

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Managers
FROM: Liz Forbes, Eleanor Mahon
DATE: December 30, 2022
RE: Applications for the CAC

Staff solicited applications for the Citizen Advisory Committee Nov 3 through December 28 through these methods:

- News story on website, 11/15/2022
- Quarterly newsletter, 11/16/2022, 761 recipients
- Facebook advertisement: ran for 16 days to local audience; reached 5,998 with 156 link clicks as of 12/27
- Press release: Eden Prairie Local News, Sun Sailor, Sun Current, SW News Media
- Emails to High School Environmental Club Advisors (Minnetonka HS Natural Resources Club, Minnetonka HS Field Biology Club, Eden Prairie HS Environmental Club, Chanhassen HS Environmental Club)
- Asked CAC members to spread the word
- Social Media (3 Facebook Posts, 1 Instagram post, 1 Tweet)

Five people submitted applications as follows:

Louise Ludford and **Arne Bjork** (*married couple submitted joint application*)
4527 Aspenwood Trail, Minnetonka, MN 55345
Watershed: Purgatory Creek

Bonnie Nelson
401 Highland Drive, Chanhassen, MN 55317
Watershed: Purgatory Creek – Lotus Lake

John Tyler
17574 Belfast Cove, Eden Prairie, MN 55347
Watershed: Purgatory Creek – Mitchell Lake

David Paulson
16929 Creek Ridge Place, Minnetonka, MN 55345
Watershed: Purgatory Creek

Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) Application

First Name *

Louise & Arne

Last Name *

Ludford Bjork

Address where you reside *

4527 Aspenwood Trail, Minnetonka MN 55345

If you are employed within the watershed, please also list that address.

Retired

Email Address *

BjorkLudford@gmail.com

Phone Number *

952-220-2601

Why are you interested in becoming a Citizen Advisor for the Watershed District? *

We live in the Purgatory Watershed and hope to be a voice for the wetland through education, communication, and partnership with residents the in larger Saddlewood area, City of Minnetonka, and PRBC Watershed Organization.

What do you hope to accomplish while serving on the committee? *

Through community education and partnership with City of Minnetonka, residents of Purgatory Watershed, and PRBC Watershed organization/staff, we hope to restore the northern buffer of Purgatory Watershed, establish permanent markers where residents' property ends and Purgatory Buffer/ Wetland begins along the north end of Purgatory. In addition, we hope to add to Governing Documents the necessary information to make a clear distinction between wetlands/buffer and resident's property, the importance of not dumping items into the wetland, or using the wetland for storage. Sound Governing Documents concerning the wetland will help future Board of Directors, Committee Chairs, residents, and lawn service to be well informed informed about the importance of maintaining our natural resource, through the restoration of a buffer, rain gardens, and solar energy.

Note: Application is for two people:
- Louise Ludford
- Arne Bjork

Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) Application

What are the strengths and/or qualifications you can bring to help this committee fulfill its purpose and duties? *

I (Louise Ludford) have studied wetlands and communicated with City of Minnetonka Natural Resource Specialists for the past 20 years about how to protect the north end of Purgatory Watershed. I am a former Special Education Teacher and have qualifications to communicate effectively with a variety of people, I have experience making data-based decisions, conduct research, and offer creative ideas to accommodate situations that may be sensitive. Arne Bjork is a Retired Navy man who through his leadership in the military has communication and leadership skills to convey information, direct plans, organize groups, and work effectively with individuals and fellow leaders. We consider ourselves environmentalists.

One of the roles of CAC members is to identify education needs in the community. What is one need, related to water, that you have seen? *

There is a need to gently educate residents of Saddlewood Patio Homes about the wetland buffer. A buffer is needed to keep water clean. The buffer works both above and below ground. Buffers are needed to clean water by filtering out and storing pollutants such as excess phosphorus. I am among 4 residents who stopped an Association project that would have dug up city property and change the water flow into the wetland. A need is to gently educate residents that Wetlands belong to all creatures and maintaining wetland health and vitality is an important environmental need. Being at the north end of Purgatory Watershed, there is a special responsibility to the land.

Are you able to commit to attending monthly meetings and special topic meetings as needed? *

Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
No	<input type="checkbox"/>

2023 Citizen Advisory Committee Application

Thank you for your interest in becoming a member of the Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC)!

The RPBCWD Board of Managers appoints new CAC members. All applications will be forwarded to them for consideration.

I am applying to be a *

Regular CAC member (18+ years old; no longer in high school)

Youth CAC member (currently attending high school)

First Name *

Bonnie

Last Name *

Nelson

Your home address *

401 highland drive

Chanhassen

Full address including city and zip code

If you work within the watershed, please also provide that address.

Email Address *

hbcnelson@msn.com

Phone Number *

612-716-7677

Why are you interested in becoming a Citizen Advisor for the Watershed District? *

I've recently retired from a 33 year engineering career at the MN Pollution Control Agency. I would like to continue to use my skills to help the District.

What do you hope to accomplish while serving on the committee? *

I hope to continue to educate myself and others on issues facing the district. Help to identify possible mitigation strategies, synthesize reports, be an enthusiastic and informed advocate.

2023 Citizen Advisory Committee Application

What are the strengths and/or qualifications you can bring to help this committee fulfill its purpose and duties? *

Lived in district for 35 years, lifelong love of water sports. Strong technical background in interpreting and applying environmental regulations. Confident speaker. I also provide a perspective for those with limited mobility. I have time to commit as I'm recently retired. One limitation I have is that morning meetings would be challenging to attend.

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Wow, one need is tough. General on-going education on damage to aquatic systems from use of salt for deicing seems timely. Shoreland erosion, fertilizer use, invasive species, blacktop sealants..

Are you able to commit to attending monthly meetings and special topic meetings as needed? *

Yes
 No

Is someone within your household already a CAC member or plan to apply to become a CAC member? *

No
 Yes

How did you hear about the RPBCWD Citizen Advisory Committee? *

I have followed for many years. Likely learned about District from an article in the Villager.

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First Name *

John

Last Name *

Tyler

Your home address *

17574 Belfast Cove, Eden Prairie, 55347

Full address including city and zip code

If you work within the watershed, please also provide that address.

Email Address *

johntyler0509@gmail.com

Phone Number *

612 867 7155

Why are you interested in becoming a Citizen Advisor for the Watershed District? *

I previously served on the CAC 2006 - 2012. I have been on the Mitchell Lake Association board since 2006 to date. I am a strong conservationist and enjoy water quality issues very much.

What do you hope to accomplish while serving on the committee? *

Bring Mitchell Lake issues to the CAC and CAC issues back to Mitchell Lake Association board and membership.

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Prior service, intense interest and enjoyment of the learning process about lakes and creeks.

One of the roles of CAC members is to identify education needs in the community. What is one need, related to water, that you have seen? *

Shoreline restoration and water quality improvement on Mitchell Lake.

Are you able to commit to attending monthly meetings and special topic meetings as needed? *

Yes

No

Is someone within your household already a CAC member or plan to apply to become a CAC member? *

No

Yes

How did you hear about the RPBCWD Citizen Advisory Committee? *

Through Mitchell Lake Association.

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First Name *

David

Last Name *

Paulson

Your home address *

16929 creek ridge place, minnetonka

Full address including city and zip code

If you work within the watershed, please also provide that address.

16929 creek ridge place

Email Address *

dave@waterthinktank.com

Phone Number *

952 220 5778

Why are you interested in becoming a Citizen Advisor for the Watershed District? *

I now have the time and desire to contribute more actively in protecting our natural resources. I want to apply at a local level some of the experience and knowledge I have gathered in other civic arenas.

What do you hope to accomplish while serving on the committee? *

Protect the local natural environment and health of its watershed, by
Helping educate the public
Helping define policy consequences
Becoming educated myself

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Lifetime of outdoor pursuits, loving nature and working to protect it, from Boy Scouts through support of conservation groups to a 5 decade career of advancing water treatment technologies.
Was Director of Corporate R&D for Osmonics--> GE water in Minnetonka, in charge of developing, measuring and applying water treatment technology for 30 years followed by 16 years independent consulting on same arena. Was also key manager in charge of liaison with all of: Regulatory Agencies, Academia researching this and industry trade groups (AWWA, WQA, NSF etc) I have sat on USBureau Recreation, US EPA panels and several standards groups. Peer reviewer for EPA Guides on water and wastewater treatment technologies. Published 50+ scientific and technology articles and many in trade magazines. So an understanding of environmental and legal bureaucracies, regulation intersection with water issues and the published science.

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The far-reaching effects on the watershed, and clean water in general, from the inevitable but controllable discharge from household, commercial and industrial sources. Here I would focus most on household and what people should understand as they go about their daily lives.

Are you able to commit to attending monthly meetings and special topic meetings as needed? *

Yes
 No

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No
 Yes

How did you hear about the RPBCWD Citizen Advisory Committee? *

Sun Sailor