



## MEMORANDUM

Comfort Lake-Forest Lake Watershed District

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### MEETING NOTES OF THE COMFORT LAKE-FOREST LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE Tuesday, October 13th, 2026

**Attendees:** Dave Vold, Tom Furey, Mike Miron, Curt Sparks, Gary Kramlich, Mike Crepeau

**Others:** Brad Jernberg, Adam Hjelm

#### **Watershed Update**

Chair Gary Kramlich called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. Introductions were made, including the introduction of new CAC member Mike Crepeau. Mr. Hjelm provided an update on current District programs and projects. A brief discussion followed regarding recent changes to the CLFLWD Board of Managers and potential adjustments to the frequency and dates of Board meetings in 2027. The CAC's 2027 meeting schedule will be discussed at a future meeting. The committee also discussed the recent Audubon Society property transfer. Mr. Sparks noted that the acquisition would be beneficial to the District for potential future projects. Mr. Vold suggested that the CAC tour upcoming District project sites, particularly the Heath Avenue Iron-Enhanced Sand Filter (IESF) project. Mr. Hjelm will coordinate a project tour as part of a 2027 CAC meeting. Mr. Furey commented on the improved water clarity observed on Bone Lake this season and noted that the Citizen-Assisted Monitoring Program (CAMP) was nearing completion for the year.

#### **2026 Education and Outreach Update**

Mr. Hjelm presented an overview of the District's 2026 Education and Outreach Program. The presentation included background information on the program's development, including its 10-year, 5-year, and annual planning efforts. He also reviewed the District's 2026 outreach strategies, emphasizing the value of in-person educational classes and community events. Committee members discussed the importance of targeting outreach efforts toward specific water quality concerns and audiences whose activities directly affect local lakes. Particular emphasis was placed on educating lakeshore property owners about responsible fertilizer use and its impact on water quality. Additional outreach opportunities were discussed, including potential partnerships with local businesses to promote or endorse environmentally friendly products and practices. Mr. Miron emphasized the importance of engaging youth and strengthening partnerships with local schools to encourage greater participation in District programs and activities.

#### **Closing**

The committee confirmed the following meeting chairs:

- November 17: Bob Hervig
- December 15: Dave Vold

Chair Gary Kramlich adjourned the meeting at 7:59 p.m.