



LOWER MINNESOTA RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT

Minutes
Citizen Advisory Committee
Tuesday, September 7, 2021
600 West Black Dog Road, Burnsville, MN 55337

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 9 a.m. by Secretary Kuplic. The following members were present: Judy Berglund, Theresa Kuplic, and Greg Genz.

2. Approval of the Agenda

Berglund moved to approve the September agenda, and this was seconded by Genz. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Approval of the August Minutes

Berglund moved to approve the August minutes, and this was seconded by Genz. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Citizen Input on Non-Agenda Items

There was no input.

5. New Business

a. New Resident Handouts

Jen Dullum asked for feedback on two new resident handouts, 1) general watershed education and 2) rain gardens and native plants.

Judy Berglund asked for the rain garden graphic to include a berm, water in the rain garden, and different plants in the image. This led to a discussion on resources for landscape plans, planting guides, and qualified contacts for rain and native gardens. Jen will explore resource links that can be placed on the Lower Minnesota River Watershed District website to address the above items.

Greg Genz asked whether the word “lastly” could be removed from the watershed education handout. This led to a discussion regarding the Minnesota River as a “working river.” The information kiosk at Black Dog Trailhead was originally left with space for the LMRWD to provide river education on the navigation channel. Theresa Kuplic asked about dredge material and whether it is hazardous. Linda Loomis noted that it has been listed as Tier 1 dredge material and can be used for residential purposes.

b. Speakers and Presentations/Calendar Planning

Linda Loomis asked the group for a list of topics they would like to learn more about. She hopes to be able to provide speakers and presentations for the remainder of the year and into 2022, depending on what the Citizen Advisory Committee is interested in.

Theresa Kuplic would like to know more about impacts to the river from urban and rural sources. She would also like to know more about native landscape plants and planting design. Judy Berglund is interested in hearing more about the “working river.” Linda Loomis mentioned the Collaborative for Sediment Source Reduction project for the LeSueur River. Through this project, a watershed tool for measuring restoration efforts was created and could be a topic for an upcoming CAC meeting. Greg Genz would like to know more about the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency’s new MS4 (municipal separate storm sewer) permit. Another topic of interest could be the fish and wildlife of the Minnesota River, including carp, non-game fish, and mussels. Last, the CAC expressed interest in indigenous perspectives and history in the Minnesota River Valley.

6. Old Business

Jen Dullum asked whether there was another resident handout that should be created or any other information that should be put on the website. Judy Berglund suggested next focusing on stormwater runoff education for homeowners.

7. Communications

Linda Loomis shared updated plans for the district bus tour. The tour will be held on the morning of October 2, 2021. The CAC is invited to attend and will receive more information as the date approaches.

The CAC discussed in-person and virtual meetings. The CAC plans to hold October’s meeting in person. Depending on the weather, this meeting will include a boat ride on the Minnesota River. The next meeting will be on October 5, 2021. The time and location are to be determined.

8. Adjournment

Berglund moved to adjourn the meeting, and this was seconded by Genz. The motion carried unanimously.