

CAC Meeting

May 1, 2018

Agenda

5:00 – 6:30 PM

Committee Attendees: Jerry Grundtner (Chair), Bruce Anderson, Curt Sparks

Other Attendees: Mike Sorensen (CLFLWD Program Assistant), Jessica Lindemyer (CLFLWD Watershed Assistant)

- Update on Watershed District activities
 1. General
 - Mike S. informed the group that he has accepted a position with the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board as the Aquatic Invasive Species Program Administrator. His last day will be on Friday, May 4th. He thanked the CAC members for all of their hard work and dedication to the District. He also noted that Jessica Lindemyer will be taking over as the staff liaison to the CAC.
 - The next regular meeting of the CLFLWD Board of Managers is on Wednesday, May 9th and will be held in the Community Room of the Forest Lake City Center. The May 24th meeting has also been moved. At this time it is scheduled to be held on the 22nd in the Council Chambers of the Forest Lake City Center.
 - Mike S. informed the group of an upcoming joint Lake Association Meeting for Washington and Chisago County scheduled for Thursday, May 17th. DNR Fisheries Chief, Don Pereira, will be providing the keynote presentation.
 - Information about ordering rain barrels and compost bins through the Washington Conservation District was handed out.
 - Mike S. Provided a brief update on the scheduled East Metro Water Resource Education Program (EMWREP) activities for the summer. EMWREP, on behalf of the District, will be hosting at Arts in the Park on June 28th and will be developing water education materials that the Forest Lake Lake Association will be able to use at their booth for the duration of the Arts in the Park season. EMWREP will also be moving forward with another realtor workshop for the area, to be held in Forest Lake.

2. Administrator Report

- The April 19th Administrator's Report was distributed.
- Updates from Jack MacKenzie
 1. Jessica reminded the group of two upcoming events hosted by the District in partnership with Jack MacKenzie and the St. Croix Master Watershed Stewards program. The Turf Talk: Double Feature event will be held Saturday, May 12th in the Community Room of the Forest Lake City Center and Storm Drain Stenciling will be held on Saturday, May 19th at the District Office. She encouraged the CAC members to help spread the word of these events as RSVP numbers are currently much lower than expected.
- Watershed Champion Award

Copies of the two most recent award program frameworks, which were discussed briefly at the April 19th regular board meeting, were handed out. Mike S. noted that there was not a consensus among the board regarding the number of awards that should be given out. Mgr. McNamara was appointed by the Board to work with staff and Jerry Grundtner to finalize the framework for final approval by the Board. They plan to meet on Thursday, May 3rd to discuss the program in more detail. Jerry clarified with the group that he is looking for the CAC to provide a recommendation on the program that he can bring to the meeting on May 3rd.

1. Review number of awards

- Mike S. provided an over view of the differences between the two existing frameworks. The original framework is built with six (6) different award categories, four (4) of which would be nominated by the public and two (2) which would be nominated by the Board. The second framework, which was presented to the Board as the CAC and Staff recommendation, is built with two (2) different award categories, both of which could be nominated by the public and the Board.
- The group discussed the expectations for the number of nominations and what would be a realistic number to receive in the first couple of years. It was suggested that it may be smarter to have a smaller, more successful, program for the first couple of years and then expand the program in future years based on success and community interest.
- Curt Sparks shared his experience with the SWCD's community award program and how often times there will be an individual who gets nominated year-after-year.

- The general consensus of the CAC was that the District can always add more awards based on the success of the program.
- 2. Overall discussion & Nominations
 - The group briefly discussed the topic of a timeframe limitation for which can acts must completed in order to be nominated. For example, the program could state that only acts of stewardships completed in the last two years are eligible to receive the award. There was general consensus that a timeframe limitation does not need to be established.
- Discussion on EMWREP activities for 2018
 1. A brief review was given of the EMWREP activities touched on at beginning of the meeting.
 2. Jerry noted that he has received the list of educators in the area from Angie that she has been struggling to establish partnerships with. He will be reaching out to those teachers and principals in the area over the next several months in hopes of being able to make some connections for this fall.
 3. The CAC was asked to continue brainstorming ideas for EMWREP to work on.
- 2018 Potential Projects
 1. Jerry confirmed that the NEMO meeting is moving forward in 2018.
 2. There was discussion about the planning needed to establish lake trips for elected officials in the area. It was suggested that the Lake Associations should be the ones really leading the efforts to encourage the elected officials to take part and to organize the boats. The District would sponsor the event and provide support in providing educational materials.
- Other Discussion
 1. There was a brief discussion on the draft monitoring report which was presented at the April 19th board meeting.
 2. Jerry noted that the Board will begin its budget planning process in June.
 3. The next CAC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 5th