

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE
COMFORT LAKE–FOREST LAKE
WATERSHED DISTRICT
Tuesday, May 18, 2021**

1. Call to Order

President Spence called the May 18, 2021, special board meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. via online video conference.

Present: President Jon Spence, Vice President Jackie Anderson, Secretary Jen Oknich, Treasurer Steve Schmaltz.

Others: Mike Kinney, Emily Heinz, Garrett Miller (CLFLWD staff); Meghan Funke, (Emmons & Olivier Resources).

2. Watershed Management Plan Workshop

Planning Coordinator Emily Heinz explained the District received two questions from members of the public and over 80 comments from review agencies as part of the 60-day public review period. She indicated that most of the comments do not require significant revision to the Watershed Management Plan (WMP). In fact, many of the review agencies commended the District on a well-written WMP. Ms. Heinz indicated there were just a handful of comments that seem significant enough to discuss at the workshop; most of which were submitted by Board of Water and Soil Resources Board Manager, Dan Fabian. Ms. Heinz noted she and Dr. Meghan Funke met with Mr. Fabian prior to the workshop to clarify some of his comments; mainly the ones pertaining to goals and metrics.

The Board discussed Mr. Fabian's comment about making some of the program goals and metrics more closely tied together. Board members agreed not to make any changes to the goals themselves, but to add some clarifying language to the metrics about how the District will establish baselines from which to measure.

Ms. Heinz reviewed additional WMP revisions including:

- Bone Lake Southwest Tributary was removed from the priority streams list because it does not have a definable channel. This tributary will still be an area of focus as it relates to protecting water quality in Bone Lake, but it is not appropriate to set in-stream goals for this tributary.
- Implementation item 3006E Boundary Review was added to the 3006 Interagency Communication Program. This item has been on the District's radar for a while, and is mentioned in the Bone Lake Management District Profile section, but didn't have a specific implementation line item/WMP code. Adding this item will make budgeting and planning clearer.

The Board discussed the lake association grant program as it relates to its place in the current 2012-2021 WMP as well as the draft 2022-2031 WMP. This item was last discussed at the May 13th regular board meeting. Manager Anderson indicated the District should frame this program as part of the existing 3004D Community Grant Program under the 3004 Non-Point Source Pollution Abatement Program. This program would be targeted to lake associations and would expand beyond non-point source projects to include projects such as public education/outreach and aquatic invasive species treatments. The Board had previously discussed wanting to keep the eligibility requirements open-ended so that lake associations can get creative with the funds. Ms. Heinz indicated that she emailed with Dan Fabian to see whether an amendment to the current WMP is needed, considering the lake association grant program expands beyond the description of the current “non-point source pollution abatement” program. She explained that Mr. Fabian indicated making major changes to the implementation plan at this stage in the planning process (after the 60-day review period) is not ideal, because the review agencies will not have much time to review the associated program description. The District should at least address this topic as if it were a comment received during the 60-day period and provide a response in the comment-response matrix. The Board agreed to direct Manager Anderson, Administrator Kinney and Legal Counsel Holtman to connect with Mr. Fabian in order to ensure the District is in compliance with BWSR requirements for this program.

Manager Anderson reviewed several minor revisions to the Introduction section and indicated she would send them in writing to staff to be incorporated into the WMP and the comment-response matrix.

3. Adjourn

a) Next regular board meeting – May 27, 2021

Manager Anderson moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Manager Schmaltz. Upon a roll call vote, the motion carried 4-0, and the meeting was adjourned at 12:13 p.m.

Manager	Aye	Nay	Absent
Jon Spence	X		
Jackie Anderson	X		
Stephen Schmaltz	X		
Jen Oknich	X		

Jen Oknich, Secretary _____