

**DRAFT Regular Meeting Minutes –June 16, 2023**  
**RPBCWD Citizens Advisory Committee Monthly Meeting**  
**Location: Virtual via Zoom**

**ATTENDANCE**

Status: P=Present, E=Excused, A=Absent without notification

**CAC Members**

|               |   |                |   |                    |   |
|---------------|---|----------------|---|--------------------|---|
| Andrew Aller  | P | Jeff Weiss     | E | Marilynn Torkelson | P |
| Arne Bjork    | P | Jessica Willey | E | Michelle Frost     | P |
| Bonnie Nelson | P | Jim Boettcher  | P | Savanna Larson     | P |
| Dave Paulson  | A | John Tyler     | A | Sharon McCotter    | P |
|               |   | Louise Ludford | P | Terry Jorgenson    | E |

**Others**

|               |                |   |                 |  |   |
|---------------|----------------|---|-----------------|--|---|
| Liz Forbes    | RPBCWD Staff   | P | Dr. Lee Frelich |  | P |
| Eleanor Mahon | RPBCWD Staff   | E |                 |  |   |
| Jill Crafton  | RPBCWD Manager | P |                 |  |   |

**CAC MOTIONS for the Board of Managers:**

1. none

**Key CAC discussion items for the Board of Managers:**

1. none

- I. **Opening – 5 minutes**
  - A. Call CAC Meeting to Order: Andrew called meeting to order at 6:03pm
  - B. Attendance: *As noted above*
  - C. Matters of public interest: none
  - D. Approval of the Agenda: Marilynn added St. Hubert’s carried by general consent
  - E. Designate timekeeper: Andrew
  - F. Approval of previous CAC meeting minutes: April 17 adopted by gc May minutes adopted by general consent.
  
- II. **Learning Presentation (1 hour) - Dr. Lee Frelich, Director of the [UMN Center for Forest Ecology](#)** Temperature of the soil increased 8F by midsummer because of missing leaf litter insulation. Worsens effects of droughts; digested leaf litter is a source of CO2. Jumping worms move around in mulch-survive winter exclusively as eggs or cocoons; they live in top 2” of soil. Buckthorn removal – shred the stump. Put in seeds of native pants.  
**Watch the presentation on YouTube:** [https://youtu.be/FgaOy\\_xe3vM](https://youtu.be/FgaOy_xe3vM)
  
- III. **Board Meeting Recap and Discussion 10 minutes** Louise & Arne
  - A. Highlights from most recent BOM meeting; recording on [YouTube channel](#)

Duck Lake Association rep spoke, Louise stayed until closed session, Audit presentation. EHAP overview of first two meetings

- B. Response on CAC recommendations to Board at their latest meeting
- C. New Advisory Topics from the Board: none
- D. CAC members: [Please sign up to attend a Board meeting](#)

**IV. Program and Project Updates – 20 minutes**

- A. General (Liz): Buckthorn workshop to be offered to residential property owners. New webpage: [Water Quality Monitoring](#) page, Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Control page, AIS herbicide notification planned on a certain date (date could change depending on the weather or contractor). EHAP update What is a healthy urban ecosystem? What are organizations currently doing for ecosystem health? Low Impact Development (LID), green rooftops, What are the major barriers to achieving a healthy ecosystem?
- B. E&O updates (Eleanor): Upcoming Soil Health Walk with Anne Marie Journey

**V. CAC Process and Function 15 minutes**

- A. Committee/project interest/ideas (leadership needed)
- B. CAC Friends Subcommittee Form created by Liz for submitting volunteer events (June 15th summary email). Liability remains with the event organizers.
- C. New motion by CAC members: Resume meeting in person CAC decided to hold until BOM meets in person. Tabled until July meeting.

**VI. Running List for guest speakers for Future Meetings – 5 minutes**

- A. 7/17/2023: Kristine Maurer, Senior Conservation & Natural Resources Ecologist, [Hennepin County land protection & restoration \(info about program\)](#)
- C.TBD: Dave Hansen or Jack Distal, City of Bloomington – Natural Areas Restoration
- D.TBD: Alaina Portoghese (AmeriCorps) soil health project
- E.TBD: Importance of native plants
- F. TBD: Climate change & watershed impacts
- G. TBD: 10 Year Plan Update: Overview/requirements
- H. TBD CAC/community education approach (idea: incorporate work Alaina is doing with soil health)

**VII. Upcoming Events and Adjournment (5 min)**

- A. CAC Meeting – July 17, 6:00 PM zoom
- B. TAC meeting – to be determined
- C. View District calendar at [rpbcwd.com/calendar](http://rpbcwd.com/calendar)
- D. BOM Regular Meetings (1st Wednesdays @ 7 pm): July 5
- E. BOM Workshops (3rd Thursdays @ 7 pm): July 20
- F. Rain Garden St. Hubert's
- G. Adjournment: Sharon made a motion and Bonnie seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:48pm