

**Minutes: Monday August 21, 2017**  
**RPBCWD Citizen's Advisory Committee Monthly Meeting**  
**Location: RPBCWD new offices: 18681 Lake Street, Chanhassen**

**CAC Members**

Anne Deuring	P	Peter Iverson	P	Joan Palmquist	E
Jim Boettcher	P	Matt Lindon	P	Dorothy Pedersen	P
Paul Bulger	P	Sharon McCotter	P	David Ziegler	P

**Others**

Terry Jefferies	Outreach & Permitting Coordinator	P
Michelle Jordan	District Liaison	P

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

1. Dorothy Pedersen made a motion: The CAC would encourage the board consider hosting a 25/25 Town Hall meeting in conjunction with 9 Mile, Lower MN and/or Minnehaha watersheds within the next month. Let the CAC would like to know specifically how we can help. Pete seconded and the motion passed.
2. Matt made a motion: The CAC supports the direction of the budget, as presented by Terry Jeffrey, with the follow up on Bluff Creek research. Dorothy seconded and the motion passed
3. Sharon made a motion: The CAC support Joan moving forward with launching the speaker's bureau with limited staff time as outlined in Joan's proposal. Dorothy seconded. The CAC recommends Joan present at the September managers meeting.
4. Dorothy made a motion: The CAC request Terry's staff time to use some of our education budget for a spring 2018 tour of wetlands in our district; the presentation would be open to the public. Jim seconded the motion and it passed. Terry suggested that he could investigate options.
5. Dorothy made a motion: The CAC recommend the Board approve the cost shares grants as presented with recommendations on the plant selection. Pete seconded and the motion passed.

**Meeting**

1. **Call to Order:** President Pedersen called the August 21 meeting of the CAC to order approximately 6:40 P.M. Attendance noted above.
2. **Approval of the Agenda:** Agenda approved with additions of one new business topic and movement of the budget discussion to the first new business topic, noted in minutes, below. Motion was made (Ziegler/Lindon) and passed.
3. **Approval of meeting minutes from July 2017:** One correction to the minutes from Anne, change the word "silk" sock to "silt" sock. Motion to approve minutes with the correction made by Ziegler/Bulger and passed unanimously.

#### 4. **Matters of General Public Interest: None**

#### 5. **Election of new CAC Chair (Dorothy/Michelle)**

The CAC needed to hold an election of a new CAC president with Dorothy's appointment to RPBCWD Board of Managers. Elections for a new president ensued.

- Ziegler nominated McCotter. Sharon declined as she is too busy but would like to remain VP.
- McCotter nominated Ziegler and Pedersen seconded the nomination.
- Bulger nominated himself and Deuring seconded the nomination.

Sharon asked Dorothy to explain the job responsibilities and time commitment. Dorothy did. A written ballot was taken and Ziegler won (6-2).

#### 6. **July Board of Managers meeting, if any questions. (Ziegler)**

Dave shared that Perry indicated he would not be going forward with another term on the watershed. He has served in some capacity for over 22 years. With her appointment to the board of managers, this is Dorothy's last CAC meeting as a CAC member.

#### 7. **Old Business**

- a. Update on 10-year plan, comments due in September (Michelle) (INFORM)
  - o There was a good discussion on how we would get access to the plan, in advance, to allow us time to review it in detail
  - o Staff will look into a shared site/service to allow multiple comments to be added to one document
  - o Sharon's inability to access via PC was mitigated with the suggestion of using a tablet; Dorothy offered a tablet should we need one.
- b. Storm Drain Subcommittee fall cleanup (Sharon, Matt, David, Anne and Dorothy) (INFORM)

**Fall Leaf Clean-up** (Sharon) - Sharon and Vanessa Strong (Chanhassen) met early in August to discuss specifics of the Chanhassen fall leaf clean up. Vanessa and Sharon both have follow-up lists that need to be answered before a plan can be drafted. They will meet in a couple of weeks once they have the answers they need to finalize a plan. Sharon will follow-up with Paul from Shorewood after a draft clean-up plan has been put together.

**Chanhassen stenciling pilot** (Matt) – Matt tried contacting Vanessa Strong from Chanhassen regarding the storm drain marking but has not heard back from her. Terry offered that Krista has run the stenciling program for the last 10 years and would be a good contact.

**Adopt a drain program with tracking through Volgistics** (Anne and David) – Anne and David spoke with Jo from Minnetonka. She indicated she does not need any help with Volgistics and was not really interested in a storm drain marking program. However she was very interested in neighbor to neighbor campaigns. Anne took the opportunity to share the silt sock idea. Jo has seen the 8 inch silt socks cause flooding issues during a significant rain event. A smaller (less than the current 8 inches) sock might be doable. Minnetonka does

not sweep the streets in fall. Jo is taking the silt sock idea back to the rest of her staff and will circle back with Anne and David in a few weeks.

**Grass clippings awareness (Dorothy)** - Dorothy left a message with Paul from Shorewood and has not heard back. She will follow-up with him and if he doesn't respond she will talk with Julie. Dorothy is still committed to the grass clippings campaign.

**Eden Prairie** – Matt made contact with Leslie. She does not want to do a stenciling program: paint doesn't work with youth groups, special storage is required because it is a dangerous substance. Terry suggested having the markers say, this water drains to (a specific body of water) to make it more personable and relatable. Matt suggested they put the plaque into new storm drain curbs to improve their staying power. Terry said, the cities mill and overlay the roads and replace curb and gutter on a rotating basis with new work, so ultimately we can get to a number of drains over time.

Matt spoke with Leslie and she is interested in participating with us on some of our activities. Matt and Sharon will meet to discuss what activities the CAC can support and who can accommodate her requests.

David indicated there is a former landfill site in EP that might be a good compost site for clean-up activities. The city is looking into how to best use this land. Residents are encouraged to provide input on the Aspire web site <http://edenprairie.org/city-government/departments/community-development/planning/aspire-eden-prairie-2040>

- c. Website update (Michelle)(Discuss) – Michelle shared specifics about the Scenic Heights School Forest and how the information will be displayed on our website. Some very cool technology showing the before and future “after” renderings of the area. There will be a community info meeting on Wednesday, August 23 so neighbors are aware of what is happening. With the removal of significant buckthorn, the area will appear a lot less wooded and a lot more open. Project will get kicked off in winter. Great collaborative project.

## **8. New Business**

### **a. 2018 Draft Budget Presentation (Terry) (INFORM)**

Terry Jeffrey started by bringing us up to speed on his background. Forest resources and engineering – hired to do project management and plan review. Started with private consulting and has moved to the regulatory, public segment. Terry indicated everyone at RPBCWD is rowing the boat in the same direction. Terry commended us for helping turn the organization around.

He then went through the 10 year plan and the corresponding details. The budget is broken into administrative, programs and projects and each of the creek reaches.

Permitting costs and engineering should come down as Terry learns more, gets more specialized, and takes on more work. Permits request volume should go up with implementation of Light Rail. Permits become more complicated for redo's versus new.

We discussed how to boost cost share grant applications. Dorothy suggested reaching out to the lake associations. There will be more follow up on the cost shares before, during and after. Maintenance and reporting could be deterrents to people applying so having the master water stewards to help with those pieces could help mitigate the situation. A number of CAC members thought it would be a good idea to provide anyone who does a planting as part of their project, a good plant identification guide.

Wetlands were a priority in the district on the survey. Wetland assessments don't reflect what is on the ground today. We need to identify where these wetlands are thus the need for a functional assessment of the wetlands. Dollars are not earmarked for education around this but since it's in its infancy there is room to make dollars for it. People forget there are laws that impact wetlands.

Terry was able to get to the right resource at Emerson to be part of the Lake Susan reuse project. Unfortunately the project was cost prohibitive for them.

Lower Purgatory creek restoration was postponed a bit. The city got some additional money because of a road project that is no longer being done (\$400,000); they will probably put \$300,000 to the creek restoration project. Hyland Lake will get a little financial support. Terry is going to check the projects in Bluff Creek as it looks like the western initiatives were not included in the budget.

Dorothy commended the board on bringing more services in house versus engineering firms. Terry explained that while some of the costs are high, some of the costs are part of the due diligence Scott and Michael from BARR perform. (SEE TWO MOTIONS AT BEGINNING OF THIS DOCUMENT.)

**b. Speakers Bureau (Michelle) (ACTION)**

Michelle, by proxy, presented Joan's speaker bureau recommendation. There are two different speakers opportunities – formal presentations and tabling at fairs and events. Requests for presentations would come through Michelle. This program would be put in into our volunteer training program to give us a chance to work through the process. The CAC's role would be to take the reins to make it happen. There are a number of requests for neighborhood event speakers; currently we don't advertise speakers because of limited resources. Michelle sees this fitting into what we are already doing. Dorothy said she would be interested in volunteering to speak. There will be some work to set it up initially but Joan is committed. Ann and Matt will join Joan's committee. (SEE MOTION AT BEGINNING OF THIS DOCUMENT.)

**c. Groundwater report: (Paul, Matt and Pete) (INFORM)**

Paul, Matt and Pete are in process of reviewing the 72 page BARR document on groundwater. They have had some preliminary discussions about ways the watershed can engage the cities in water conservation. There is a lot of data available but it is not all together in one place. Wealth of info on contamination sites and yet that info is not integrated with the report. The sub-committee has just scratched the service. Many maps provide a general assessment of ground water and where depleted ground waters will occur. Great summary document and a good start however it doesn't address what's next. The sub-team was looking for recommendations.

Matt would like us to use the information to make folks aware – possibly part of the speaker’s bureau. Pete indicated they need targeted info. Paul would like the review to continue.

Well monitoring was also mentioned. Rule I is the groundwater rule which includes existing wells. A free permit is required with yearly reporting. Matt suggested that they get the cities to make known what their programs are especially any tiered water rates like EP. The sub-committee will continue.

If the CAC wants to speak up with ideas, it’s a good time since the program is in its infancy. (SEE MOTION AT BEGINNING OF THIS DOCUMENT.)

We had a discussion on Governor Dayton’s 25/25 proposal. The board had asked that we consider setting up something with 9 Mile and Minnehaha. We need to get local stakeholders to define what 25/25 means – only lakes and rivers? We need to define what restoration means? Regional may also need to be defined. We suggest an information gathering session in this location. There is a script and prepared materials, we would need to organize and prepare. (SEE MOTION AT BEGINNING OF THIS DOCUMENT.)

**d. Carver County update (Jim) (INFORM)**

Jim shared a project sponsored by the Carver County Water Management Organization called Copper Hill Stormwater Reuse Site – Carver, MN. Very cool reuse program for watering lawns with no obvious downsides. How can we help? Jim is recommending we put a bug in the cities ear for new qualifying areas. Dorothy indicated Shorewood is considering developing a golf course into homes. She would recommend it to them. Lots of discussion on reuse; how to repurpose existing ponds, cost share dollars are available. This information could also be good for educating builders. Jim will talk with Terry J. to get his opinion on next steps.

**e. Cost Share Review (Michelle)**

Cost share review/discussion – On the HOA application, David asked about buffering the sides of the beach to avoid the water from eroding the beach into the lake. Michelle will chat with Seth. Dorothy indicated slender mountain mint needs super sandy soil and New England aster and red dogwood will get eaten by the deer. (SEE MOTION AT BEGINNING OF THIS DOCUMENT.)

**A huge thank you from all of the CAC members for Dorothy’s leadership over the past three years. We are in a significantly better place because of Dorothy and look forward to working with her in her new role.**

9. **Adjournment:** Approximately 9:40 the motion to adjourn was made by Dorothy seconded by Jim, passed and the meeting was adjourned.

**Upcoming Events**

- Board of Managers Meeting and Workshop, Wednesday, September 6, 5:30 pm, District Office
- Next CAC meeting: September 25, 2017, District Office, 6:30 pm  
Please note change of date! Comments on the 10 year plan due at this meeting!

**September topics for CAC:**

- Primary topic will be a review of the 10 year plan
- Updates from any of the sub-committees needing approval to move forward are also encouraged

Respectfully submitted by Sharon McCotter, stand in recorder