

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

Present: Richard Johnson, Jerry Grundtner, Mike Miron, Curt Sparks

Others: Manager Jackie Anderson, Aidan Read

1. Watershed Update

Aidan Read, Land Management Specialist, provided an update on District activities to the Committee. This month's update included the status of programs and projects, as well as the status of lake levels throughout the District. It was noted that the observed levels on Forest, Bone, and Comfort Lakes all peaked between 6/21 and 7/02, with levels still showing above the Ordinary High-Water Level at the time of the last observation. Mr. Read also provided a brief update on the budget process, noting that the Board will be holding budget workshops on July 24th, and August 6th.

2. Healthy Waters (Wake Boat) Study Update

An update was provided to the Committee on the status of the Saint Anthony Falls Laboratory's ongoing research on the impact of wake boats. The Phase II research report was scheduled to be released in spring of 2024. The most recent update indicates that the timeline was delayed as unexpected data was found, specifically related to the impact of transverse waves on the lakebed. The Committee will be updated as more results are made available. The study has also secured funding for a third phase.

3. Summer Excursion

Details and logistics of the CAC shoreline tour were discussed. It was determined that a date of Wednesday 8/21 would be best, with 8/28 as an alternate date. Instructions were provided for District staff to send out invitations to the Board of Managers, Forest Lake Lake Association Board Members, and the Forest Lake City Council. Additional invitations will be sent depending on the number of RSVPs received.



4. Closing & Election of Chair

It was agreed to hold the August meeting time in case final details of the shoreline tour need to be discussed. At this time, the next scheduled meeting of the CAC will be August 13th.