



# LOWER MINNESOTA RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT

Minutes  
Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC)  
Tuesday, October 4, 2022  
2400 East 86th Street, Bloomington, MN 55426

## 1. Order and Roll Call

The following members were present: Craig Diederichs, Judy Berglund, and Theresa Kuplic. The following individuals also attended the meeting: Linda Loomis, Naiad Consulting LLC and Lower Minnesota River Watershed District (LMRWD) administrator; and Jen Dullum, Young Environmental Consulting Group LLC education outreach coordinator.

## 2. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of the October Agenda
- b. Approval of the August Minutes

Berglund moved to approve the consent agenda, and Kuplic seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken, the motion carried unanimously.

## 3. Citizen Input on Non-Agenda Items

There was no input.

## 4. New Business

There was no new business.

## 5. Old Business

- a. Hat and T-shirt Options

CAC members agreed on ordering hats and name tags for identification when at public events representing the LMRWD. Loomis will reach out to vendors she has worked with in the past for twill hats and magnetic name tags.

- b. Draft Poster Board for Tabling Events

Dullum provided a draft poster for tabling events in the packet. This trifold poster includes information on the LMRWD cost program, native plants, rain barrels, rain gardens, and winter salt use. The CAC had no initial comments but will review and bring back any at the November meeting.

## 6. Communications

a. Meeting Format

Dullum provided an update on CAC member Karkowski, who has been unable to meet in person. Karkowski is better able to meet virtually. Berglund offered to host meetings at her home if the location would help with in-person meetings. Loomis suggested meetings could potentially be both virtual and in-person. Both Berglund and Kuplic will be attending virtually in February.

b. December Meeting Preparations

Dullum mentioned that in December, the CAC will approve and plan its 2023 meeting dates. This includes determining speakers, tours, potential events to attend. She asked the members to begin developing a list in preparation. She will also come with ideas and suggestions and provide ideas from other local watersheds.

c. Educator Mini-Grant Program

The LMRWD Educator Mini-Grant Program was launched on October 7, 2022. Over 100 educators were emailed. Applications are due on October 21. Dullum will be forwarding those applications and scoring sheets to you. Scoring sheets are due back to Dullum by 4:00 p.m. on October 28. The CAC will review all applications together and determine ranking at the November CAC meeting.

d. Watershed Management Plan Amendment/Rules Revision

Loomis informed the CAC that the Watershed Management Plan amendment to propose programs and projects for the five years is currently under review by various groups, including state agencies and other watershed partners. The Plan amendment will be finalized and adopted by the Board of Managers at the board meeting on October 19, 2022. Also, before this meeting is the rule revision. This process will complete administrative changes to the LMRWD's permitting program, removing potential confusion and streamlining the LMRWD's permitting process for applicants.

7. Adjournment

Berglund moved to adjourn the meeting, and Kuplic seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken, the motion carried unanimously.

Note: Before the official meeting, Vicki Sherry (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Wildlife Refuge System) took the CAC on a tour of a portion of the Long Meadow Lake Unit at Bass Ponds which included Ike's Creek, Big and Little Bass Ponds, Hogback Pond and Marsh, and the Youth Fishing Pond. Sherry described past, present, and future restoration efforts for the area.