

DRAFT Regular Meeting Minutes – October 1, 2026
RPBCWD Citizen Advisory Committee Monthly Meeting

ATTENDANCE

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

CAC Members

Andrew Aller	P
Ed Goff	P
Hannah Peterson	P
Ian Vaagenes	P

Jeff Weiss	P
Jim Boettcher	E
Marcia Kolb	E
Marilynn Torkelson	P

Sharon McCotter	P
Susan Morton	P
Ted Mellby	E

Others

Liz Forbes	<i>RPBCWD Staff</i>	P
Dylan Monahan	<i>RPBCWD Staff</i>	P
Bonnie Nelson	<i>BOM</i>	P

I. Opening

- A. Chair Aller called meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.
- B. Attendance noted
- C. Matters of general public interest
 - i. At the August meeting, Ted Mellby provided Chair Aller with an article called “Who Speaks for the Trees” dated July 3, 2026. The article was published in the New York Times and Chair Aller encouraged all to read it.
- D. Agenda adopted by all.
- E. Previous minutes of August 6 meeting were approved by all.

II. Board Meeting Recap and Discussion: August 19 Board of Manager’s (BOM) meeting was attended by Marcia Kolb and re-capped by Dylan Monahan in Marcia’s absence this evening. The September 23 BOM was attended by Jeff Weiss and re-capped by Jeff below.

- A. Dylan indicated that the August meeting had no workshop and had a light agenda. A new Manager, Jessica Loftus, was appointed and attended the meeting and at this meeting, Manager Tom Duevel was appointed President. There was a public hearing on the 2027 budget and levy, and these were both approved. A variance and permit were approved for Minnetonka Middle School East.
- B. Jeff Weiss indicated that the workshop focus was to review and discuss the Ecosystem Health Action Plan (EHAP). The BOM meeting covered re-assigning committee appointments and approving a new Water Resources position for the district. There was also some discussion about the upcoming move of the District Office and variances required by upcoming Eden Prairie Road construction.

III. District Program and Project Updates – Staff

- A. Dylan stated that Sam Stansberry has taken over the new Water Resources Technician position.

- B. Dylan reported on an October 12 event called Trick or Treat for Seeds which will be held at the Carver County Government Center. The purpose is to collect native seeds before the area is demolished for future construction. The event will be held from 4:30 to 7:00 at 600 E. 4th St in Chaska.
- C. Dylan summarized the Grate Drain Race, which is ongoing and is a competition with the Nine-Mile Creek Watershed.
- D. Dylan brought up the upcoming Minnesota Watershed Conference in Nisswa to be held from December 2 to December 4. Dylan stated that 2 CAC members will be funded to go to this and if there is interest by anyone to please reach out to him.

IV. CAC Process and Function

A. Discussion Items

- i. Dylan mentioned the De-Listing Celebration and Fall Tour recently held, and several CAC members were present. CAC members provided feedback on the event.
- ii. Ed Goff discussed Google Drive and stated he is currently reorganizing this into folders.
- iii. Discussion was held on CAC applications that are due between October 1 and November 15.

B. Member reports

- i. Hannah Peterson gave an update on an upcoming presentation on October 27, which will be Stormwater 101 for HOAs and will be held at the Preserve Association Barn.
- ii. There was a lengthy discussion led by Sharon McCotter about hosting a meeting with other local watershed/organization CACs next year. Dylan agreed to facilitate the meeting. Sharon will continue to work on organizing this activity along with CAC members who volunteered to assist: Susan Morton, Ian Vaagenes, Andrew Aller, and Ed Goff. Sharon made a formal motion to move forward on this activity, Andrew Aller seconded, and all CAC members present agreed.
- iii. Marilyn Torkelson mentioned that the Friends of Minnetonka and Eden Prairie Parks are having buckthorn events through October.

V. Upcoming Events and Adjournment

A. District events

- None

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

C. Upcoming BOM regular meetings: Oct 21, Nov 18, Dec 16

- BOM workshops: Scheduled as needed; usually occur before regular meeting
- Meeting adjourned by Chair Aller at 7:49 p.m.