

CAC Meeting
August 7, 2018
Meeting Notes
5:00 – 6:30 PM

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

Other Attendees: Mike Kinney (District Administrator), Peter Brennhofer (CLFLWD Seasonal Technician), Jackie Anderson (CLFLWD Board President)

- Update on Watershed District Activities
 1. General
 - The meeting agenda for the August 9th regular Board meeting was handed out along with the invite for the Moody Lake Alum Treatment Project Open House which is scheduled for August 21st. Administrator Kinney explained the purpose of the event is to provide information to the public on the project tasks and goals.
 - Administrator Kinney mentioned that the District will also be holding a Project Open House for the Shields Lake Stormwater Harvest, Irrigation Reuse System & Alum Treatment which is tentatively scheduled for late August.
 2. Administrator Report
 - The July 26th Administrator's Report was distributed.
[Administrator Kinney departs]
- Review of McGregor Lakes Foundation information
 1. Objective
 - Curt Sparks provided the group with an overview of how the Big Sandy Lakes Foundation was started and how it later became the McGregor Lakes Area Foundation.
 - The full summary of the Foundation is attached.
 2. Will it work for CLFLWD?
 - Mgr. Anderson commented that she was unsure if the CLFLWD could receive donations as it obtains taxpayer dollars for its programs and projects through its levy. She noted that a program like this would likely have better success if it was set up with the help of the lake associations in the area.
 - Curt suggested that if the District is interested in the idea it would be best to reach out to an existing local foundation and see if they would be open to a partnership to develop an environmentally focused program.
 3. Timetable
 - There was discussion among the group that should the District be interested in moving forward with the ideas related to the Foundation that it would likely need to be staggered in relation to the implementation other District activities as it would be a large undertaking to get off the ground. There would also need to be

discussion with the District's Attorney so as to understand what the District can and cannot do in relation to receiving donations.

4. Funding
 - Curt Sparks provided an overview of how the McGregor Lakes Foundation is funded. He noted that the annual event functions as a fundraiser with a \$50 cost for attendees. Very little is purchased for the event itself as food and drink are donated. These donations allow for the majority of attendance fees to go directly to the Foundation. Curt also noted that the Foundation did not start by asking businesses to donate money but rather business choose to donate for the promotional opportunities. Recently the Foundation has begun looking into setting up the option for legacy donations as well.
5. Next Steps
 - Jerry believes that foundation needs to be a discussion outside of the watershed district. He noted that partnering with existing foundations in the area would be a good place to start. However, the Water Institute could be something pursued by the CLFLWD itself.
 - Mgr. Anderson inquired about the CLFLWD and/or lake associations setting up community scholarships for individuals going into the environmental field. She noted that this topic would likely need to be discussed with the District's Attorney before moving forward.
6. Foundation Champion
 - The discussion to nominate a CAC 'champion' to spearhead the project was tabled for this meeting.
 - Mgr. Anderson briefly brought up the topic of the District's Watershed Champion Award program noting that she would like to start seeing the program advertised.
- Other Discussion
 1. BMP Program
 - Mgr. Anderson expressed her disappointment with the District's Best Management Practices (BMP) Program. She noted that the purpose of the program is to educate the community and she feels the program has languished for several years.
 - She informed the CAC that the Agricultural BMP Program is being implemented this coming year and will be utilizing a tiered system to prioritize potential projects and available funding. She stated that she would like to see this approach applied to the other BMP programs such as the residential, community, and municipal programs.
 - Discussion turned to the DNR