

**Minutes: May 18, 2015 RPBCWD Citizens Advisory Committee Regular Meeting**

Claire Blesser	E	Jim Boettcher	P	Sharon McCotter	P
Laurie Susla	P	Bob Shurson	P	Larry Koch	E
Peter Iverson	A	Matt Lindon	P	Laurie Hable	P
Paul Bulger	P	Mark Weber	E	Dorothy Pedersen	P
Bill Coppage	P	Bob Adomaitis	P	Dave Raby	P
Michelle Jordan District					

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:33 pm.
2. Approval of the Agenda: Items added to the agenda. Feedback for Michelle Jordan, Yearly Project for the CAC.

**Motion:** Coppage/McCotter approve agenda with additions. Passed

3. Approval of the Minutes from the 4-20 CAC regular meeting. Corrections: Spelling of Shawn Tracy, Dave Raby. Added punctuation to items 5a, and 5d.

**Motion:** Coppage/Lindon approve minutes with corrections. Passed

4. Recap of April RPBC Board Meeting

a. Lake Susan Spent Lime Project: new technology has only been used in Maplewood so far. Better alternative to the sand/iron filtration for this lake. Installation is set for this fall. Parks & Rec has approved the project. The installation of this will last 25-30 years.

b. Purgatory Creek Restoration: some of the project will be taken care of with turned tree roots, some banks will have to be renovated. Barr Engineering is investigating options. Installation is set for Oct. 2015 - Jan. 2016, then finish up restoration of the site set for early spring 2016.

c. Berkshire Townhouse Project: Board has approved the removal of tennis courts to be replaced with sod.

d. Bluff Creek stream bank issue. There is significant erosion at the lower end of Bluff Creek. Several attempts have been made to contact the home owner to gain access to the creek from their property to no avail. The Board has approved getting an appraisal for gaining access to the creek.

e. Approximately 40 people attended the Evening with the Watershed

5. Lake and Creek Report - Michelle

All walked sections are completed and Josh is in the process of tabulating the results. The field season has started. The CRAS will be coming back to the CAC at the June meeting.

## 6. Old Business

### a. Cost Share Applications

Bloomquist Application: did not get approved since it is not a water quality improvement issue.

Hildreth/Palmquist: staff is gathering more details and data. CAC approved application last month with the caveat of using BMP's.

**ACTION:** Michelle will update us on the status of the application.

New application Bartnik: Adding a third Rain Garden. Lengthy discussion concerning the cost figures, and whether the garden will be big enough to handle all of the run off. CAC members are still requesting a checklist from the District staff to see if projects meet all the criteria. Pedersen expressed concerns that we did not have enough information to approve the application. Other districts include the total reduction in the phosphorous load and use a rain garden calculator to determine if the rain garden is the correct size. CAC revised the numbers for the costs to exclude the non-native plants. then 75% of the new total (\$2150.00) was \$1612.00.

**Motion:** McCotter/Coppage Approve the Bartnik Cost Share request for up to \$1612.00.

**ACTION:** Jordan will inform homeowners that the CAC had adjusted the contractor costs and plant costs to arrive at the new total.

**ACTION:** CAC is still requesting an updated checklist for approval of Cost Share Proposals. We would like added to this list a Rain Garden Calculator, that would be able to calculate the size of a rain garden needed to handle the amount of runoff in a one inch rainfall. We would like to see the Rain Garden Area Size Calculation Tool and/or support to the homeowners in providing the calculation.

### b. CRAS update: Jordan gave in the Lake and Creek Report (5).

c. Lake Riley Alum Treatment Update: Barr & Wenck are 90% complete with the design of the project. The Plan Amendment to the 10 Year Plan is in progress.

**ACTION:** CAC is requesting information on the phosphorous budget for Rice Marsh Lake and Lake Riley.

d. Lake Susan Spent Lime Treatment: Pedersen/Jordan gave in Recap of the Board Meeting (4).

e. Riley Creek Project: the major plan amendment to the 10 year plan is out for comments and review. A public hearing on the amendment is tentatively scheduled for June 22, 2015. Susla asked if the CAC would be able to see the amendment prior to the public hearing so that we would have a chance to review and have questions prepared.

**ACTION:** Bleser get a copy of the amendment to all CAC members at least one week prior to the public hearing.

7a. Buckthorn Baggies: Pedersen shared with the members a black plastic bag used to kill buckthorn without chemicals. You place the bag over a cut stem and it prevents the

plant from getting sunlight. The cost of the baggies are \$25 for 30 bags. There is more information at [www.buckthornbaggie.com](http://www.buckthornbaggie.com).

b. Lake/creek aquatic resources: Pedersen asked if we could add links to the district website for more information on things like, dock regulations, chemical use in the lakes, plant removal from the lakes, also some identification for plants and fish native to our watershed. It was thought that our website would be a good central location for those links that we could share with others in our district.

8. Upcoming Events:

- a. Water Board Meeting Wednesday, June, 3, 2015 5:30 pm, District Office
- b. CAC meeting Monday June, 15, 2015 6:30 pm, District Office

9. Solicitation for Feedback: Jordan had each member fill out a paper stating why we like living in our watershed.

10. Yearly CAC Project: Lindon asked to get a list from the staff for priority projects or suggestions for a yearly CAC project. The minutes from last months meeting with a list of projects were reread. Lindon wanted to know if we had determined a project. There was no group consensus on a project that we would all do together. Jordan mentioned there is a native plant sale coming up on June, 3.

**ACTION:** Jordan will add upcoming volunteer opportunities to the District calendar on the website.

**ACTION:** Pedersen will also add a section to the CAC calendar for volunteer opportunities.

Other Business: A discussion was entered about future topics for discussion at future meetings, or topics the CAC would like more information on.

McCotter requested information on how to talk to people (How to Address Negative Actions with a Positive Message. There is a training by Eric Eckl coming up Water Words that Work.

Coppage requested information on the DNR's action with catch basins.

There was also a request for a map of the storm water drainages and who regulates them.

**Motion:** Coppage/Boettcher for adjournment. Passed, meeting adjourned at 8:27 pm.

Respectively Submitted

Laurie Hable