

DRAFT Regular Meeting Minutes – Aug. 6, 2026
RPBCWD Citizen Advisory Committee Monthly Meeting

ATTENDANCE

Status: P = Present | E = Excused | A = Absent without notification

CAC Members

Andrew Aller	P	Jeff Weiss	E	Sharon McCotter	P
Ed Goff	P	Jim Boettcher	P	Susan Morton	E
Hannah Peterson	P	Marcia Kolb	P	Ted Mellby	P
Ian Vaagenes	A	Marilynn Torkelson	P		

Others

Liz Forbes	<i>RPBCWD Staff</i>	P	Dylan Monahan	<i>RPBCWD Staff</i>	P
Tom Duevel	<i>Manager</i>	P	Jill Crafton	<i>Manager</i>	P
Judy Harder	<i>Public Guest</i>	P			

I. Opening

- A. Chair Aller called meeting to order at 6:01 pm.
- B. Ted brought an article from the Star Tribune regarding legal rights and protections for trees. He would like this to be added to the October agenda.
- C. Agenda adopted by all.
- D. June minutes adopted by all.

II. Board Meeting Recap and Discussion: Ed attended the BOM workshop and meeting held on June 17 and provided highlights to the CAC. No CAC members attended the July 15 meeting, so an update was provided by staff.

- A. The Board discussed the draft 2027 budget & levy at both meetings. A public hearing will be held at their August 19 meeting.
- B. At the June 17 meeting, the Board discussed a boundary change with Carver County WMO that affected a few parcels.
- C. The Managers discussed the proposed Marshall Farms development southeast of Lake Riley along Riley Creek.
- D. At the July 15 workshop, the managers decided on a final draft mission & vision statement to move forward with for the 10-year plan update.
- E. The managers also discussed a feasibility study for the Meadowcroft area culvert replacement and creek stabilization.

III. Program and Project Updates – Staff

- A. Dylan provided an overview of “The Grate Drain Race.” This event is a friendly competition with Nine Mile Creek Watershed District to see who can encourage the most adopted storm drains.
- B. Dorothy Pedersen was not reappointed to the Board of Managers. Hennepin County appointed Jessica Loftus to her seat, who will begin serving on the Board at the August meeting.

- C. Natural Resources Manager Zach Dickhausen has moved out of the country and had his last day in office on July 31st.

IV. 10-Year Plan Update Exercise

- A. The District received communication from BWSR that has given us an extra year to complete the plan update. Staff presented an updated timeline, highlighting the engagement events that are being planned to fill the extra time.
- B. Through the Regenerative Watershed Governance project being done for the District by Kowsar Mohamed, community groups are currently being identified. The CAC discussed the community organizations that they see as most important to engage with to reach more people with the plan update.
- C. Staff provided CAC with the Managers' updated mission & vision.
- D. Dylan then went over the current plan's project prioritization metrics and prompted CAC members to think about how they'd change these metrics for the plan update.

V. CAC Process and Function

A. Discussion Items

- i. Ed brought up the CAC Google Drive, which he had previously volunteered to reorganize. The committee determined to have its members with the most experience discuss items of historical significance with Ed.

B. Member reports

- i. Committee/project interest and ideas (leadership needed)
 - 1. Hannah gave an overview of the HOA Stormwater Education Workshop that is being planned for October. A CAC subcommittee has been meeting to plan this event, which will be held at The Preserve Association in Eden Prairie. The District has posted a form on their website to encourage people to submit their HOAs to build an inventory.
 - 2. Sharon brought up an idea for the CAC to host a Meet & Greet with the CACs of neighboring watershed districts. She will work on a proposal for the October meeting and members will discuss if they'll need manager approval for catering costs.

VI. Upcoming Events and Adjournment

A. Events

- Marilyn promoted weekly buckthorn removal events hosted by Friends of Eden Prairie Parks, to be hosted on Wednesdays from 9:30-11:30 through October.

B. Upcoming CAC Regular Meetings: Oct 1, Dec 10

C. Upcoming BOM regular meetings: Aug 19, Sept 23, Oct 21, Nov 18, Dec 18.

D. The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 pm.