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Comfort Lake-Forest Lake Watershed District

MEETING NOTES OF THE COMFORT LAKE-FOREST LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE Tuesday, January 14th, 202

Attendees: Randy Schumacher, Mike Miron, Jerry Grundtner, Tom Furey

Others: Gary Kramlich, Keith Kuhnly, Aidan Read, Adam Hjelm

Introductions

There were two new guests present at this meeting, so a round of introductions was done. Gary Kramlich was in attendance as an interested member of the public, and Keith Kuhnly attended as an applicant to join the Committee.

Watershed Update

Aidan Read, Land Management Specialist, gave an update on activities around the watershed. Updates were given on winter lake monitoring, the Bone Lake south wetland acquisition, grants awarded, and additional grants recently applied for. There was brief discussion on the alum treatment assessment and when a decision would be made regarding a second treatment on Forest Lake. There were also several questions about what staffing will look like in the season ahead, including the hiring of a business manager.

Aquatic Invasive Species Report

Mr. Read gave a brief overview of the 2024 AIS report after which the report was discussed. There was discussion on how the AIS program is being managed without the technical experience of someone with more specialized AIS experience. Members of the Committee expressed some concern that the AIS program will not be managed as effectively without a dedicated position.

On the report itself, Mr. Kramlich pointed out that it is difficult from the report to understand how the treatments fit in the historic context of the program. Numbers for the year are clearly reported, but it would be more helpful for those numbers to be placed in the context of past treatment areas, or similar metrics. Other committee members agreed that that process should be used in the future.

Cost-Share Policy Review

The Committee briefly re-examined the proposed changes to the cost-share policy that the Board will be discussing at their next meeting. Questions were asked regarding how many



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projects have been implemented so far, whether outside grant funding has been used, and what types of budget expenditures have been made. The Committee was largely supportive of the changes.

2025 Priorities

Due to not having full membership present, it was decided that we should review the priorities from 2024 but defer the larger discussion to another meeting. Mr. Read presented the 2024 priorities as discussed by the committee. These priorities included wake boats, shorelines, being more involved in the budget process, and others. These items will be revisited in February.

Closing & Election of Chair

Ted Hansen is the Committee Chair for February.