

Minutes: Monday January 18, 2017 RPBCWD Citizens Advisory Committee Orientation meeting held at Eden Prairie Community Center

Michelle Jordan District	P	Dennis Yockers	E	Jim Boettcher	P
Paul Bulger	P	Judy McClellan	P	Peter Iverson	P
Joan Palmquist	P	Matt Lindon	P	Sharon McCotter	E
Dorothy Pedersen	P	Anne Deuring	P	David Ziegler	P
Also in attendance:		Louis Smith, Attorney		Scott Sobiech, Barr Eng.	
Perry Forster (Board)		Claire Bleser, Staff			

Requests to the Board:

- 1. MOTION: CAC supports the 10 year plan prioritization scheme as presented with minor adjustments to be made to the scheme and weighting as Board considers projects. Ziegler/Boettcher: Approved unopposed.**

1. Meeting was called to order at 5:40 pm by President Pedersen, attendance is noted above.

MOTION: Approve Agenda with additions. Ziegler/Lindon. Approved unopposed.

Regular meeting agenda is suspended for this month's orientation. Welcome to our three new members Joan, Anne and Judy. After self-introductions, Michelle covered our provided notebooks

2. Louis Smith, the attorney for the watershed, gave a presentation on the history of watersheds and their establishments, powers and purposes. The establishment of the CAC was also discussed, and how our watershed is organized.
3. Claire and Scott presented the 10 year plan prioritization tool, as they presented to the Board of Managers at the December meeting. Discussion and comments ensued. Topics covered: does the tool give more emphasis to saving more preserved areas of the watershed vs. restoration? Are costs considered in the final analysis of projects? Is money better spent where dollars can be maximized more efficiently? How can unexpected projects or events be addressed without a plan amendment? Does the tool address boating and swimming needs enough (viewing, walking and kayaking came before those choices on the survey, but all are addressed with the tool.) Is carp management/AIS management in the tool? Does the tool focus too much on One Water? Should there be a rotation of projects from each creek area so monies are distributed across the watershed more fairly? The tool seems to be much more fair, and takes much more into account so monies are used without favoritism. Overall, the CAC felt the tool was quite an improvement over current methods, and does take into account the results of the community survey. The final choice of projects will still need to be thoughtfully chosen by the Board. A motion by Ziegler/Boettcher was approved unopposed to support the tool.

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4. Items on next month's agenda: Elections; review and input on the CAC calendar for 2017; further orientation on Robert's Rules of Order, the Board-CAC communication process discussed midyear 2016, and further orientation on Hydrology, and the formation of subcommittees. Meeting will probably be held at the district's new offices.

- a. Board Workshop, Wednesday February 1, 5:30 pm; Eden Prairie City Center
- b. Board Meeting Wednesday February 1, 7:00 pm; Eden Prairie City Center
- c. CAC Meeting Monday February 27, 6:30 pm District Office

5. Adjournment:

MOTION: To adjourn Boettcher/Palmquist, passed unopposed. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dorothy Pedersen
CAC Chair