

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE
COMFORT LAKE–FOREST LAKE
WATERSHED DISTRICT
Monday, June 3, 2019**

1. Call to Order

President Spence called the June 3, 2019 special board meeting to order at 4:31 p.m. in the offices of the Comfort Lake-Forest Lake Watershed District, 44 Lake Street South, Suite A, Forest Lake.

Present: President Jon Spence, Vice President Jackie Anderson, Treasurer Steve Schmaltz, Assistant Treasurer Wayne Moe.

Absent: Secretary Jen Oknich

Others: Mike Kinney (CLFLWD Administrator)

2. Aquatic Invasive Species Update

Administrator Kinney reported that six juvenile zebra mussels, an aquatic invasive species (AIS), have been found at the Bone Lake boat launch. Washington Conservation District (WCD) staff found them on the public dock while performing a routine survey on May 28. Staff, along with assistance from Blue Water Science, EOR and MN Department of Natural Resources (DNR), have collectively surveyed the north half of Bone Lake, spending a cumulative 50 inspection hours on the lake. No other zebra mussels have been found thus far. The DNR is recommending pursuing a chemical treatment in an attempt to eradicate any other zebra mussels in the boat launch area before they spread further. Staff have reached out to some local contractors to obtain quotes for treatment. A treatment would focus on the boat launch area, partitioning off (e.g. with a floating curtain) a certain radius around the point where the mussels were found. Mr. Kinney clarified that the zebra mussels discovered appeared to be too young to reproduce. Manager Moe noted how many new wakeboard boats have large hidden water ballasts that could contain zebra mussels and/or veligers (zebra mussel larvae). These are hard to inspect for AIS because the ballasts are concealed. There was discussion about the District's rapid response plan.

Manager Schmaltz noted that the Forest Lake Lake Association is interested in partnering with the District and the City of Forest Lake to create a rapid response plan for starry stonewort. Manager Anderson explained that the District's existing rapid response plan is applicable to any AIS, as it covers the basic procedure for dealing with a new AIS discovery. Manager Schmaltz recommended creating a plan outlining more specific details pertaining to certain species. The plan may contain details such as cost estimates, treatment methods, and potential contractors. Mr. Kinney agreed that it would be prudent to connect with professionals on these topics ahead of time and make sure staff has an understanding of the details. Manager Anderson noted that the DNR took the lead on treating the starry stonewort

discovery at Lake Koronis. There was agreement to discuss this topic further at the next board meeting.

3. District Office Space

By unanimous consent, the Board convened in closed session to consider offers for office space lease or purchase at 44 Lake Street and 24139 Greenway Avenue N, Forest Lake.

The Board reconvened in open session.

4. Adjourn

- a) Plan Update Kickoff Event – June 11, 2019**
- b) Plan Update Initial Planning Meeting – June 20, 2019 4:30 pm**
- c) Next regular board meeting – June 20, 2019 6:30 pm**

Manager Anderson moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Manager Moe. Upon vote, the motion carried 4-0, and the meeting was adjourned at 5:26 p.m.

Jen Oknich, Secretary _____