

# CAC Meeting

April 10, 2018

## Agenda

5:00 – 6:30 PM

**Committee Attendees:** Jerry Grundtner (Chair), Randy Schumacher, Bruce Anderson, Jack MacKenzie, Sam Hathaway

**Other Attendees:** Mike Sorensen (CLFLWD Program Assistant), Jackie Anderson (CLFLWD Board President), Jen Oknich (Prospective CAC Member)

- Update on WSD activities
  1. General
    - The next regular meeting of the CLFLWD Board of Managers is on Thursday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at the District office at 6:30 pm.
    - A newspaper article about the Moody Lake Wetland Rehabilitation Project was recently published in the Forest Lake Lowdown and the Chisago County Press. Copies of the article were distributed to CAC members who had not seen it in the newspaper.
    - Mike S. told the group about how to view and share CLFLWD event information using the District's website and Facebook page. He went on to suggest that the CAC members help staff spread awareness of upcoming District events.
  2. Administrator Report
    - The February 16<sup>th</sup> and March 16<sup>th</sup> Administrator's Reports were distributed.
  3. Status of Watershed Champion Award
    - Mike S. reported that the District awards program framework was presented to the Board of Managers at both their February 22<sup>nd</sup> and March 22<sup>nd</sup> meetings. The Board of Managers was supportive of the framework but has not yet determined how many awards will be given out each year. The Board moved to elect Mgr. Jackie McNamara as the Board's liaison for the development of the program. Mgr. McNamara will work with staff and CAC chair Jerry Grundtner to finalize the program framework before bringing it back to the board for final approval.

- Manager Anderson noted that the aforementioned group will also be working on suggestions for the venue and event where the awards will be given out. She said that the event will be an excellent opportunity to share the District's achievements from the previous year and what is planned for the upcoming year. The event could also have a portion where the District's partners are able to host a booth that educates attendees about their agency or organization. Jack M. recommended that the event be held at Forest Hills Golf Club (FHGC) so that attendees could learn more about the water reuse project that will be constructed at FHGC in the next year.
- Mike S. showed the group an outreach plan that staff had made for advertising the award program. The outreach would take place in digital and print media as well as through spoken word. The advertisements would occur in three pulses (May, August, and October) and would lead up to a November 15<sup>th</sup> nomination due date.
- Updates from Jack MacKenzie
  1. Parks, Lakes, and Trails Commission updates
    - Jack did not have an update
  2. Stenciling event
    - Jack has started to advertise for the 2018 storm drain stenciling event that he is helping lead. He has reached out to the Forest Lake High School Environmental Club and other organizations.
    - There was discussion about whether or not the stencils that were installed last year made it through the winter in good shape or not. Jerry said that he would look at some of the stencils and report back to the group. The group discussed which types of paint are available for activities such as stenciling and Jack said that he would do some research to ensure that we are using the highest-quality paint possible for the stencils.
  3. Turf Talks
    - Jack reported that he has led seven Turf Talk classes so far in 2018 and they have been attended by a total of 36 people. He is planning to offer a Turf Talk double feature (level 1 and level 2 talks back-to-back) at Forest Lake City Hall from 8:00-11:30 AM on Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup>.
    - Mike S. handed out Turf Talk advertising posters and asked the group to help hang them up at community locations such as the public library or YMCA.

- Review and comment on WSD 2017 Annual Report
  1. Mike S. said that he had received comments on the 2017 Annual Report from a few CAC members. He asked that anyone else who wants to submit feedback do so by the end of the day on Thursday, April 12<sup>th</sup>.
  
- Discussion on EMWREP activities for 2018
  1. Angie Hong handed out materials that summarized EMWREP's 2017 activities and planned activities for 2018. Some of EMWREP's 2017 activities included: helping host an aquatic invasive species workshop at Lakeside Park in June, attending Arts in the Park at Lakeside Park, hosted a rain garden maintenance workshop, and coordinating the training and capstone projects of Master Water Steward candidates.
  2. Angie then highlighted some new materials that EMWREP developed in the last year. One example was a neighborhood clean-up kit of information that can be used to help citizens organize clean-up events. EMWREP staff adapted this material so that it could be used for raingarden clean-up events specifically. Angie noted that an adopt-a-raingarden program is being piloted in Stillwater this year and that it could be expanded to other communities in future years.
  3. EMWREP is in the process of creating watershed postcards that can be handed to the public at community events. They would like to make one postcard for each of the watershed districts in Washington County (including the CLFLWD) that would have some kind of sketch or image on the front side and information about the watershed and noteworthy landmarks to see in the watershed on the back side.
  4. Angie created an MS4 toolkit with the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) in 2007 and received a \$50,000 grant this year to update the materials and create new materials. This MS4 toolkit can be used to educate municipal officials and staff as-well-as the general public.
  5. Jerry suggested that the CAC could draft a list of events that EMWREP could either attend or host on behalf of the CLFLWD in 2018. Manager Anderson said that it would be nice if EMWREP could host a realtor workshop in Forest Lake this year. Angie said that she would check the attendance sheet of the April 5<sup>th</sup> realtor workshop that was held in Stillwater to see how many Forest Lake-area realtors attended. A separate workshop could potentially be hosted in Forest Lake if there appears to be an interest on behalf of the local realtors. Jerry said that a workshop for builders and developers would be very useful in addition to a realtor workshop. Jen suggested that the District create some kind of

certification process for local builders and developers who attend workshops hosted by the District. The certification could end up being an advertising tool for the building companies.

6. Angie said that she hopes to hold a joint lake association meeting in Scandia or Forest Lake on either May 5<sup>th</sup> or May 17<sup>th</sup>. She hopes to use the meeting as a chance to solicit input about One Watershed One Plan from lake association members but plans to discuss other topics, such as aquatic invasive species, as well.
  7. Jerry asked Angie if she had any thoughts about hosting a Nonpoint Education for Municipal Officials (NEMO) workshop this year and Angie said that she is ready to move forward if the Board of Managers would like her to do so.
  8. Jerry asked about the 4<sup>th</sup> grade student education that EMWREP did in 2017 and whether any of the schools were in the Forest Lake area. Angie said that the schools were all in the southern portion of Washington County. She said that she reached out to all of the Forest Lake-area schools but didn't receive a response from any of them. Jerry said he would touch base with some of the local schools and see if they would be receptive to have EMWREP come into their classroom in 2018.
  9. Angie said that the White Bear Lake school district recently developed water resource education curriculum for grades K-12 that could be shared with other school districts in the area.
  10. Angie will be attending next Thursday's (4/19) CLFLWD Board of Managers meeting and plans to provide some of this same information there as well.
- 2018 Potential Projects
    1. Native wildflower plantings
      - This will not happen this spring, since the high school is currently being renovated and the greenhouse is not completed and ready to grow plants yet.
    2. Other types of community outreach
      - Nemo meeting
      - Lake trip for elected officials
        - The group expressed an interest in moving both of these events forward in 2018.
    3. CAC members at board meetings
    4. Other
      - Jack M. said that he thinks the District should consider creating a new logo and even changing its name as a way to improve its image with the

public. Manager Anderson said that a logo change could be considered by the Board of Managers if the CAC recommends that it be an issue of discussion.