

**MEETING NOTES OF THE  
COMFORT LAKE-FOREST LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT  
CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
Tuesday, September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020**

Present: Tom Furey, Curt Sparks, Jerry Grundtner

Others: Jessica Lindemyer (CLFLWD Staff)

**1. Watershed Activities Update**

**a) Administrator's Report Highlight**

Operations & Outreach Specialist, Jessica Lindemyer, provided the Committee with various updates regarding District activities over the last several months. These updates included the recently adopted 2021 budget and levy, three Clean Water Fund grant applications, and the recently acquired jon boat.

Committee Member, Tom Furey, inquired as to whether the volunteer water monitoring data was useful in the grant application for the Bone Lake NE Wetland Restoration project. Ms. Lindemyer indicated that she was not familiar with what data was used in the application but that she would inquire with the staff involved in drafting the grant application.

**b) Other**

Ms. Lindemyer provided the Committee with a summary of upcoming board meetings including a joint board-council workshop with the City of Forest Lake on September 21<sup>st</sup>.

**2. Volunteer Event**

Ms. Lindemyer shared the details of the upcoming Watershed Cleanup volunteer event scheduled for Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am – 12:00pm. The event will be held in accordance with Xcel Energy's day of service. Volunteers will help stencil storm drains, pick-up litter, and promote the Adopt-a-Drain program.

Committee Member, Jerry Grundtner, inquired about how the event was being promoted. Ms. Lindemyer indicated that the event was shared on Facebook, Nextdoor, the event section of local newspapers, and the District website and email list serv.

**3. Watershed Management Plan**

Ms. Lindemyer informed the Committee of the Board's decision to push back the 60-day review period for the Watershed Management Plan (WMP) from November to January. She noted that more content will be published with the September board packets and will be shared with the Committee for their review and feedback.

Committee Member, Curt Sparks, indicated that he would review the documents when they become available and would submit feedback in writing.

**4. CAC Member Update**

Mr. Sparks provided a recap of recent discussions he had with the management at the Forest Lake Office Max. He noted that management was very interested in local efforts to increase appreciation for local water resources and would be interested in working with the District to put together a proposal for environmentally friendly office furniture when the District moves offices.

**5. Election of Chairperson**

Over the past year the CAC has chosen to defer the election of a Chairperson until such time that a member is interested in the position. The item will be brought forward again at the October meeting.