



MEMORANDUM

Comfort Lake-Forest Lake Watershed District

MEETING NOTES OF THE COMFORT LAKE-FOREST LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE Tuesday, October 22nd, 2024

Attendees: Tom Furey, Jerry Grundtner, Mike Miron

Others: Connie Fortin (Bolton & Menk), Aidan Read, Adam Hjelm, Victoria D'Amico, Julia Grabow

Low Salt Design Presentation

Connie Fortin of Bolton & Menk Inc provided a presentation on Low Salt Design, a method of incorporating chloride reducing strategies into building and landscape design.

Jerry Grundtner asked a question regarding MNDOT's salting policy – specifically regarding Hwy 97. It was explained that stretches of highway are assigned certain levels of service based on customer demand, identified safety issues, etc.

Aidan Read asked a question regarding pilot participants. Connie Fortin explained what the pilot process has looked like for the current set of participants. The process includes reviews of city code, reviews of problem areas, and practical training. It was mentioned that there are currently MPCA planning grants available that could be used for low-salt design work.

Watershed Update

Aidan Read provided an update on programs and projects throughout the District. This included the introduction of Julia Grabow, a GreenCorps member serving with the District for the next year, an update on end of season monitoring, and the status of the potential Bone Lake South wetland acquisition.

2025 Calendar

The proposed 2025 CAC calendar was approved. Meetings in 2025 will follow the same pattern as in 2024, and will continue to be offered in a hybrid format.

Closing

No chair was elected, the next meeting of the CAC will be on Tuesday, November 19th.