



Capitol Region Watershed District

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Citizen Advisory Committee Meeting Wednesday, January 8, 2020, 7:00 p.m.

CAC Members Present:

Bob Simonet
Cheryl Braun
Gwen Willems
Pat Cavanaugh
Mike MacDonald
Steve Duerre
Tom Elko
Richard Weil

Others Present:

Mark Doneux, CRWD
Anna Eleria, CRWD
Joe Collins, CRWD

Members absent:

Nicole Soderholm, w/notice
Michelle Ulrich, w/notice
David Arbeit, w/notice
Mary Lilly, w/notice

I. Welcome, Announcements, and Updates

Ms. Willems opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Ms. Willems asked for any announcements or updates.

II. Public Comment for Issues Not on the Agenda

Ms. Willems asked for comments not on the agenda. Ms. Willems commented that there was a good article in the Midway Monitor about the Ford Site Area C and CRWD involvement.

III. Approval of Agenda

CAC 20-004 Motion: *To approve the CAC January 8, 2020 agenda, as amended.*

Simonet/Duerre
Unanimously approved

IV. Approval of Minutes

A. December 11, 2019 CAC Meeting Minutes

Mike noted he volunteered for the December 18, 2019 Board meeting, not the January 2, 2020 meeting.

CAC 20-005 Motion: *To approve the December 11, 2019 CAC Meeting Minutes.*

Duerre/Braun

Unanimously approved

V. District Initiatives for Review, Comment, and Recommendations

A. Watershed Management Plan-Draft Implementation Plan (Eleria)

CRWD staff presented draft implementation plan table for the 2020 Watershed Management Plan (WMP). The draft table is a list of implementation programs, projects and activities to conduct over the 10-year timeframe to address priority watershed issues and achieve WMP goals. The following feedback was captured from CAC members.

Partner Grant Program

Ms. Cavanaugh noted that the Partner Grant Committee discussed numerous under severed groups that should be considered for future grants.

Partner Owned Facilities

There was a lengthy discussion on pros and cons of taking on additional partner owned facilities. Mr. Simonet asked if we had the capacity and financing to take on these facilities.

Groundwater Monitoring

The question was raised that Ramsey County should be requested to complete and implement the County Groundwater Plan.

Monitoring

Additional parameters will be considered for adding to the monitoring list.

AIS Management

Sample before and after herbicide application. This will be done.

Como Shoreline for Como Lake

Everyone agreed that District 10 should be actively involved in restoring the shoreline of Como Lake.

Floodplain and Wetland Restoration at Crosby

Move this to Beneficial. This was agreed.

TBI 5 Year Inspection

The system has been evaluated for future flows.

Back to back rainfall events was raised as a potential issue and its impact on TBI flows. Steve Duerre asked if backflow preventers should be required. It was noted that this would be necessary for sanitary sewer systems.

Area C Ford Site

CRWD would not be involved in the cleanup but would continue in a supporting role.

Science Museum of Minnesota

Discussion occurred about this upcoming project.

VI. CAC Initiatives

A. 2019 Watershed Steward Awards (Bromelkamp)

Thursday, January 23, 2020

- 6 – 7 pm reception, 7 – 8 pm program
 - Native Food Perspectives is the caterer.
 - Our Sacred Waters, digital storytelling project, by In Progress will be presented (they took the photos featured at the grand opening)
- Smaller event in 2020, recognizing winners only instead of all nominees
- CAC will assist with some of the program presentation.
 - Jessica typically assigns presentation items to pairs of Managers and provides talking points. She'll follow up as the event gets closer.
- CRWD is hiring a photographer for the event. We would like to get a photo of the CAC after the event concludes in Trout Brook flex space. It should only take a few minutes.
- Please use the link Jessica sent to RSVP or email her directly with the number of guests in your party

Braun/Willems

Unanimously approved

B. Service-Learning Student (Lilly)

No update.

VII. Project and Program Updates

None

VIII. CAC Observer Update

Mike MacDonald reviewed the major items on the December 18, 2019 Board Meeting.

Joe Collins noted that Mary Texer is now the President of the MAWD Board. Joe will be on the MAWD Legislative Committee.

IX. Discussion

A. New & Old Issues

Pat Cavanaugh discussed the street sweeping presentation at MAWD and having the CAC sponsor a series of lectures about street maintenance for water quality. Pat will contact Jessica to get the name of the City of St. Paul Street Maintenance supervisor to invite to a future session.

Mr. Duerre suggested that the CAC do some additional promotion of the CAC since the committee is down to 12 members. Ms. Willems and Mr. Duerre will follow up.

Tom Elko gave an update on the Parkview project and that some sledding has returned to the hill.

B. CAC Observer for January 15, 2020 and February 5, 2020 Board of Managers Meetings

Ms. Cavanaugh volunteered to attend the January 15, 2020 meeting.

X. Adjourn

CAC 20-006 Motion: *To adjourn the January 8, 2020, CAC Meeting.*

Macdonald/Duerre

Unanimously approved

The meeting was adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Doneux

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