

**MEETING NOTES OF THE  
COMFORT LAKE-FOREST LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT  
CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

**Present:**, Randy Schumacher, Curt Sparks, Tom Furey, Geneva Kubal, Ted Hansen

**Others:** Manager Steve Schmaltz, Mike Miron, Aidan Read, Garrett Miller

**1. Watershed Update**

Aidan Read, Land Management Specialist, provided an update on activities around the District, including the pending activation of aerators on Shields and Moody Lakes, and the beginning of construction activities for the Sunrise river Wetland Restoration. Mr. Read also provided a summary of the presentations District staff gave at the Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts conference. The only question was from Randy Schumacher regarding the funding source for the Sunrise Wetland Restoration. Mr. Read detailed that the project was being funded from a mix of Clean Water Funds, levy dollars, and watershed-based implementation funding from the Lower Saint Croix Partnership.

**2. Shoreline Program Update**

Mr. Read gave a brief update on staff activities related to the developing shoreline program. This update included a synopsis of the anticipated budget breakdown, and the main spending categories of the revised non-point source pollution residential cost-share program. These categories include a revised plant grant/mini-grant, a traditional cost-share grant, and an experimental “payments for ecological services” program. The consensus of the Committee was that the development of this program is heading in the right direction, and the increased budget is a positive step.

**3. Aquatic Invasive Species End of Year Update**

Garrett Miller, Watershed Assistant, gave an in-depth presentation to the Committee on aquatic invasive species (AIS) management activities in 2022. The presentation was a draft of the presentation that will be provided to the Board of Managers. In the interest of time, committee members were asked to provide their questions directly to Mr. Miller or Mr. Read after the meeting.

**4. Calendar approved**

The 2023 meeting calendar was approved. The Committee will be meeting on the Tuesday in-between Board of Managers meetings, at the usual 5:00pm time slot. Meetings will continue to be held remotely via Zoom video conference.

**5. Goal setting**

This agenda item was tabled until the next meeting.

**6. Closing and election of Chair**

Tom Furey was elected as Chair for the January meeting.

Manager Schmaltz provided remarks commending the Committee and staff for the excellent work in 2022, and encouraged them to continue their good work in the coming year.

*Next regular meeting of the Citizen's Advisory Committee will be Tuesday, January 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm. The meeting will be held remotely via Zoom.*