

## CAC Meeting

July 10, 2018

### Agenda

5:00 – 6:30 PM

**Committee Attendees:** Jerry Grundtner (Chair), Jack MacKenzie, Jen Oknich, Sam Hathaway, Curt Sparks, Randy Schumacher

**Other Attendees:** Peter Brennhofer (CLFLWD Seasonal Technician), Jackie Anderson (CLFLWD Board President)

- Update on Watershed District activities
  1. General
    - Peter provided a very brief update on the activities of the Watershed District. He mentioned that the watercraft inspection hours have increased dramatically in comparison to the previous month at this time due to the hiring of 4 new inspectors.
    - Manager Anderson, noted that the budget process is starting. She also added that she plans to talk to the board about paying the CAC for meetings to compensate for the work they are doing.
  2. Administrator Report
    - No administrator's report was distributed.
- Forest Lake Parks & Trails Commission Update from Jack MacKenzie
  - Jack provided the CAC with an overview of recent discussions regarding a potential land swap with Rice Creek Watershed District (RCWD) for the Fenway Fields project.
- 2. Stenciling Event Fall 2018
  - There was discussion about the stenciling event that was held this past spring and what could help make future events more successful. Jack mentioned that he would like to get the Forest Lake High School Environmental Club to help take over the event doing fall and spring stenciling around the area. Spring is strongest push since it would be visible to public for the most amount of time with highest impact. Also, winter can cause the paint to be removed. Needs to speak to Devon Vojtech to help establish faculty leadership with project. Also wants to reach out to the Student Political Action Committee group through high school as well.
- Status of Watershed Champion Award
  - Manager Anderson provided some input on the status of the Watershed Champion Award. A draft of the program was brought before the Board at

the both the February and March regular board meetings. The Board could not come to a consensus about the number of award categories that would be part of the program and so elected Mgr. McNamara as the liaison for the project. Mgr. McNamara met with Jerry Grundtner (CAC Chair), Mgr. McNamara, Mike Sorensen (then Program Assistant), and Jessica Lindemyer (Watershed Assistant) to discuss the award program in more detail and to return to the Board with a final version for approval. This meeting was held on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. The group came to some conclusions at the meeting however further details still need to be ironed out before it can be brought back to the Board for final approval.

- 2018 Potential Projects

1. Other Types of Community Outreach

- Jerry asked the CAC to consider the question of ‘what is the real role of the CAC?’. He stated that, in his opinion, the CAC could be much more dynamic than it currently is. He asked Jen to share her experience with the Ramsey Washington Metro Watershed District (RWMWD). The RWMWD CAC did a lot of leg work to figure out ways to help improve communication with the community. Jen said many times they offered something that directly impacted an organization to get involved with the District. She also stated that the CAC worked with professionals to help engage diverse communities.
- The CAC requested the CLFLWD Board and staff provide a list of organizations in the District that have provided past interest in Best Management Practices (BMPs) to meet with.
- The CAC advised the Board to hire a Communications Specialist for the District to help improve community outreach. The idea of sharing a communications specialist with another District was also discussed.
- Curt asked about setting up a foundation to help fund education about lake issues, using the one set up at Big Sandy Lake area as an example. Curt will bring a synopsis on the Big Sandy Lake foundation and how it was founded to the next CAC meeting. Manager Anderson also posed the idea of granting scholarships for graduating high school seniors going into the environmental field.
- NEMO Meeting – Sept
  - The Forest Lake Stormwater Tour & Workshop will be hosted on Tuesday, Sep. 11<sup>th</sup> from 4-7:30pm. The flyer has been sent out to all CAC members. There was discussion about moving the CAC

meeting from September 4<sup>th</sup> to the 11<sup>th</sup> so that everyone could attend the stormwater tour.

- Lake Trip for Elected Officials
  - Lake associations, with some assistance from the District, are hoping to plan an event to get elected officials physically out on the lakes to interact with, and learn more about, our water resources. Jerry noted that this event is in limbo. With the NEMO event coming up it would likely be best to space the two events out. Therefore, planning for this event has been postponed.
- Lake Association Liaisons
  - Already have representatives for all major lakes in the district, including Keewatin, on the CAC.
- Other Discussion
  - Next CAC meeting is August 7<sup>th</sup>.