [Friends of Eden Prairie Parks](#) is has multiple events and volunteer activities.
- D. Committee/project interest/ideas: None
- E. Opportunity for discussion items/motions from CAC members:
- Marilynn proposed that the District reconsider its definition of native plants to be more restrictive. Group concluded to table proposal for future consideration in the context of EHAP.

VI. **Scheduled Guest Speakers**

- E. None at this time

VII. **Upcoming Events and Adjournment.**

- A. **Next BOM Workshop:** April 18, 7:00 PM. Topic is revision of the Governance Manual.
- B. **Next BOM Meeting:** May 8; 7:00 PM, Andrew to attend on behalf of the CAC.
- C. **Next CAC Meeting:** May 20, 2024; 6:00 PM
- D. Meeting adjourned at ~8:10pm by Sharon, 2nd by Terry, approved by all.

VIII. **New business**

- A. None