



## 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, December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**Attendees:** Keith Kuhnly, Tom Furey, Randy Schumacher, Ted Hansen, Jerry Grundtner, Mike Miron, Gary Kramlich

**Others:** Manager Jackie Anderson, Adam Hjelm, Aidan Read, Brad Jernberg, Emily Heinz, Bob Hervig

#### **Watershed Update**

Aidan Read, Land Management Specialist, provided an update on programs and projects throughout the District. This update included the closing on the Bone Lake South property, an update on the levy, and other topics. There was discussion on future access and use to the public of the Bone Lake property. There was brief discussion on the levy, with Randy Schumacher noting that the Washington County property tax estimate did not break out individual special tax assessments, so it was difficult to know what the exact impact of the CLFLWD levy is estimated to be. Jerry Grundtner shared that he had a discussion with Commissioner Miron about that topic and hoped that in future years the tax estimate will include more detail.

#### **2026 Education Events Update**

Adam Hjelm provided an overview of proposed events throughout the District for 2026 and solicited the CAC for feedback prior to bringing this update to the Board. It was discussed that Bone Lake has had a pontoon tour twice now, so if there is an event that could be cut that is likely the best option. Comfort Lake will be a priority as there has not been a shoreline tour on that lake recently. Mr. Hjelm continued to provide details on potential events including the Comfort Lake delisting event, the Moody Lake Capstone tour, and the Bone Lake South Property Walk and Talk. The Watershed Connections lecture series is set to continue, along with the popular Community Education courses.

Gary Kramlich inquired about shoreline specific planting courses, and lake friendly lawn care. Mr. Hjelm reported that shoreline courses had not been popular lately, but that lawn care courses were amongst the most popular and would continue to be offered.



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### **AIS End of Year Report**

Mike Sandager provided a high-level overview of the AIS end-of-year report for the District, highlighting the efforts on seven priority waterbodies. One item highlighted by Mr. Sandager is the budget overage from the use of alternate herbicide on Forest Lake. This new herbicide requirement will be able to be planned for in the future to avoid future overages. One suggestion from Mr. Kramlich was that a total acres treated graph, showing a total effort across the District. Mr. Schumacher asked an additional question regarding how staff work with consultants / contractors, and how oversight is given. Some context to how staff work was given by Mr. Sandager and Manager Anderson.

### **Closing**

Randy Schumacher was elected Chair for the January 13<sup>th</sup> meeting.