

CLFLWD CAC Meeting Minutes – Nov. 3, 2015

Attending:

- Jerry Grundtner (Forest Lake)
- Curt Sparks and Jack MacKenzie (Sylvan Lake)
- Sam Hathaway (Bone Lake)
- Nicole Meis
- Mike Kinney (CLFLWD)
- Angie Hong (EMWREP)

Review Oct. 6 meeting minutes: Jerry distributed the meeting minutes from October. There were no comments or corrections.

Update on CAC members: Kathy Blomquist has decided to step down from the CAC. Nicole Meis is interested in joining. She lives near Comfort Lake and runs the environmental division for Royal Concrete, a local business.

Update on CLFLWD activities:

- The district is working on strategies to mitigate beaver issues on Bone Lake.
- The bid is open for the Bixby Park Project and they have 7 proposals so far. The low bid is \$420,000; all the others are over \$550,000. The project involves installing two weir structures in an abandoned ditch to direct more water to a wetland complex. They will be removing 5000 cubic acres of material. The project will improve wildlife habitat and reduce phosphorus flowing downstream to Comfort Lake by 206 pounds per year.
- There will be some realignment of boundaries between Rice Creek WD and CLFLWD in the coming year.
- The district is currently looking to hire a program assistant.
- AIS education signs will be installed at entrances and exits to two boat launches on Forest Lake (1st and 3rd) in November.

Presentations of action item subcommittees:

1. **Cost-Share Program:** Jerry distributed a document prepared by himself and Bruce Anderson with recommended changes to the CLFLWD cost-share program. A lengthy discussion ensued.
 - a. Earlier this year, the CLFLWD board changed its cost-share formula to a performance-based model. This fall, they decided to change back to the previous formula which provides 50% funding for eligible practices, up to \$3000.
 - b. There is a sense that communications problems between interested residents, CLFLWD, and Washington Conservation District (WCD) staff over the years have resulted in fewer projects within the district, despite high levels of interest each spring. Most years only 3-4 projects are completed, despite high attendance at workshops and many site visit requests. The high cost of shoreline projects is also a problem, as are concerns about ice heaves along Forest Lake.

