



MEMORANDUM

Comfort Lake-Forest Lake Watershed District

MEETING NOTES OF THE COMFORT LAKE-FOREST LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE Tuesday, January 13th, 2025

Attendees: Randy Schumacher, Ted Hansen, Gary Kramlich, Bob Hervig, Mike Miron

Others: Aidan Read, Brad Jernberg, Emily Heinz, Dave Vold, Adam Hjelm

Introductions

The meeting was called to order, and a round of introductions was requested for the benefit of new members. Dave Vold, who was in attendance as a member of the public and a new resident of Forest Lake, introduced himself as a retired NRCS staff member with an interest in water resources and conservation agriculture.

Floodplain Resilience Action Plan

Emily Heinz provided an update and overview on the floodplain resilience action plan. The presentation included an overview of District priorities related to floodplain goals. Past projects that added flood storage were discussed, as well as future projects, grants, and opportunities. There was discussion from the Committee around sources of funding for future work and what work is budgeted for 2026. Bob Hervig pointed out the challenge of designing urban landscapes that drain stormwater efficiently while mitigating flood risk.

Watershed Update

Aidan Read, Land Management Specialist, provided an update on programs and projects throughout the District. This update included information on the proposed expansion of boat slips at Timm's Marina, and what role the District is playing in the environmental review process.

District Property Overview

Mr. Read provided an overview of properties owned by the District and the history and purpose of those properties. There was brief discussion on the history of the Hwy 61 wetland parcels, the possible opportunities on the Houle property, and the upcoming restoration of the Bone Lake South wetland.

Closing

Gary Kramlich was elected Chair for the February 17th meeting. For upcoming agenda items, the Committee discussed what budget materials it would be possible to review on a monthly or quarterly basis.