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Comfort Lake-Forest Lake Watershed District

MEETING NOTES OF THE COMFORT LAKE-FOREST LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE Tuesday, May 14th, 2024

Present: Randy Schumacher, Tom Furey, Mike Miron, Curt Sparks

Others: Emily Heinz, Aidan Read, Jackie Bussjaeger, Matthew Hendrickson

1. Watershed Update & New Staff Introduction

Randy Schumacher brought the meeting to order, and Aidan Read, Land Management Specialist, gave the watershed update. Mr. Read gave an update on District programs and projects. Jackie Bussjaeger and Matthew Hendrickson briefly introduced themselves to the Committee. Mr. Read gave a more detailed overview of the April curly leaf pondweed treatments on Forest, Comfort, and Shields lakes. It was noted that the treatment areas were smaller than anticipated, potentially due to the warm winter weather.

A brief discussion was had on the potential Bone Lake South Wetland acquisition, where Mr. Read provided an update on the process and recent developments in the project. Emily Heinz provided additional details.

2. Budget Presentation

Emily Heinz, Planning Coordinator, gave an overview presentation of the 2025 budget, as presented to the Board of Managers. The Committee discussed several questions concerning the budget and the process. Mr. Schumacher noted that 2026 has potential to bring significant changes and the Board should be prepared. Mr. Schumacher also noted that the issue of acquiring new office space is looming and could further add complexity to the budget.

The Committee was asked to provide comments to Mr. Read by the end of May so they can be passed along to the Board early in the budget process.

3. Summer Excursion

The Committee briefly discussed interest in a field trip later in the summer. Options discussed included a shoreline tour of one of Forest Lake's basins or an event at one of the recently



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completed projects. Mr. Read offered to compile some options and bring them for discussion at the June meeting.

4. Closing & Election of Chair

Tom Furey was elected chair of the June 18th meeting.