

**MEETING NOTES OF THE
COMFORT LAKE-FOREST LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT
CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Tuesday, October 2, 2018**

Present: Jerry Grundtner (Chair), Bruce Anderson, Jen Oknich, Randy Schumacher, Jack MacKenzie
Others: Jessica Lindemyer (CLFLWD Staff)

1. Update on Watershed District Activities

A. General

Watershed Assistant, Jessica Lindemyer, provided the Committee with an update on the District's activities since the last CAC meeting on August 7th. She highlighted the upcoming alum treatment on Moody lake for which a public demonstration was being held on Wednesday, October 3rd and invited committee members to attend.

B. Administrator Report

The September 27th Administrator's report was handed out to committee members present.

C. Status of Board members

Mr. Grundtner updated the committee on the status of the District's Board members. Assistant Treasurer, Jackie McNamara, has officially resigned from her position on the Board. Secretary, Wayne Moe, whose term expired in September has indicated that while he is not interested in being reappointed for a full term he is willing to stay on until spring of 2019 to allow more time for the county to find a replacement. Current CAC member, Jen Oknich, has applied for a manager position on the District Board. She has interviewed with the County and if appointed would likely fill the position left by Mgr. McNamara. Ms. Oknich is hoping to hear back from the County on their decision within the week.

D. Staffing Additions

Ms. Lindemyer informed the committee that an applicant by the name of Rachel Funke has accepted the position of Seasonal Technician and will be starting on October 22nd. She also noted that an offer letter has been extended to an applicant to fill the part-time role of Administrative Assistant.

E. 2019 Budget

Mr. Grundtner informed the Committee that a special board meeting is scheduled for October 11th at which the Board plans to wrap up its 2019 budget prioritization discussions.

2. Updates from Jack MacKenzie

Committee member, Jack MacKenzie summarized an upcoming storm drain stenciling event that he has planned in partnership with the Forest Lake High School Environmental Club. He noted that he will be going into the school prior to the event to speak talk with the Club about the impact of stormwater and the importance of educating others about storm drains. The event is tentatively scheduled for October 10th with an alternate date of October 11th.

3. Status of Watershed Champion Award

The Committee discussed the current status of the Watershed Champion Award program. Ms. Lindemyer summarized where discussions on the program had left off. Earlier in the year the Board asked Manager McNamara to work with Program Assistant Mike Sorensen, Ms. Lindemyer, and Mr. Grundtner to finalize the program. This group was only able to meet once before both Mr. Sorensen and Manager McNamara left the District. As a result, progress on the finalization of the program has significantly slowed. Ms. Lindemyer cautioned the CAC on attempting to roll out the program this year as much of the groundwork still needs to be done. Mr. Grundtner asked that a summary of the program and copies of the nomination form be brought to the November CAC meeting. Ms. Lindemyer indicated that she would make those items available as requested.

4. 2019 Potential Projects

There was a general discussion regarding potential project ideas for the CAC to take on in 2019. Topics discussed included the potential for another district tour, introducing the Adopt-a-Drain program to the area, and education of elected officials. Mr. Grundtner made note that this topic will be on the agenda for the November CAC meeting as well for the Committee to continue its discussions.

5. McGregor Lakes Foundation

This agenda item was tabled until November due to the absence of Committee member Curt Sparks who had introduced the topic at a meeting earlier this year.

6. Other Discussion

A. Lake Association Liaisons

There was discussion about the potential for designating a District staff, CAC, or Board member as lake association liaisons. The CAC already has at least one member from each established lake association (Comfort, Bone, & Forest) on the committee and as such informal liaisons have sort of already been established. Ms. Lindemyer noted that one benefit to formalizing the lake association liaisons would be in regards to staff communications on lake-specific updates. Currently District staff send lake specific updates to the lake association presidents; should liaisons be established, the updates would be sent to them as well. There was general consensus among Committee members to table the discussion for now and bring it to the attention of the Board at a future Board meeting.

B. BMP Programs

No discussion.

C. Other

The CAC reviewed an update provided by Angie Hong via e-mail prior to the meeting. Highlights included a realtor workshop scheduled for November 28th, Project WET teacher workshop in early October, a survey for the Lower St. Croix One Watershed-One Plan planning effort, and the introduction of one new Master Water Steward from Lake Keewatin.