



CAC Meeting Minutes

Thursday October 27, 2022
6:30 – 8:00 PM

Attendees:

CAC Members: 4 of 8 members present = 50% ($\geq 50\%$)
☒ Christopher Crowhurst (Chair) ☐ ~~Woody Spitzmueller~~
☐ ~~Matt Newman~~ ☒ Loren Hanson (Vice Chair)
☒ Maureen Reeder ☐ ~~David Hagen (secretary)~~
☐ ~~Ron Hoffmeyer~~ ☒ Curtis Witt

Staff: Elizabeth Frödén
Board members: Matt Tofanelli (CAC rep)
Other attendees: Lisa Quinn (Spring Lake Township)

Welcome & Introductions (6:30 pm) – Chair: Christopher Crowhurst

September Meeting Minutes Approval (emailed)

- Motioned to approve made by Maureen; 2nd: Loren; Passed Unanimously

CAC Business

- Review of Board Meeting (October) – Matt Tofanelli
 - Presentation about investment options, including discussion
 - Board voted on conservative approach to invest \$1 million
 - Discussed flood mitigation
 - Jason Naber from EOR presented on the Sutton Lake Management Plan
 - DNR doesn't allow drawdowns for flood mitigation – focus of plan is on habitat restoration and phosphorus reduction
 - Options for cattail removal were presented, including mechanical harvesting and herbicide application
 - Carl Almer from EOR presented on the Buck Lake Wetland project
 - Related to the flood mitigation discussion as well
 - Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts (MAWD) membership discussed – no action being taken at this time
- Volunteer for November Meeting
 - Maureen no longer available
 - Loren volunteered to attend
- CAC member attendance at future board meetings
 - Discussion moved to December meeting due to low attendance
- Flood storage projects and evaluation criteria
 - Carl Almer presented a matrix of water storage projects, including those that were explored in the 2016 Flood Study (Barr) as well as some new options
 - Explained parameters/categories in more detail
 - Staff expressed that regulatory burden, impact on landowners, and flood reduction potential on Prior Lake are some high priority evaluation criteria
 - CAC members expressed concern with language around benefits to Prior Lake and Spring Lake and requested that the benefit of projects on Spring Lake be added as an evaluation metric, as not all projects impact both lakes equally

- Other feedback:
 - Reduce pre-feasibility study work as much as possible to maximize potential of flood study budget
 - Look into a way to group projects in a logical way and examine those options in tandem
 - Divide the amount of storage by the number of landowners to determine relative level of effort per landowner
 - Look into the District purchasing land in order to create or expand on wetlands and create more flood storage capacity
- Plant harvesting as a strategy for phosphorus removal
 - Discussion moved to December meeting due to time

Staff Project Updates – Elizabeth

- Buck Lake Wetland Project
 - Four possible scenarios presented to board in October
 - Landowner meeting to take place on November 1st
 - Next step: complete feasibility study
- Sutton Lake Management Plan
 - Board to review draft plan at November meeting
 - Landowner meeting on November 16th
 - Next step: Final report to be submitted to board for approval in December
- Carp Program
 - Routine tracking resumed with goal of leading to fall seine
 - Staff presented about carp program at MN Water Resources Conference
- I-LIDS
 - Eric will present at November board meeting
 - Steff tentatively scheduled to make 2023 recommendations at December board meeting and are seeking CAC input at December CAC meeting
- New Project Manager, Emily Dick
 - Starting on 11/7

Other Topics and Announcements for Next Meeting

- Plant harvesting as a strategy for phosphorus removal
- CAC member attendance at future board meetings
- I-LIDS recommendation

Adjourn

- No motion made to adjourn

Upcoming Meetings:

- Board Meeting: Tuesday, November 15th 6:00 pm (workshop 4-6)
- CAC Meeting: Thursday, December 8th 7:00 – 8:00 PM
 - Educational seminar: 6:00 – 6:30 PM
 - Subcommittee Meeting: 6:30 – 7:00 PM

Upcoming Educational Seminars

- Thursday, December 8th: Pete Young with the City of Prior Lake
- Date to be determined: Minnesota DNR