

## Minutes: Monday, March 19, 2018

RPBCWD Citizen's Advisory Committee Monthly Meeting  
Location: RPBCWD offices: 18681 Lake Street, Chanhassen

### CAC Members

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

### Others

Michelle Jordan	District Liaison	P
Dorothy Pederson	RPBCWD Board Member	P

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

The CAC established two new subcommittees to better align with our 2018 focus areas: **Chloride Reduction** (Matt Lindon) and **Wetlands** (Lori Tritz and Marilyn Torkelson).

#### 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:** Joan moved and Lori seconded to add a recap of the March 15 Public Hearing and Board of Managers meeting. Motion carried.
- E. **Approval of February 26, 2018 CAC Meeting Minutes:** Jim Boettcher moved and Paul Bulger seconded to approve minutes. Motion carried.

#### II. Old Business

- A. **February Orientation Follow-up.** For our general interest, Michelle handed out transcribed results of our activity from last month during which we responded to questions: Why are you here?, What do you hope to get out of your experience?, and What are your ideas for what the CAC could accomplish this year?
- B. **Report from 10-Year Plan Public Hearing and Board of Managers Meeting:** Two people made comments at the Public Hearing on the 10-Year Plan. One supported the plan and encouraged the Board to make progress. The second encouraged the Board to include SMART goals and suggested reviewing the schedule of projects every 3 years so that as technology, staff, and trends change, the plan can flex and adapt. The Board asked that the CAC remind them in 3 years to review the plan. Beginning with the implementation of this 10-year plan, each district project at the outset gets a score card. The CAC wants to review the scorecards in April – June (after annual report and before budgeting).
- C. **Update on 10-Year Plan Process and Timeline:** Michelle explained the comments from the Public Meeting are currently being reviewed and addressed. The revised version will go to the Board of Managers who will decide whether or not to send it to the April meeting of BWSR (Board of Water and Soil resources). BWSR and other agencies will have 90 days to review it. There is a movement afoot (One Watershed One Plan) to redesign how available monies are distributed, based on benefits to the entire Minnesota watershed, rather than grant requests, made by individual watersheds and giftedness of staff

([http://www.bwsr.state.mn.us/planning/1W1P/1W1P\\_Guiding\\_Principles.pdf](http://www.bwsr.state.mn.us/planning/1W1P/1W1P_Guiding_Principles.pdf)). See Addendum. Claire has been meeting with the “Local Government Roundtable” on this issue.

**D. Review of 2018 Priorities:**

1. 10-Year Plan implementation: We will continue to be involved.
2. Ground Water conservation and reuse: We have a dedicated subcommittee.
3. Wetlands: We established a subcommittee to align with wetlands including Lori Tritz and Marilyn Torkelson. WHEP (Wetland Health Evaluation Program) is a great resource. The 10-Year Plan does stipulate the development of a wetland inventory.
4. Chloride Reduction: We established a subcommittee to align with chloride reduction including Matt Lindon. We can all continue to speak out when we see opportunities and promote, lower salt use, city water softening or more advanced in-home softeners rather than using older, salt intensive, in-home softening systems.
5. Creek restoration: We want to stay on top of this issue, but don't feel a subcommittee is necessary because of the well defined CRAS (Creek Restoration Action Strategy). Additionally, the proposed rule change, Channel Diversion, will likely have the greatest affect on creek restoration. Cities that have reviewed this rule change have been concerned about the additional maintenance required of the smaller, 2-year aperture required. There will be a workshop dedicated to the Channel Diversion rule change before the next Board of Managers meeting at 5:30 pm.
6. 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary planning: We will await Michelle's lead and support events as they arise.
7. E&O: Education and Outreach is a major part of all of our activities and should not be a separate priority. To be removed.
8. Scenic Heights: We will continue to support the Scenic Heights project, but it does not need us to make it a priority. To be removed.

Michelle will place the 6 remaining 2018 Priorities on the website under the CAC description.

**III. New Business**

- A. Interface with other CACs:** We have had contact with two CACs that may potentially desire mentoring, the Coon Creek WD and Prior Lake/Spring Lake WD. David will contact the administrators to understand better how we can assist or reciprocate. Michele suggested, if appropriate, the June 20-21 event would be a good opportunity to have a meet-up. Dorothy Pederson reminded us that she left a CD with CAC inventory data. 9-Mile WD would also be a good partner.
- B. Website Update:** Michelle handed around the most recent update of website. The goal is to have it live by the end of June. She hopes to have final mockup for CAC to review at May meeting.
- C. Landscaping for Water Quality:** As a member of WildOnes Chapter, Marilyn taught an Eden Prairie Adult Ed class on Landscaping for Water Quality. 10 people attended Marilyn's class. It went well, with good questions. She handed out info on cost share. Marilyn will send us her slides and present to us next month. Looking forward to it!
- D. Updates from subcommittees as available**
  1. **Storm Drains:** Sharon met with the Silver Lake Association. They are well informed and onboard. They made a plan for stenciling and maintaining storm drains beginning nearest the lake and then moving upland. The next meeting is April 10. Discussion ensued about the effectiveness of stenciling. It is purely an education and awareness tool. And the very temporariness of it enhances the effectiveness, in that every time

the stenciling needs renewing another group is educated. Michelle explained the background of Adopt-a-Drain and CleanWaterMinnesota. Sharon will work with Deirdre Coleman from the Fresh Water Society to help build a temporary database of drain assignments until the city is mapped to the larger Adopt-a-drain.org program.

2. **Ground Water:** Paul said there is lot of confusion about what is the District's role in protecting groundwater. We could help define that.
3. **Silt Sock:** Anne reported that she is moving forward with a new product, EZ flow mats, for total storm drain hygiene that is ten times as expensive as the silt sock. She will meet with the City of Minnetonka to get approval. Dorothy suggested using the mats on her, privately owned, street. Paul suggested using our education budget to acquire 5 of the mats for education purposes. Anne will do the preliminary testing, then apply for a cost share grant to continue the work on a wider basis.
4. **Speaker's Bureau:** Joan is going to record Michelle's presentation to add to our stable of presentations. The resource from Rochester is coming through. We have gathered a lot of materials. We have enough to work with. Yay!
5. **Update on status of Sustainability Class:** Lori thanked us for all the input on her presentation. The link is live on Conservation Minnesota website:  
<https://www.conservationminnesota.org/event/eden-prairie-beginners-guide-to-sustainability-water/> Let Lori know if you want to be involved. Michelle will make sure it gets on the website.

#### IV. Looking Ahead and Adjournment

##### A. 2018 April 15 CAC agenda items

1. State of the Water Update (David)
2. Interface with other CACs
3. Summary of Channel Diversion workshop
4. Lori's presentation: Beginners Guide to Sustainability
5. Marilynn's presentation: Landscaping for Water and Quality of Wildlife
6. (May agenda: Final Website mockup)

##### B. Upcoming events

1. Turf Maintenance Workshop, March 22, 9:00 am, 18681 Lake Drive East
2. Fresh Water Society 2018 State of Water Conference, April 11 - 14
3. RPBCWD Board of Managers Workshop (5:30 pm) and meeting (7:00 pm), April 4 at, 18681 Lake Drive East
4. RPBCWD CAC meeting April 16 at 6:00 pm, 18681 Lake Drive East
5. Beginners Guide to Sustainability: April 14, 21, 28, May 5 (1:00 to 3:00 pm, 565 Prairie Center Dr)
6. Table-ing Opportunity: April 7 Animal Open House. Noon to 4:00 Let Michelle know if you can help. (Let Michelle know if you hear of other good tabling events.)
7. Eden Prairie, Arbor Day Walk and Green Fair, April 28, 10:00 am to noon.
8. Wetland Walk - May 19 with Zach and Terry, Details to be determined.
9. Turf to Fescues Workshop with Carver WMO and 9-Mile Creek WD, June 25 (Chanhassen Library) and July 12 (further east) 6:30 to 8:00

##### C. Adjourn CAC meeting:

1. Joan moved and Paul seconded to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:13 pm.

## **Addendum: One Watershed, One Plan Guiding Principles**

December 18, 2013

**Vision: BWSR's vision for One Watershed, One Plan is to align local water planning on major watershed boundaries with state strategies towards prioritized, targeted and measurable implementation plans – the next logical step in the evolution of water planning in Minnesota.**

**Purpose: The purpose of this document is to further outline the One Watershed, One Plan vision through providing the guiding principles that will direct and influence the program's future policies and procedures.**

One Watershed, One Plan will result in plans with prioritized, targeted, and measurable implementation actions that meet or exceed current water plan content standards. One Watershed, One Plan will set standards for plan content that will be consistent with or exceed the plan approval standards currently in place for local water plans. Most existing water management plans contain adequate inventories of resources and assessment of issues. One Watershed, One Plan will build from this point, with an expanded focus on prioritized, targeted, and measurable implementation of restoration and protection activities. The intent is for these future water plans to use existing plans, local knowledge and other studies and planning documents—including Watershed Restoration and Protection Strategies developed through the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency—to establish plans with clear implementation timelines, milestones, and cost estimates that will address the largest threats and provide the greatest environmental benefit unique to each watershed.

One Watershed, One Plan is not an effort to change local governance. Local governments have been at the forefront of water management dating back to 1937 with the formation of the State's first soil and water conservation district. One Watershed, One Plan is intended to utilize the existing structures of counties, soil and water conservation districts, watershed districts and Metropolitan watershed management organizations by increasing collaboration and cooperation across political boundaries.

One Watershed, One Plan will strive for a systematic, watershed-wide, science-based approach to watershed management; driven by the participating local governments. It is important for all communities to take part in managing their watersheds through goal setting, monitoring, restoring and protecting water resources and local habitats and ensuring a good quality of life for all who live, work, and recreate in those spaces. A decided "bottom up" approach for water management—allowing the key discussions of major water resource issues, concerns, problems, goals and objectives and potential solutions to originate and be first fully vetted at the stakeholder level—is envisioned. Expanding involvement and collaboration at the ground-level creates greater buy-in and support at all levels of government.

One Watershed, One Plan will use the state's delineated major watersheds (8-digit hydrologic unit codes or HUC8) as the starting point for defining the preferred scale for local watershed management planning. The Local Government Water Roundtable (LGWR), a collaboration between the Association of Minnesota Counties, the Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts, and the Minnesota Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts, determined it is in the public interest to manage ground and surface water resources from the perspective of watersheds and aquifers and to achieve protection, preservation, enhancement, and restoration of the state's valuable water

resources. This determination is consistent with the state's water management policy, furthered through legislation passed in 2012 that provided BWSR with: the authority to develop and implement a comprehensive watershed management plan approach and to establish a suggested watershed boundary framework for implementing this planning approach. One Watershed, One Plan will transform the current system of water plans, largely organized on political boundaries, to one where plans are coordinated and consolidated largely on a watershed basis.

One Watershed, One Plan must involve a broad range of stakeholders to ensure an integrated approach to watershed management. The underlying principle of watershed management is that people, land, and water are connected. People use land in a variety of ways, and affect ecosystems and ultimately their own communities for better or worse. Managing and protecting the environment while providing a high quality of life for people is a complex process that is most successful when governing bodies, community members, and experts in various fields are true partners in the planning process. One Watershed, One Plan envisions an approach that will pull parties together in every aspect of the water arena in a way that goes beyond the interests of any one government agency or stakeholder and in a way that has never been done before.

Plans developed within One Watershed, One Plan should embrace the concept of multiple benefits in the development and prioritization of implementation strategies and actions. Prioritized, multi-benefit projects provide benefits to more than one group or interest and address more than one environmental resource within a watershed. These types of projects are necessary to build the support of citizens and agencies, achieve water quality and quantity goals, and produce the environmental goods and benefits that a healthy watershed provides. Examples of multiple benefits might include a combination of any of the following: flood control, water quality benefits, ecological benefits, administrative efficiencies, economic benefits, or others. Identification of and action on multi-benefit projects should be a priority in One Watershed, One Plan strategies and actions.

One Watershed, One Plan implementation will be accomplished through formal agreements among participating local governments on how to manage and operate the watershed. Decision-making that spans political boundaries is essential to fully implement watershed management and achieve established goals for the watershed; therefore, formal agreements outlining the means and method for this decision-making are also essential.

One Watershed, One Plan planning and implementation efforts will recognize local commitment and contribution. History shows us that when local water management programs and projects rely almost entirely on outside funding, they are unable to sustain themselves over time. Locally supported and funded technical, administration, support, and outreach activities that leverage funding from the State will be key to ensuring sustainable local government capabilities and long-term success on both the local level and watershed scale.

One Watershed, One Plan is not intended to be a one size fits all model. One Watershed, One Plan must recognize that our local governments charged with water management are just as diverse as the water resources and landscapes that we have in the State. As such, the One Watershed, One Plan policies and procedures guided by this principle will be designed to provide options for local governments to choose from that can account for these differences while at the same time move forward in achieving the transition to comprehensive watershed management plans that blanket the State.