

**MINUTES OF THE CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC)
OF THE
COMFORT LAKE -FOREST LAKE
WATERSHED DISTRICT**

THURSDAY, JULY 19, 2012

1) **Call to Order**

Administrator Thomas called the CAC meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. at the Forest Lake City Offices, 220 North Lake Street, Forest Lake, Minnesota

Present: Bruce Anderson, Steve Schmaltz, Curt Sparks
Staff: Doug Thomas

2) **Introductions/Member Updates**

3) **Update on Current Projects**

Administrator Thomas provided members with an update/overview on the following projects/activities:

a) **Bone & Moody Lake Restoration Project.**

- Overview of project goal of reducing in-lake phosphorous concentrations.
- Water quality goals for Moody & Bone lakes and relationship of Moody Lake to downstream water quality of Bone Lake.
- Engineering study and recommendations.
- Explanation of Moody Lake in-lake phosphorous reduction recommendations which include fisheries management and lake sediment treatment to immobilize phosphorous in the bottom sediments.
- Bone Lake fish barrier project.
- Goal for additional watershed load reduction projects.

Curt Sparks commented on the hypolimnetic option and offered that based on his experience it has been done enough to know that it is not a reliable treatment method and its use largely abandoned.

b) **Sunrise River Water Quality and Flowage Management Project.**

- Project purpose.
- Summary of investigations that were completed as part of developing the final Engineers report.
- Overview of the three regional projects that were identified as feasible and a description of what each project would entail.

- Overview of the urban stormwater retrofit aspect of the report.
- Overview of estimated cost and phosphorus reduction estimates.
- Next steps in process of ordering the project.

c) **Districts draft 2013 Work Plan/Budget**

- Administrator Thomas went through the 2013 work plan and highlighted projects that have been done or will be done in 2012 and what new activities/projects are slated to be carried out in 2013.

Steve Schmaltz asked about the concept behind the Sunrise Project and offered an opinion on the importance of Forest Lake to the area both recreationally and economically.

Administrator Thomas gave some background on the creation of the District and the role that was played by residents on Comfort Lake along with the petition nature of the Sunrise River Project. He also pointed out the 2012 project map and the proposed 2013 projects and stated that he felt that the programs and projects are well distributed and are directed at reducing phosphorous loads on our major recreational lakes.

Curt Sparks commented on the importance of Shields Lake and wetland areas south of Tim's marina and asked if anything is being planned in these areas. Administrator Thomas noted that monitoring of Shield Lake is being done again and in a couple of years we will know if the District will need to go back and address the phosphorus concentration in Shields Lake. Steve Schmaltz commented on a large wetland area by Hayward Avenue that drains to the lake. Curt Sparks mentioned some old work that was done in the early days of the Forest Lake Watershed Management Organization and that unless the wetland had been ditched it is not likely to be a big source of phosphorus.

4) **Other Items**

None

5) **Adjourn**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Next meeting November 8, 2012