

Minutes: Monday, April 16, 2018
RPBCWD Citizen's Advisory Committee Monthly Meeting
Location: RPBCWD offices: 18681 Lake Street, Chanhassen

CAC Members

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| Jim Boettcher | P | Curt Kobilarcsik | P | Marilynn Torkelson | P |
| Paul Bulger | P | Matt Lindon | P | Lori Tritz | P |
| Anne Deuring | P | Sharon McCotter | P | David Ziegler | P |
| Peter Iverson | P | Joan Palmquist | P | | |

Others

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| Michelle Jordan | District Liaison | P |
| Richard Chadwick | RPBCWD Board Member | P |

Summary of key actions/motions for the Board of Managers:

Motion: Michelle asked for feedback on the one residential cost share application they received by the April deadline. The application is for a rain garden. The application was distributed to the CAC. Marilyn had a concern about the use of Prairie Dropseed. Anne brought up the possibility that since soil has the tendency to fluff up that the rain garden this year may be a berm next year. Lowering the elevation 4" is suggested. Joan moved and Pete seconded the CAC recommend approval of the Stoner Cost Share application pending Michelle bringing our concerns to Seth. Motion carried.

I. Opening

- A. Call CAC meeting to Order:** President Ziegler called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.
- B. Attendance:** As noted above
- C. Matters of general public interest:** None
- D. Approval of Agenda:** We added the review of one residential cost share to the new business of the agenda. Joan made the motion and Sharon seconded to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried.
- E. Approval of March 19, 2018 CAC Meeting Minutes:** Pete Iverson moved to approve minutes, seconded by Sharon McCotter. Motion carried.

II. Old Business

- A. Update from Board Managers workshop and meeting:** David reported on the workshop on proposed rules changes. Most proposed rule changes were simplified and passed along. The Channel Diversion rule change was held for further study.

The 2017 audit was reviewed and the one discrepancy found was simply a matter of timing of grant funding.

Several people spoke at the time of public interest. Joan asked how the comments had been responded to. Paul stated that the response he got to his comments was that the managers said they are doing the best they can, they are caught between jurisdictions. Sharon is impressed that the managers respond to comments during the open comment period which helps the requestor feel like their points were heard although they can't always do what the requestor wants..

The Board of Managers approved to proceed with Lotus Lake alum treatments. We will treat 30% of Lotus Lake based on where it is most beneficial, 2 doses over 5 years, mostly in deep parts of lake.

There have been a total of 60 permits per year, including new, reviews, modified, and monitored. Each permit has 3-12 BMPs.

The 10 year plan was approved to send to BWSR for final approval. They have a 90 day window to respond.

The Watershed District is partnering with the St. Anthony Falls U of M lab on research to put iron filings in stormwater ponds to capture phosphorus, which may be more economical than iron enhanced sand filters. Matt mentioned issues with iron bacteria potentially changing the ecosystem of pond, especially in color. Curt said there is significant maintenance involved in iron filings treatment, as in adding iron filings.

There was discussion on using leftover cost share money for salt training. Then a discursive ensued on why we have cost share money left over. Some Watershed Districts have a longer history in cost share grants and get more applications. 9 Mile Creek headquarters has good display area. Michelle hopes to relook at how we promote our cost share program. Minnehaha has actually stopped their cost share program.

The 50th anniversary party will likely be in the Riley Jacques Barn toward the end of next summer (2019).

The Watershed boundary changes were approved and maps will be updated. The floor map in the entryway is updated.

The MN Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) One Watershed, One Plan Policy Statements were distributed by email to us.

- B. Interface with other CAC groups:** We have heard from a couple of other CACs of interest in a group interchange for the purpose of sharing information. David sent an email to other CACs and only got a few responses. He thought we should create a list of what we thought we could share with other CACs as well as what we would like to learn from other CACs. David will talk with Claire about who we should be talking to. **ACTION ITEM: PLEASE SEND DAVID YOUR THOUGHTS PRIOR TO THE NEXT MEETING ON WHAT YOU WOULD LIKE AN EXCHANGE WITH OTHER CAC'S TO LOOK LIKE.**
- C. Landscaping for Water Quality and Wildlife:** Marilynn presented a beautiful presentation on "Landscaping for Water quality and Wildlife" that she prepared for an Eden Prairie Community Adult Ed class. Eleven people attended the class and all seemed on board with the principals. Marilynn also distributed catalogs and fact sheets
- D. Updates from subcommittees**
 - Speakers Bureau:** Joan recorded Michelle's Water 101 presentation for children, transcribed it and it is now available for others to present. She plans to have the adult version ready by May 1.
 - Storm Drains:** Sharon is working with Chanhassen on Oct. 27 storm drain clean up. Dorothy Pederson is working with Shorewood on permission for stenciling. Michelle reported that the Metro Watershed Initiative is doing a roll out of the adopt a drain online metro wide. Go to adoptadrain.org to see how program currently works in St. Paul. Michelle will keep us updated. Cities have GIS mapping of storm drains and specifically which direction water drains, but it is not publicly available. Matt attended a Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR) class targeting storm water, including crowdsourcing, permeable pavers instead of salt, and heated surfaces.
 - Silt Sock (not) Solution:** Anne met with the manufacturer and rep of the EZ-Flo storm drain mats, got a sample of a mat, and is working on a meeting with the water resource manager of Minnetonka to get permission to start a pilot. She has learned that each mat is custom made because of variations in storm drains.
 - Garlic Mustard:** Marilynn reported on a garlic mustard pulling volunteer opportunity near Riley Creek restoration on May 16, from 5:00 – 7:00 pm. Let Marilynn know if you are interested. Use a brush on shoes so no seed spreading.

III. New Business

- A. **State of Water Conference:** David attended the conference on April 13 – 14. He took excellent notes and shared them with the CAC. See attached.
- B. **Beginners Guide to Sustainability:** Lori is still working on it, adding in comments from members of CAC. Last Saturday's class, the first in the four-class series was during the big snowstorm. Lori learned that she didn't have a good mechanism for communicating with attendees. One person showed up. The class is rescheduled for May 26, 10:00 – 12:00 at the Chanhassen Library. Water class is this Saturday at the library.
- D. **Cost Share application:** Michelle asked for feedback on the one residential cost share application they received by the April deadline. The application is for a rain garden. The application was distributed to the CAC. Marilyn had a concern about the use of Prairie Dropseed. Anne brought up the possibility that since soil has the tendency to fluff up that the rain garden this year may be a berm next year. Lowering the elevation 4" is suggested. Joan moved and Pete seconded the recommended approval of the Stoner Cost Share application pending Michelle bringing our concerns to Seth. Motion carried.

Michelle said we also received one Homeowners Association cost share application. The design needs more details, so they are working with them.

The third application is from the Smith Douglas More House and is a renovation of the first rain garden in Eden Prairie. Matt had the brilliant idea of using this first rain garden renovation in our 50th anniversary promotion.

IV. Looking Forward

A. CAC 2018 agenda items for our May meeting

1. Website mockup (Michelle)

B. Upcoming events

1. Arbor Day and Green Fair, April 28, 10:00 am to noon
2. Beginners Guide to Sustainability, April 21, 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM, EP Library 656 Prairie Center Drive
5. RPBCWD Board of Managers meeting, May 2 at 7:00 pm, 18681 Lake Drive East
6. Wetlands Walk – has been postponed to probably June, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm
7. RPBCWD CAC meeting May 21 at 6:00 pm, 18681 Lake Drive East
8. Turf to Fescue Workshop Carver WMO and 9-Mile Creek, June 25, 6:30 to 8:00 pm, Chanhassen Library. (Second session June 27 at Southdale library)
9. MAWD summer tour, We are hosting May 20-22.
10. We are hosting 3 luncheons for realtors (April 18), developers (May 16) and facilities managers (July 18)
11. Wild Ones plant sale, orders due May 26
12. Chanhassen Celebrate Water, July 21, looking for volunteers
13. Pollinator Field Day in Minnetonka – Sometime in July

V. Adjourn CAC meeting

- A. Motion and second to adjourn by Sharon/Pete. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:49 pm.