



Capitol Region Watershed District

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Citizen Advisory Committee Meeting Wednesday, December 12, 2018 – 7:00 p.m.

CAC Members Present:

Steve Duerre
Gwen Willems
Bob Simonet
Michelle Ulrich
Nicole Soderholm
David Arbeit
Cheryl Braun
Pat Cavanaugh
Mary Lilly
Mike MacDonald

Others Present:

Mark Doneux, CRWD
Belinda Gardner, CRWD
Jessica Bromelkamp, CRWD
Mary Texer, Board of Managers
Kris Kunz, Master Water Steward

Members absent:

Kathryn Swanson w/notice
Richard Weil, w/notice
William Barton, w/o notice
Tom Elko, w/o notice
Carol Zierman w/o notice

Welcome, Announcements, and Updates

Mr. Duerre opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Duerre asked for any announcements or updates and introductions.

A tour of the new building will follow the CAC meeting.

III. Approval of Agenda

CAC 18-031 Motion: *To approve the CAC December 12, 2018 agenda.*

Soderholm/Simonet
Unanimously approved

IV. Approval of Minutes

A) November 14, 2018 CAC Meeting Minutes

CAC 18-008 Motion: *To approve the November 14, 2018 minutes as amended.*

Duerre/Weil
Unanimously approved

V. District Initiatives for Review, Comment, and Recommendations

A) 2019 Reappointment Recommendations (Doneux)

Administrator Doneux reviewed the 2019 reappointments recommendation.

Mr. Duerre recommends that the Board of Managers reappointment all CAC members.

VI. CAC Initiatives

A) Watershed Steward Award Program (Bromelkamp)

Ms. Bromelkamp reviewed nominations for the watershed steward awards program:

- 2018 Watershed Citizen Award Winner: Michael Stoick
- 2018 Watershed Partner Award Winner: Wes Saunders-Pearce
- 2018 Watershed Project Award Winner: Pierce Butler Meadows Planting
- 2018 Watershed Outreach Program Award Winner: Summit Hill Association's Water Wise Program
- 2018 Lifetime Stewardship Award Winner: Cy Kosel

CAC 18-032 Motion: Approve Watershed Steward Program Award winners

Arbeit/MacDonald
Unanimously approved

B) Service Learning Student (Lilly)

Ms. Lilly sent an email to her contact at the University of Mn, however, she has not heard back yet. She will provide an update at a future meeting.

VII. Project and Program Updates

A) Partner Grant Update

Ms. Bromelkamp provided an update on the 2019 Partner Grant program.

Mr. Arbeit mentioned that the Partner Grant committee discussed other opportunities for nontraditional partners and for the District to provide an opportunity to fund those groups outside of the regular partner grant program.

Ms. Lilly asked if CRWD has a program to help grantees write their grant. Ms. Bromelkamp replied that Ms. Schwantes hosts workshops and fields phone calls from grantees helping with the process.

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Mr. Arbeit mentioned that he is impressed by the extent of the help and work that Ms. Schwantes has offered to grantees.

VIII. CAC Observer Update

Ms. Kunz, Master Water Steward announced that Freshwater has a new module for homeowners. Manager Texer reviewed highlights from the last Board meeting.

IX. Discussion

- a. New & Old Issues
- b. CAC observer for December 19, 2018 and January 2, 2018 Board of Managers Meeting
- c. 2018 Agenda Plan

A) New & Old issues

B) CAC Observer for the Board of Managers Meetings December 19, 2018 and January 2, 2018

Ms. Soderholm volunteered for December 19. Ms. Cavanaugh volunteered for January 2.

C) 2019 Agenda Plan

Staff will provide the 2019 agenda plan at a future meeting.

CAC 18-033 Motion: *To adjourn the December 12, 2018, CAC Meeting.*

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None

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Soderholm/Simonet
Unanimously approved

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.
Respectfully submitted,
Belinda Gardner

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