



Capitol Region Watershed District

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Citizen Advisory Committee Meeting Wednesday, May 11, 2016 – 7:00 p.m.

CAC Members Present:

David Arbeit
Bill Barton
Pat Cavanaugh
Steve Duerre
Claudia Hochstein
Mike MacDonald
Rick Sanders
Michelle Ulrich
Richard Weil
Gwen Willems

Others Present:

Joe Collins, CRWD Board
President
Bob Fossum, CRWD
Belinda Gardner, CRWD
Britta Suppes, CRWD

Members absent:

Rick Sanders, w/notice
Kathryn Swanson, w/notice

Welcome, Announcements, and Updates

Mr. Duerre opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Duerre asked for any announcements or updates. No announcements or updates. Mr. Duerre asked for any public comments. Mr. Barton commented on his visit to the Lauderdale site. Mr. Barton commented that the site is classified as a stormwater pond, but he believes that it should be classified as a wetland. Mr. Barton and Mr. Arbeit requested more information and follow up on the Lauderdale project. Mr. Fossum agreed to report back to the CAC at a future meeting.

III. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Duerre asked for any additions or changes to the Agenda. No additions or changes.

CAC 16-015 Motion: *To approve the CAC May 11, 2016 agenda.*

MacDonald/Arbeit
Unanimously approved

IV. Approval of the April 14, 2016 Minutes

CAC 16-016 Motion: *To approve the April 14, 2016 minutes.*

Willems/Weil

Unanimously approved

V. District Initiatives for Review, Comment and Recommendations

A) 2015 Lakes Monitoring Report, Britta Suppes

Ms. Suppes provided an update to the CAC on the 2015 Lakes Monitoring. In 2015, CRWD staff carried out the recommendations outlined in the *2014 Enhanced Lake Biological Monitoring Work Plan*, including initiating annual fisheries surveys on each CRWD lake, increasing the frequency of macrophyte data collection during the growing season, performing additional spring and fall water quality sampling, and continuously monitoring water level from April-October. The data collected through these expanded efforts are included in the *2015 Lakes Monitoring Report*.

There are five lakes within the boundaries of CRWD: Como Lake, Crosby Lake, Little Crosby Lake, and Loeb Lake in St. Paul, and Lake McCarrons in Roseville. Each lake is collaboratively monitored by Ramsey County Public Works (RCPW), Ramsey Conservation District (RCD), Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR), and CRWD to assess overall health, compliance with water quality standards, and to determine if each lake supports its designated uses for swimming, fishing, and/or aesthetics. Data has been collected annually on each lake for varying periods of record, with the Como Lake dataset being the longest in dating back to 1984.

B) 2016 In-Lake Management Update, Bob Fossum

Mr. Fossum provided an update to the CAC on the 2016 In-Lake Management and reviewed diagrams with the CAC. Additionally, recent water quality data from Lake McCarrons indicates that there likely has been a reduction in the effectiveness of the 2004 alum treatment that is beginning to impact water quality. Finally, during this year's CRWD and City of St. Paul Directors Meeting, a goal of de-listing Como Lake and improving its water quality was agreed to by both agencies.

Achieving the water quality goals for Como Lake and Lake McCarrons will require a combination of watershed management practices and in-lake management practices. Staff have developed a diagram to help depict all of the work needed to achieve the goals for use with our stakeholders. The diagram includes past work and future work, including new in-lake management activities in District Lakes. Staff feel it is important that all involved understand all of the work needed and how in-lake management fits into the broader lake and watershed management approach.

Mr. Arbeit commented that there should be more done at Como Lake with citizen engagement. Mr. Fossum stated that more time is needed to analyze the data more before we offer the info to the public, but that citizen engagement at Como Lake is something that will be critical to project success.

VI. CAC Initiates

A) 2016 Service Learner Student Update

McDonald stated that the student learner has a good finished project for the CAC and asked the student to present to the CAC board in July.

B) 2016 CAC Tour Planning

"Our mission is to protect, manage, and improve the water resources of the Capitol Region Watershed District."

Mr. Fossum reviewed the tour agenda. Ms. Willems asked about the invitation list. Ms. Willems said it would be nice if the Mayor could meet us on site.

VII. Project and Program Updates

A) McMurray Field Transportation Improvements Project Update

Mr. Fossum stated that the project could be something similar to Upper Villa project. The project would accommodate 88 acres of untreated run off that now goes directly in to Como Lake.

VIII. CAC Observer Update

Ms. Cavanaugh provided an observer update on the Master Stewards Program and the changes to that program and also the approval of a Diversity Plan RFQ.

IX. Discussion

- A) New & Old Issues
- B) CAC observer for May 18 and June 1, 2016 Board of Managers Meetings
- C) 2016 Meeting Schedule

A) New & Old issues

No discussion

B) CAC Observer for the Board of Managers Meetings April 20, 2016 and May 4, 2016.

No discussion

C) 2016 Meeting Schedule

The CAC would like to hear an Alum treatment update

X. Adjourn

CAC 16-017 Motion: *To adjourn the May 11, 2016 CAC Meeting.*

MacDonald/Hochstein
Unanimously approved

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Belinda Gardner

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