

**MEETING NOTES OF THE
COMFORT LAKE-FOREST LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT
CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Tuesday, August 15th, 2023**

Present: Jerry Grundtner, Mike Miron, Randy Schumacher, Curt Sparks, Ted Hansen

Others: Manager Jackie Anderson, Aidan Read, Jessica Lindemyer, Garrett Miller, Rich Johnson, Mike Kinney

1. Watershed Update and Introductions

Attendees provided introductions, and welcomed Rich Johnson who attended the meeting as an interested member of the community.

Aidan Read, Land Management Specialist, gave an update on activities around the Watershed District. This update included the status of the shoreline inventories of Comfort, Bone, and Forest Lakes; updates on grants being submitted, and the status of other projects and programs. One question came from Randy Schumacher regarding the South Bone Lake Wetland project. Administrator Michael Kinney was able to provide some additional details and clarified that the District will have a 10% match for the grant used for the acquisition and restoration of the property.

Additional details were provided on opportunities to restore Willow Point. Mr. Read stated that staff have been in communication with the landowner and there is limited restoration potential for the site. More updates will be given as information becomes available. Mr. Kinney clarified that the District would not conduct a project without an agreement with the landowner, regardless of the location of the project in relation to the OHWL.

2. Bone Lake Delisting

Jessica Lindemeyer joined the Committee to provide an update on two items, the Bone Lake Delisting coming up in spring of 2024, and the closeout celebration for the Hwy 61 Wetland and Co Rd 30 IESF. The CAC was updated and invited to both events; further information will be distributed.

3. Zebra Mussels

Garrett Miller gave an update on zebra mussel programs throughout the District, including zebra mussel plate monitoring, the potential for monitoring being piloted by UMN and CLA, and an update on management outlook for zebra mussels. Mr. Miller also provided a general AIS update and more information on the Moody Lake revegetation project.

4. CAC Field Day Discussion

Mr. Read updated the Committee on his efforts to organize a shoreline tour of Bone Lake. Mr. Read will coordinate with staff, and a date will be selected in September.

5. Closing and Selection of Chair

Tom Furey was elected Chair in absentia for the September meeting.

Next regular meeting of the Citizen's Advisory Committee will be Tuesday, September 19th at 5:00pm. The meeting will be held in-person with a hybrid option via Zoom.