



CAC Meeting Agenda

Thursday, May 28, 2020
6:30-8:00 PM

Virtual Meeting
via Go To Meeting (due to Covid-19)

Attendees:

CAC Members: Christian M., Jodi S., Jim W., Woody S., Christopher C., Kim S.

District Staff: Kathryn K-M.

Board Members: Curt H.

Guest: Matt Newman

- I. Welcome & Call to Order—Chair Christian Morkeberg
- II. Introduction of new member – Christopher Crowhurst
- III. April Meeting Minutes Approval (emailed) motion carried
Approval of the Agenda – motion carried
- IV. CAC Business:
 - Elect new vice-chair –
 - Discussed responsibilities of the position; fill in for the President of the CAC
 - Nomination for Jim W. – Voting; motion carried
 - Discuss subcommittee membership for Christopher
 - Joining the Shoreline and Storage committees
- V. May Board Meeting - CAC Member Report – Jim
 - Project status updates
 - Audit report was discussed
 - Discussion & feedback on the carp seining projects; possibilities of using gillnetting
 - District using various methods to find and track the carp
 - U of M – doing some studies on other options
 - Christian mentioned the March meeting had an interesting presentation describing the aquatic plants of the lakes in the watershed and how they are all different and goals set. You can watch this online.
 - **Future Board Meeting Attendees:**
 - June 9th Board Meeting Attendee – Christian attend/present
 - July – Jodi will attend/present
 - August - Woody attend
- VI. Staff Project Updates
 - Alum treatment on Spring Lake is complete (treated May 4-14). All went well.



- Alum treatment on Upper Prior – grant paperwork complete and started this week and may take up to 11-14 days. Staging out of a lot over by Charlies Restaurant.
 - Jamie is out testing for pH balance etc. All the readings are looking good.
- Sediment samples after the treatment? Needed afterward? Not typically done afterwards, but normally lake sampling continues. Sediment core sampling normally done before treatment to determine proper dosing levels. Sediment sampling is not something that can be done 'in-house' and is quite expensive.
- Carp monitoring and barriers - this is still in a busy season –
 - Fremont barrier has a special trap setup – as the carp 'school or bunch up' there – camera is in place and when trap is 'full' they will be removed.
 - Gillnetting – pilot project conducted in early spring- small hauls of carp resulted. A big size 'hole' in the net to let the smaller, game fish out. DNR okayed the pilot – tracking of the native fish was needed. Several attempts only resulted in 1 native fish that was 'caught' which was good because want to minimize native fish mortality; this might provide another targeted option for carp removal.
 - June – might be possible volunteer to do 'box' baiting, or a couple of other opportunities to help. Watch for emails with more information.
- Contractor for watershed has started boat inspections on some lakes and will start soon on other lakes. DNR has not yet started inspections due to Covid-19, not sure when they will start.

VII. Subcommittee Reports

- 50th Anniversary (Kim)-
 - Maybe consider next year as a 50 +1 and hold the events.
 - Curt thinks the Board would support.
- Fish Stocking (Christian)
 - Christian will present to Board in June
 - Information reviewed with CAC around past stats of bluegill and game fish.
 - Other opportunities to 'score' the lakes for habitat shelters for the stocked fish, stock with some crappies (especially on Spring with the kill that recently happened).
 - Some local associations have committed donations and others are being asked for donations.



- The cost to cover both Spring and Prior is \$10k (\$5k each)
 - Specifics of the rules & regulations will be included.
 - AIS/Signage (Jodi)
 - Jodi present to Board in July –roughly 15 minutes for presentation/discussion.
 - Existing signage at Spring lake launch site is a bit overgrown and might not be 'catching' the attention of boat launchers; the I-LIDs will start talking to the people launching their boat will catch their attention.
 - Pictures taken of potential 'offenders' – is a package that could be purchased if interested.
 - Cost; what about maintenance cost? Different options or packages are available to purchase.
 - Do any of the private landings or association landings have any signage? Kathryn wasn't sure. Woody didn't think there would be enough interest to pursue these access points.
 - Asking the I-LIDs representative to be at the meeting might be helpful
 - Cost would be the area the Board would be interested in.
 - There are grants that we might be eligible for.
 - Any updates, questions etc, email to Jodi
 - Motion to have Jodi present at July board- motion carried.
 - Shoreline Restoration (Jodi) – Ran out of time to discuss
 - Storage Assessment, Plans and Wetland Banking (Woody, Jim)
 - Watershed took a vote around the Engineer for the project. Wenck Engineering was selected.
 - Water levels at Ditch 13 and downstream are higher year over year.
 - Reclamation of past wetlands is a possibility
 - Sutton lake on the north end - a structure (berm) placement is being built- permits have been secured. Benefit from this is slowing down the water flow downstream and erosion control to Ditch 13
 - EOR would be a good resource to tap into for more insight.
- VIII. Goals & Topics for June Meeting – will take up the comments from above.
- Might be in person; will need to determine how the meeting will be conducted – Christian recommended masks be worn and practice social distancing if conducted in person.



IX. Other announcements/comments:

- Jim W is on the study group for Spring Lake Regional Park – more funding for the study on the plan was secured. Jim is a volunteer to this committee. Jodi would like to see Watershed/Board representation or have some recommendations provided to the study group.
- Spring Lake outlet to Upper Prior – kids are fishing and leaving dead carp on the shores. No Fishing signs are being posted and not sure of the land ownership (new homeowner on one side of the stream) – Who owns the right of ways, any easements needed etc. this might be a topic for exploration.

X. Adjourn: 8:05 pm

Upcoming Meetings:

- Board Meeting: Tues, June 9, 2020, 6:00 p.m.
- CAC Meeting: Thurs, June 25, 2020, 6:30-8:00 p.m.