

CLFLWD CAC Meeting

July 12, 2016

Meeting Summary

5:00 – 6:30 PM

- Update on CLFLWD activities
 - CLFLWD staff have assembled a 2017 draft budget which is available online and will be discussed in detail at the Regular Board of Managers meeting on July 14th.
 - The 2016 watercraft inspection program is now well underway and over 100 hours have been logged at each of Bone Lake, Comfort Lake, and the three public accesses on Forest Lake.
 - All District boat launches now have wooden compost bins, garbage cans, and recycling cans. Pavement stencils of the “Clean, Drain, Dry” message will be applied to each of the launches sometime in the next few weeks.
 - CLFLWD staff attended a meeting to develop a Washington County AIS Rapid Response Plan. This plan, which is to be used on all medium and large-sized lakes in Washington County, will involve the formation of AIS rapid response teams on each lake. These teams will be composed of volunteering lake residents as well as local government staff and will react to new invasions by participating in delineation and management activities.

- Update on Master education/communication program
 - The CAC members discussed ideas for education/outreach programs to implement in 2017. The only new activity in the 2017 budget so far will help support local elementary school fieldtrips to Warner Nature Center. The CAC wanted to identify at least one more new program for 2017.
 - Rather than starting new programs from scratch, the CAC members agreed that they would prefer to build on a program that already exists. Two such possibilities discussed with enthusiasm were:
 - Pairing up with Mike Miron, an agriculture teacher at Forest Lake High School, to build on his already-existing aquatic invasive species lesson plans.

- Sponsoring a local training workshop for local teachers where they become certified for Project Wet and/or the Northland NEMO Watershed Game.
 - Both of these options were deemed desirable because they would require minimal time from CLFLWD staff, who are already overbooked.
 - Curt Sparks brought up the idea that the CAC could help fund summer work opportunities for high school students. This could be coordinated with Mike Miron in addition to any programming that is set up in his classroom. These students could be watershed district interns or go to summer outdoor education centers and be paid through a stipend from the CLFLWD. Three student stipends at \$500 each were discussed as a good starting point.
 - Mike Sorensen agreed to contact Mike Miron and discuss opportunities for classroom programming as well as a summer internship program.
 - CAC members discussed their interest in educating adults in addition to K-12 students. There was some discussion about the fact that one CAC member is currently a Master Watershed Stewards candidate and is planning to produce shoreline education packets for new District lakeshore owners as his capstone project. The CAC was supportive of this, and encouraged the candidate to contact local realty companies for information on which lake homes have been purchased this year. Angie Hong (EMWREP) reminded the group that she plans to hold an educational workshop for realtors selling shoreland and riverway properties next February.
- 2017 Budget discussion
 - The group looked through the 2017 draft budget and Mike Sorensen noted that the line item used to support education and outreach activities related to the CAC (3005A) had still not been determined. The group discussed the potential costs associated with their proposed projects for 2017 and settled on the following estimates for a budget request:
 - Warner Nature Center (3005D) - \$5000
 - Project WET Teacher Training (3005A) – about \$50-60 per teacher - \$2,000
 - Forest Lake High School work with Mike Miron - \$1,500 for internships (three \$500 stipends) and \$1,500 for other programming costs.
 - This yielded a total budget request of \$10,000 for new education and outreach programs in 2017.
 - The group offered positive feedback about the budget, particularly about its organizational scheme.

- Upcoming WSD board meetings and attendance
 - July 14, 2016 – Regular Board Meeting at CLFLWD office at 3:00 pm
 - July 28, 2016 – Regular Board Meeting at Forest Lake City Hall at 6:30 pm
 - August 2, 2016 – CAC Meeting at CLFLWD office at 5:00 pm