

Summary of Board Direction

Comfort Lake-Forest Lake Watershed District

2024						
Reference Number*	Date Given	Direction Given	Notes	Assigned to	Completed/ Resolved?	Estimated Cost
48	7/11/2024	Staff will work with EOR to consider automated lake level monitoring for Little Comfort Lake after automated monitoring equipment is set up for Forest Lake, Bone Lake, and Comfort Lake.	This will be considered moving forward.	CLFLWD Staff	Noted	
47	7/11/2024	Manager Anderson requested that the District hold workshops for topics like the PR Report, rather than bringing the discussion to a regular board meeting.	This will be considered moving forward. Managers' schedules and availability will be considered when scheduling special meetings.	CLFLWD Staff	Noted	
45	6/27/2024	Staff will work with Blue Water Science to reevaluate the District's management standards for Eurasian watermilfoil vs hybrid watermilfoil.	District staff met with Anne Wilkinson of EOR and Steve McComas of Blue Water Science on July 9th to discuss management of pure/hybrid Eurasian watermilfoil (EWM). It was McComas's professional opinion that there are no major differences between the management of pure and hybrid EWM. Both variants are a potential recreational nuisance due to their ability to form surface mats and both become an ecological threat to native plants and animals when they exceed 180 stems per square meter, which is rarely observed. The only changes to management techniques that need to be considered are some strains of pure and hybrid can be more tolerant to certain types of herbicide. District staff recently collected EWM samples and submitted them to the University of Montana for genetic testing. These results will confirm whether EWM in Forest Lake is hybrid and if they are a strain tolerant to certain herbicides. These results are anticipated to be available sometime in August.	CLFLWD Staff	Completed	

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43	6/27/2024	Staff will consider the relationship between the alum treatment and Eurasian watermilfoil growth on Forest Lake for the purpose of responding to public interest.	The District anticipated increased aquatic plant growth in Forest Lake as a result of improved water clarity resulting from the alum treatment. This has been one of many elements of the District's comprehensive outreach campaign surrounding the alum treatment. Information regarding the relationship between water clarity (clean water) and aquatic plant growth (both native and invasive) will continue to be a component of the outreach campaign. Clean water means more plant growth, and it also means fewer toxic and filamentous algae blooms. Many factors may be playing a role in the expansion of EWM into 2nd basin. This may include: early ice out this year, drought conditions and low water over the past few years which may have increased the spread of EWM (fragmentation of EWM stuck in boat props accessing shallow water areas), and potential spread due to weed harvester operation. Furthermore, there is not clear scientific evidence that EWM does better in cleaner water as compared to native species. FL is a complex system and multiple factors likely played a role in the expansion of EWM. Aquatic plant growth is widespread across the state this year due to climatic factors.	CLFLWD Staff	Completed	
41	6/13/2024	Manager Anderson asked that staff include the mapped locations of ag program work with the information online.		CLFLWD Staff	In Progress	
39	5/22/2024	Administrator Kinney was directed to proceed with soliciting a scope of work from UMN regarding shoreline outreach research.	Adm. Kinney has reached out to the UMN to continue the discussion about developing a scope of work for this effort.	CLFLWD Staff	In Progress	
38	5/22/2024	Manager Anderson requested a mid season update on the water monitoring program.	Staff will bring an update to one of the July Board meetings. Limited data would be available at this time. Staff will discuss the April and May CAMP data, April to June Bottom Water data, DIY and CAT monitoring efforts.	CLFLWD Staff	In Progress	
32	4/26/2024	Manager Anderson will discuss water quality projects and water monitoring data with Administrator Kinney and EOR.	Scheduled for early June	Mgr Anderson, Mike Kinney, EOR	Completed	\$2,280
30	4/26/2024	Administrator Kinney and Engineer Graske will discuss Forest Lake regional stormwater projects with City staff and report back to the Board.	Administrator Kinney, staff and the District Engineer met with the City staff and city engineer about this project. The City has received input from a lot of residents regarding their dislike for the project. The City seems to be largely abandoning the project. City has abandoned majority of basins, awaiting as-built to determine final capacity	CLFLWD Staff	In Progress	\$662
19	3/28/2024	Staff and engineers will communicate with the Highway 8 Roadway Project regarding stormwater treatment and road salt, and staff will keep Manager Anderson advised of meetings	Planned construction 2026. EOR and staff are reaching out to inquire about the status of the EAW. EAW incomplete as of October 5th, 2023. Chisago County was to notify the District when it is complete. Long Ear bats have delayed project, EAW remains unfinished as of March 7, 2024. The most recent designs do include stormwater treatment facilities near the Comfort/Little Comfort crossing. Staff has been coordinating with MnDOT on BMPs including downtown FL area	CLFLWD Staff	In Progress	
16	3/14/2024	Mr. Kinney will provide more clarification on the monitoring program approach to Little Comfort and Big Comfort Lakes	Staff will consult with the monitoring team and provide feedback to the Board.	CLFLWD Staff	In Progress	

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9	2/8/24	With respect to the lakeshore review, President Schmaltz asked staff to pull together their observations about what is persuasive about getting folks to adopt native shoreline buffers.	Staff is working with the PR firm and other stakeholders to obtain and use this information to develop strategies for the District's shoreline communciation program.	CLFLWD Staff	In Progress
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