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Comfort Lake-Forest Lake Watershed District

MEETING NOTES OF THE COMFORT LAKE-FOREST LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE Tuesday, January 16th, 2024

Present: Randy Schumacher, Ted Hansen, Tom Furey, Jerry Grundtner, Mike Miron

Others: Michael Kinney, Rich Johnson, Aidan Read

1. Watershed Update

Aidan Read, Land Management Specialist, provided an update on watershed activities since the last CAC meeting in November. The update included the status of the winter monitoring program, projects such as the WJD6 wetland restoration, and new staff hiring. Tom Furey asked about the proposed Heath Avenue IESF and the potential acquisition of the property. Mr. Read provided some details on the proposal and noted he will keep the CAC updated.

2. CAC Calendar Review

The Committee reviewed the Board of Managers annual calendar and discussed future agenda items. Priorities for the year include shorelines, wake boats and aquatic invasives. Other items that the Committee expressed interest in discussing throughout the year were reviews of District properties and potential acquisitions, review of annual reports, being informed and included on budget discussions, and inclusion on the office space discussion. The Committee also expressed interest in another field trip, either a shoreline tour, project tour, or similar.

Mike Kinney, Administrator, offered some background on office space and the budget process, and also mentioned that the CAC should anticipate potential events surrounding the 25th anniversary of the Watershed District.

3. Shoreline Presentation Review

Mr. Read presented the data from the 2023 shoreline inventory and solicited feedback on how to make the information more presentable for members of the public and lake associations. Jerry Grundtner stated that the goals for natural shoreline should be more tailored to each specific lake. Fores Lake, for example, is much further from meeting shoreline goals compared to Bone or Comfort. Other members of the Committee concurred. Other comments were that the data could be presented to



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show progress (or lack of) more clearly, and that focusing strictly on shoreline data rather than the shoreland may make the data clearer.

As the meeting time was ending, Mr. Read offered to send out the presentation to solicit more comments on the data. The goal is to have presentations that will be provided to lake association members and to members of the public.

4. Closing & Election of Chair

Ted Hansen was elected as chair for the February meeting. Manager Dave Bakke will be in attendance at the February 13th meeting.