



## MEMORANDUM

Comfort Lake-Forest Lake Watershed District

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### MEETING NOTES OF THE COMFORT LAKE-FOREST LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE Tuesday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**Present:** Ted Hansen, Richard Johnson, Tom Furey

**Others:** Aidan Read

#### 1. Watershed Update

Aidan Read, Land Management Specialist, opened the meeting with an update on activities and projects around the watershed. The last meeting of the CAC was in July, as the August meeting was cancelled in favor of the Shoreline Pontoon Tour on Forest Lake.

An update on the budget approval was discussed, with the CAC generally satisfied with a 5% levy increase. Members shared that they had been concerned that a large increase in the future would be more difficult for residents to tolerate.

Lake levels were discussed, as well as the introduction of automated level loggers at major lakes in the District.

Shorelines were discussed, the MGLP shoreline grant will be available to use beginning in October, and the four shoreline inventories that were completed over the summer were discussed.

#### 2. Cost-Share Update

An update was provided on the status of the cost-share program, and staff observations on the work done so far. It was noted that site visits, projects closed out, and budget allocated are all higher than the previous year, and the District is on-track to approve more shoreline restoration this year.

Members of the committee will be consulted during the annual revision process for this program, especially in how the program is presented to members of the community.

#### 3. Upcoming Events & Agenda Items

The calendar of events was reviewed so that committee members were aware of the increased focus on education and outreach events.

The CAC calendar was also discussed, with several agenda items placed in the months of October and November, including a presentation on Low Salt Design for



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October. The Board of Managers and CLFLWD staff will be invited to the design workshop.

#### **4. Closing & Election of Chair**

Tom Furey was elected chair for the October meeting. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup>.