

Draft Regular Meeting Minutes – May 20, 2024
RPBCWD Citizen Advisory Committee Monthly Meeting
Location: RPBCWD Office

ATTENDANCE

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

Members

Andrew Aller	P
Andrew Peterson	P
Bonnie Nelson	P
Dave Paulson	A

Jeff Weiss	P
Jim Boettcher	P
Michelle Frost	P
Marilynn Torkelson	P

Terry Jorgenson	P
Sharon McCotter	E

Others

Liz Forbes	RPBCWD Staff	P
Eleanor Mahon	RPBCWD Staff	P
Manager Duevel	BOM	P

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 6:00 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 Meeting Minutes:** approved without objection

II. Creek Week Trivia: The group participated in trivia questions used in Creek Week.

III. Board Meeting Recap and Discussion - report by Marilyn Torkelson

- A. **Highlights from the (monthly) managers meeting:**
Public comment about Duck Lake water level. Staff Amy Bakkum’s last day was May 20th. Multiple resolutions passed 5-0; others passed 4-1. Cost share agreement with Walnut Grove Townhome association was approved. Managers denied a variance request for a permit for a 17-house development. Presentation by City of Chanhassen related to a variance for a street reconstruction project. Managers authorized Administrator Jeffery to apply for a Lessard Sams Outdoor Heritage Council grant for

purchase of the Spring Road project. Manager reports were deferred to the next meeting.

- B. **Response on CAC recommendations to the Board:** Nothing brought to the board.
- C. **New Advisory Topics from the Board:** Manager Koch asked if CAC motions list will utilized again. CAC members could remind the Board to review the list of motions to ensure it is not missed.
- D. **CAC members:** Please sign up to attend a Board meeting. July-Dec are open.

IV. Program and Project Updates

- A. General (Liz): 4 interns this summer: 2 for water resources; 1 for regulatory/site inspections; 1 for general office work
- B. E&O updates (Eleanor)
 - 1. Creek week review
 - 2. Event calendar on website
 - 3. Doing another rain barrel event for an HOA

V. CAC Business: Process and Function

- A. Committee/project interest/ideas (leadership needed): None
- B. Motions by CAC members: None
- C. Opportunity for discussion items/motions from CAC members:
 - i. Should the WD become involved in groundwater conservation in some way (piggyback on existing programs, cost share for stormwater reuse for irrigation, etc.)? Items discussed included:
 - (1) Could water conservation audits be done similar to home energy use audits? Could check for water leaks, old fixtures which use high amounts of water (sinks, toilets, shower heads, sprinkler systems).
 - (2) Training, education, workshops for businesses and residents particular to water conservation. Help educate on how native plantings could save on water use.
 - (3) Review grant options for low-income areas who may not be able to fund 25% of the funding themselves.
 - (4) Maybe MN Water Stewards could help with water audits? Should speak to Dave (CAC member not in attendance)
 - (5) Could District cover costs for those developers going above and beyond the watershed requirements? May incentivize others.
 - (6) Discussed Hyland Hills ski area water use for making artificial snow. Area is located in Nine-Mile Creek Watershed District.
 - ii. Discussed options/desire to obtain CAC feedback/input on documents/plans created by RPBCWD or EHAP. Request to have Administrator Jeffery present to CAC in Aug or Sept.
 - iii. **Running list of PENDING priority motions/items of interest to share with BOM**

Date	Motion	Action Requested	Status	Notes
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9/1/2021	Recommend collaboration with other Metro watershed districts on rulemaking efforts	Direction by BOM; Staff time	Ongoing via EHAP and 10-year plan update.	
11/1/2022	Recommend revisiting definition of steep slopes due to impacts from climate change.	Direction by BOM; Staff time		

Marilynn to review list of motions to revisit the springs/seeps motion back to CAC for discussion and review.

VI. Scheduled Guest Speakers

- A. June – Rachel Whittington, RPBCWD/Green Corps (Soil)
- B. July – Andrew Forbes (Fish and wildlife)

VII. Upcoming Events and Adjournment.

- A. CAC Meeting – June 17
- B. BOM Regular Meetings (1st Wednesdays @ 7 pm): June 5
- C. BOM Workshops (quarterly @ 7 pm): July 19

TENTATIVE – Upcoming BOM Work Session Topics (anyone may attend)

Date	Topic #1	Topic #2	Topic #3
July 19 2024	Draft budget	MAWD resolutions	

- D. **Adjournment** - Meeting adjourned at 7:52pm by quorum.