

MEETING MINUTES

Riley-Purgatory-Bluff Creek Watershed District

March 19, 2019, Joint Workshop of the RPBCWD Board of Managers and City of Eden Prairie

Present

Eden Prairie City Council: Mayor Ron Case, Council Members Brad Aho, Kathy Nelson, Mark Freiberg, and PG Narayanan

Eden Prairie City Staff: City Manager Rick Getschow, Police Chief Greg Weber, Interim Fire Chief Kevin Schmiege, Public Works Director Robert Ellis, Community Development Director Janet Jeremiah, Parks and Recreation Director Jay Lotthammer, Administrative Services/HR Director Alecia Rose, Communications Manager Joyce Lorenz, City Attorney Ric Rosow, and Recorder Katie O'Connor

RPBCWD Managers: Jill Crafton, Treasurer; Larry Koch; Vice President; Dick Ward, President; David Ziegler, Secretary

RPBCWD Staff: Claire Bleser, RPBCWD Administrator; Amy Herbert, Amy Herbert LLC, Recorder; Terry Jeffery, Project and Permit Manager

Other Attendees: Pete Iversen, RPBCWD CAC; Lori Tritz, RPBCWD CAC; Ken Wencl, Chanhassen Resident; Marilynn Torkelson, RPBCWD CAC; Brian Maloney, LRIA; Rod Rue, City of Eden Prairie; Bill Satterness, Friends of Red Rock Lake; John Tyler, Mitchell Lake Association

1. Workshop

The joint workshop between the Riley Purgatory Bluff Creek Watershed District (RPBCWD) Board of Managers and the City of Eden Prairie was called to order at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 19, 2019, in the Heritage Room at Eden Prairie City Hall, 8080 Mitchell Road, Eden Prairie, MN.

After introductions and opening remarks by the City of Eden Prairie and the RPBCWD, Administrator Bleser displayed a PowerPoint presentation summarizing the District's 10-Year Watershed Management Plan and work done by the District in 2018. She talked about the District's goals, objectives, and programs. Administrator Bleser gave an overview of the District's permit program and noted that in 2018 there were 76 permits granted by the District. She talked about Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS), including AIS present in the watershed, such as the zebra mussels discovered in Lake Riley in 2018, and carp management in Rice Marsh Lake, Lake Susan, and Purgatory Creek Park. She talked about AIS education, management, and prevention strategies. Administrator Bleser briefed the group about the 2018-2019 winter fish kills on Duck Lake and Rice Marsh Lake and the 2018 bluegill fish stocking.

Administrator Bleser summarized the watershed's 2018 lake water quality and creek health data. Eden Prairie Council Member Kathy Nelson suggested District staff consider reaching out via a direct mailing to lakeshore owners within the watershed to educate the residents about healthy-watershed tips and techniques to remember when getting their lawn ready this spring.

Administrator Bleser talked about the District's Cost-Share Program, volunteer program, and youth outreach program. She summarized the District's wetland management and wetland inventory programs. Administrator

33 Bleser noted that the District is involved in stormwater pond research with the University of Minnesota. She
34 highlighted District projects within the City of Eden Prairie boundaries that took place in 2018 or are in progress.
35 Administrator Bleser highlighted the Duck Lake Partnership project and the District's goal of working with
36 residents in the Duck Lake subwatershed to construct 6 priority rain gardens, and 13 non-priority rain gardens and
37 install 58 rain barrels and 10 down spout raingardens.

38 There was a brief discussion about educating residents on things they can do to improve water quality. RPBCWD
39 staff answered questions and fielded comments from the City of Eden Prairie council members. Mr. Jeffery talked
40 in further detail about the District's permitting process.

41 Eden Prairie Mayor Ron Case thanked the RPBWD Board and staff for their work and their participation in this
42 evening's workshop.
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44 Mayor Case adjourned the workshop at 6:40 p.m.
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50 David Ziegler, Secretary