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Comfort Lake-Forest Lake Watershed District

MEETING NOTES OF THE COMFORT LAKE-FOREST LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE Tuesday, February 17th, 2026

Attendees: Gary Kramlich, Randy Schumacher, Ted Hansen, Tom Furey

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

Agenda

An agenda item was added to discuss an overview of current finances, and the Board's action on a CWF loan.

Watershed Update

Aidan Read, Land Management Specialist, provided a brief update on programs and projects throughout the District. This update included information on winter monitoring, aerator activation, and upcoming events.

AIS and Watercraft Inspector Overview

Matthew Hendrickson gave an update on AIS work planned for the upcoming 2026 season. Mr. Hendrickson's overview included a lake-by-lake breakdown of planned watercraft inspection and AIS treatments.

Financial Discussion

- 1.) Randy Schumacher presented an agenda item from the February 12th Board of Managers meeting: 4F – Clean Water Partnership Loan E. Mr. Schumacher outlined his concern with the action by the Board of Managers and noted that he was disappointed. The perception of Mr. Schumacher, as well as others at the meeting, was that the Board was ignoring consistent feedback from the CAC that additional borrowing should not be authorized and that they should strictly adhere to the 2026 approved budget. Brad Jernberg provided some explanation to the Committee regarding the intent of the Board's action and reiterated that the District has every intent of following the 2026 budget as approved. Gary Kramlich noted that while the CAC members are all here because they believe in the mission of the District, he is approaching this idea with great skepticism.
- 2.) Per a request by Ted Hansen, Emily Heinz presented an update on the net financial position of the District at the beginning of 2026. It was reported that the District held a positive fund balance of \$1.2million coming into the year. The overall net position of the



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District remains negative and is expected to remain roughly the same at the end of the year.

Closing

Ted Hansen was elected Chair for the March 17th meeting. For upcoming agenda items, the Committee requested: audit reports when available and updates on the Bone Lake informational meeting.