

DRAFT Minutes: Monday, January 27, 2020
RPBCWD Citizen’s Advisory Committee Monthly Meeting
Location: RPBCWD offices: 18681 Lake Street, Chanhassen

CAC Members (By each name, put a P=Present, E=Excused, not present but with notification or A=Absent with no notification)

Jim Boettcher	P	Peter Iverson	P	Sharon McCotter	P	Marilynn Torkelson	P
Kim Behrens	E	Michelle Frost	P	Jan Neville	P	Lori Tritz	P
Vanessa Nordstrom	P	Terry Jorgenson	P	Joan Palmquist	E	Heidi Groven	P
Barry Hofer	P	Matt Lindon	E	Samir Penkar	A		

Claire Bleser	RPBCWD Administrator	P
B Laurer	RPBCWD staff	P

Key MOTIONS for the Board of Managers:

1. The CAC recommends that the Duck Lake Template of neighborhood /resident engagement and variety of BMP concentrated in a subwatershed (raingardens, stormwater drain marking, trees and downspout raingardens in a box), be actively promoted to other subwatersheds within the district.
2. The CAC proposed a resolution for Soil Health. Full resolution is given on a separate page.

Key discussion items:

1. Welcome new members of the CAC.

I. Opening

A. Call CAC meeting to Order: President Lori Tritz called the meeting to order at 6:07 pm.

B. Attendance: As noted above.

C. Matters of general public interest: None

D. Approval of Agenda: Sharon moved and Jan seconded to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

E. Approval of December 16, 2019 CAC Meeting Minutes: Jim moved and Sharon seconded to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

F. Claire announced the new CAC@RPBCWD.org dedicated email address for the CAC which will be put on the RPBCWD website.

G. Group CAC photo taken.

II. Learning Presentation: Education and Outreach series (topic of interest identification and prioritization-preparation for 2020 series).

A. Claire-This would be open to the public, not just for CAC members. CAC members proposed Tree Trenches, AIS inspections, Preserve Field Trip, Water Reuse, Soil Health, Groundwater, Stormwater ponds, Salt, Who are you going to call/permits, Stewardship Grants (which is already scheduled for 2/19/20), Pesticide/Herbicide use and effect on water, Pollinators, Lawns to Legumes, Landscape 101, Water Quality Report, Where is the water coming from (sump pump 101), Amphibians & Reptiles. Claire then had each CAC member vote on their top 3 topics.

III. Staff Report:

A. **Pioneer Trail Wetlands** - Claire Three houses on 7 acres have been acquired by the watershed for wetland restoration. Two houses have been demolished. BOM approved a feasibility study which is the first step in determining the cost of the restoration. Once that is complete, the feasibility study will be presented to the BOM.

B. **Duck Lake Subwatershed Projects** - Claire Two Rain Garden agreements have been reached and there is a third RG that is still under discussion. Approx. 15 residents have chosen Rain Garden-in-a-Box a.k.a. Grattix Box. The district has 2 styles that the residents will be asked to choose from. Lori made a motion to adopt the Duck Lake Template to other subwatersheds. Jan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

C. **Summary of Proposed Groundwater Conservation Program** -presented by B- B is developing a program for sustainable management in accordance with the watershed's 10 year plan. Six out of Seven of the WD's cities have been awarded Water Efficiency grants by the Metropolitan Council. None of the cities were awarded the full amount of their applications so the Watershed will help fill in the funding gap. Two groups will be the focus: Residents and Large Campuses. They will be offered Hi efficiency tech rebates, audience specific educational materials and programming, and new technologies. B is nearing completion of the program development and will be beginning the Implementation Phase.

D. Youth Program Volunteer Discussion and Orientation Date Selection - Claire- CAC volunteer to help with E&O at schools.

E. **Speakers Bureau**- next steps- Lori-Pax Christi Church and the Chanhassen Rotary Club are interested. The presentations that have been developed are on the watershed's website under Get Involved.

F. **Community Clean Up Kit**-next steps- Sharon- Add a journal or a log to report the clean up results. She is letting cities know these kits are available for check out. Vanessa proposed having kits at various walking/jogging paths, but there are only 2 kits at this point so that is not currently an option.

G. **Lifetime Fitness/Tennis Balls** In a clean up last summer we collected 100+ tennis balls, most from LifeTime. Sharon said that Joan is pursuing having Lifetime install a higher fence to keep the balls from their tennis courts from being hit into Purgatory Park.

IV. Topics and Discussion

- A. **Board Meeting** – Lori Tritz attended the meeting.
- B. **Google Drive** - B gave a demonstration on how we are going to use it for group communication.
- C. **CAC Calendar**- B gave a review of the calendar and how we are going to use it going forward.

V. Subcommittee Reports:

- A. **Education and Outreach:** Team is currently looking for venues to present: potential with Rotary Club of Chanhassen in April
- B. **Lakes and Streams:** No report
- C. **Stormwater:** Update on cleanup kit
- D. **Landscaping for Water:** In process: Owners Manual for Raingardens to support Duck Lake / subwatershed BMP initiatives

VI. Resolution for Soil Health

- A. A resolution for soil health was written by Marilyn and read by Lori. Sharon moved to accept and Vanessa, seconded. The motion carried.

VII. Upcoming Events.

- A. RPBCWD Board of Managers meeting Feb 5, 2020 at 18681 Lake Drive East
 - 5:30- Meet and greet the board
 - 7:00- Regular Board meeting and St. Hubert's project public hearing
- B. RPBCWD CAC meeting February 24, 2020 at 6:00 pm, 18681 Lake Drive East

VIII. Adjourn CAC meeting: Meeting adjourned at 8:10.