



LOWER MINNESOTA RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT

Executive Summary for Action

Lower Minnesota River Watershed District Board of Managers Meeting
Wednesday, April 20, 2022

Agenda Item

Item 4. D. – March 1, 2022 CAC Meeting Minutes

Prepared By

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Summary.

The Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) was not able to reach a quorum at the April 5, 2022 meeting so the attached minutes from the March 1, 2022 meeting have not been approved by the CAC.

Attachments

March 1, 2022 CAC meeting minutes

Recommended Action

Receive and file March 1, 2022 CAC meeting minutes pending approval by CAC



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Minutes Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) Tuesday, March 1, 2022 Teleconference via Webex

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

President Diederichs called the meeting to order. The following members were present: Judy Berglund, Craig Diederichs, and Theresa Kuplic. The following individuals also attended the meeting: Linda Loomis (Naiad Consulting LLC and Lower Minnesota River Watershed District [LMRWD] Administrator), Jen Dullum (representing Young Environmental Consulting Group LLC), and Vicki Sherry (US Fish and Wildlife Service [FWS], National Wildlife Refuge System).

2. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of the March Agenda
- b. Approval of the February Minutes

Berglund moved to approve the consent agenda, and Diederichs seconded the motion. In a roll-call vote, the following individuals voted in favor of the motion: Berglund, Diederichs, and Kuplic. The following individuals voted against it: none.

3. Citizen Input on Non-Agenda Items

There was no input.

4. New Business

Vicki Sherry, FWS

Sherry, a wildlife biologist, gave a presentation on the Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge (Minnesota Valley NWR) and Wetland Management District (WMD).

Diederichs asked about sediment removal from the holding pond mentioned in the presentation. Sherry noted that the Minnesota Valley NWR and WMD is not removing sediment from the holding pond. Currently, the sediment just spreads out. The Minnesota Valley NWR and WMD hopes to solve this issue, but it has proven to be extremely expensive. The Minnesota Valley NWR and WMD also do not own the property where the sediment is originating, which makes remediation more difficult. Outreach to landowners is ongoing. Kuplic asked if any legislation to remedy the sediment issue would be available if the parcel of land were ever to be developed. Sherry noted ongoing work with city officials and stated that donation of the portion of the property below the bluff could allow access for repairs.

Loomis asked if vegetation surveys have ever been conducted. Sherry responded that many wildlife and

vegetation surveys have been conducted in the Minnesota Valley NWR and WMD. Most surveys take place before and after restoration efforts to gauge progress on management practices. There have also been surveys for the endangered and threatened species within the Minnesota Valley NWR and WMD. Sherry noted that the Minnesota Valley NWR and WMD is interested in partnerships and in exploring partnership opportunities with LMRWD.

5. Old Business

Berglund had questions about cost-share opportunities for rain barrels. Loomis noted that applications should be submitted and approved before purchase and installation of rain barrels.

6. Communications

Kuplic suggested uploading more handouts and information on cost-share opportunities to the LMRWD website.

Diederichs suggested we record our meetings so we can link to presentations on the website. Loomis noted that she is considering this option and will continue to investigate it.

There were comments on winter salt use, pending legislation, and the Stop Over Salting citizen group.

Kuplic suggested we post a list of water issues facing the Minnesota River on the website. For each water issue, we could create a page link to share solutions.

Loomis noted an upcoming potential outreach event in Eden Prairie where LMRWD informational handouts could be shared. She is looking into the details.

7. Adjournment

Berglund moved to adjourn the meeting, and Kuplic seconded the motion. In a roll-call vote, the following individuals voted in favor of the motion: Berglund, Diederichs, and Kuplic. The following individuals voted against it: none.