

CFLWD CAC Meeting

December 6, 2016

Meeting Summary

5:00 – 6:30 PM

- Update on WSD activities
 - District staff received notification earlier today that the BWSR Board packet has been released complete with its recommendations for 2017 Clean Water Fund grants. Mike S. was happy to announce that three of the five grants that the District applied for are recommended to be funded. These grants total nearly one million dollars, and include funding for one project that will provide stormwater capture and reuse for Forest Hills Golf Course in Forest Lake, one project that will restore six wetlands near Bone Lake, and one project that will enhance the street sweeping program in the City of Forest Lake. Mike S. also announced that the City of Forest Lake, Forest Lake Area Schools, and Rice Creek Watershed District are expected to be awarded \$505,000 for a stormwater reuse project at Forest Lake High School.
 - Three District staff members and three Managers attended the Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts annual meeting in Alexandria last week. Mike S. said that he was happy with how the meeting went and was appreciative of the chance to network with other watershed district staff and managers.
 - The bid opening for the Forest Lake Wetland Treatment Basin (a.k.a. 3rd Lake Pond) Project took place this morning. Four different companies submitted bids and those bids ranged from \$143,672 to \$232,749. The lowest bid was submitted by Peterson Companies, Inc. from Chisago City. This is the same company that was hired to complete the Bixby Park Water Quality Improvement Project.
 - The bid opening for the Moody Lake Wetland Restoration Project will take place next Monday, December 12th at the District office at 10:00 am.
 - Mike S. handed out a summary of the District's 2016 watercraft inspection program. He highlighted the continued importance of the program by noting that 231 boats were inspected coming into District lakes after being in lakes infested with the spiny water flea, and 83 boats were inspected coming into

District lakes after being in lakes infested with starry stonewort. These are both aquatic invasive species that are not yet found in District lakes.

- Update on Welcome Coolers for new lake residents
 - Jack M. reported that he has had problems getting his welcome cooler project underway. He first had difficulties securing a fiscal agent for his project and then had difficulties finding realty agencies who were interested in collaborating with him. He reported that he contacted 300 different realtors and only received a response from two of them. Due to the lack of realtor interest, Jack plans to contact new lake homeowners directly in the next few weeks and ask if they would be interested in meeting with him and receiving a welcome cooler. He also said that he plans to hold neighborhood meetings around area lakes where lake stewardship can be discussed and he can distribute welcome coolers.

- Input from CAC on 10 Year Management Plan
 - Jerry G. invited the three other CAC members in attendance to share any input they have related to the District's ongoing Watershed Management Plan minor amendment process. They did not have anything to share that has not already been shared by their respective lake associations.
 - Mike S. mentioned that he has received, or expects to receive, input from all three of the local lake associations (Forest, Comfort, and Bone).
 - Jerry G. said that he has developed a list of input and specifically mentioned that he would like the Board of Managers to revise the District's timelines for water quality goals. He mentioned that the current goals stretch out to the year 2040 and he thinks that the goals can be reached sooner, considering the progress that has been made in recent years.
 - Jerry G. mentioned that he would compile his input with the input from Chris M. (who was not able to attend the meeting) and any other CAC members and send it to Mike S. in the next few days. Mike S. said that he would then bring the input to the District Board of Managers.

- Short list 2017 CAC activities
 - The group continued discussion of a list of possible 2017 CAC activities that was drafted at last month's CAC meeting. The list included:
 - Review cost-share project applications
 - Help maintain District relationships with local LGU's
 - Educate District homeowners
 - Organize neighborhood cleanup events

- Coordinate a student internship program
 - Give out a watershed steward of the year award
 - Spray paint educational messages on storm drain inlets (e.g. “No dumping. Drains to Forest Lake”)
 - Regularly meet and coordinate with City of Forest Lake Parks, Lakes, and Trails Commission
- The group agreed that the CAC would be capable of starting a number of the activities listed above, as they do not appear to be a large financial or time commitment.
 - There was consensus to continue this discussion at next month’s CAC meeting.