



LOWER MINNESOTA RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT

Executive Summary for Action

Lower Minnesota River Watershed District Board of Managers Meeting

Wednesday, October 18, 2023

Agenda Item

Item 6. G. – Education & Outreach

Prepared By

Linda Loomis, Administrator

Summary

The LMRWD has received an application from a resident of Burnsville to the Citizen Advisory Committee. Resolution 23-15 has been prepared for the Board to consider appointing Lee Peterson to the CAC. A brief description of the applicant is attached.

The Q4 2023 Social Media Calendar is attached for the Board's information. Any suggestions can be directed to the Administrator.

The deadline for the educator mini-grants is October 20, 2023. So far, three applications have been received. The CAC will review the applications and bring its recommendations to the November 15, 2023 Board of Managers meeting.

Attachments

- Technical Memorandum – Applicant for LMRWD Citizen Advisory Committee
- Resolution 23-15 – Appointment of Lee Peterson to LMRWD Citizen Advisory Committee
- Q4 2023 Social Media Content Calendar

Recommended Action

Motion to adopt Resolution 23-15 - Appointment of Lee Peterson to LMRWD Citizen Advisory Committee



Technical Memorandum

To: Linda Loomis, Administrator
Lower Minnesota River Watershed District (LMRWD)

From: Jen Dullum, Education and Outreach Coordinator
Suzy Lindberg, Communications Manager

Date: October 18, 2023

Re: Applicant for LMRWD Citizen Advisory Committee

Young Environmental received an application from Lee Peterson, who is interested in joining the LMRWD Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC). We introduce the applicant below for your consideration:

Lee Peterson lives in a High Value Resource Area adjacent to the Minnesota River in Burnsville, MN. Lee is concerned about lawn care practices and their effects on the water quality of the Minnesota River. Lee is a retired conservation practice farmer and former northeast Iowa Soil and Water Conservation District technician. Lee also has a background as a wetland restoration project manager and is knowledgeable in native grass and flower seeding. As an avid boater, canoer, and kayaker, Lee would like to keep the Minnesota River clean.

Young Environmental reviewed the candidate's application and has no concerns. As such, we recommend that the Board of Managers approve the candidate for a one-year appointment to serve on the CAC. The application is available upon request.

RESOLUTION 23-15

RESOLUTION OF THE LOWER MINNESOTA RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT BOARD OF MANAGERS

Appointment of Lee Peterson to LMRWD Citizen Advisory Committee

Manager _____ offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Manager _____:

WHEREAS, pursuant to Minnesota Statute 103D.331, the Lower Minnesota River Watershed District (LMRWD) Board of Managers must annually appoint a Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC); and

WHEREAS, the CAC is organized to assist the LMRWD Board of Managers on matters affecting the interests of the watershed district; and

WHEREAS, statute requires the committee consist of at least five (5) members; and

WHEREAS, the District advertised openings for new CAC membership on the LMRWD website, distributed the notice through a press release to all LMRWD partners and stakeholders, and handed out invitations at tabling events; and

WHEREAS, in 2023 the LMRWD received an application from Lee Peterson to become a member of the CAC; and

WHEREAS, LMRWD staff has reviewed the applicant's background, experience, community service and geographic representation within the watershed and recommends the appointment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lower Minnesota River Watershed District Board of Managers hereby appoint the following individuals to the 2023 Citizen Advisory Committee for a one year appointment:

Lee Peterson

The question was on the adoption of the Resolution and there were ___ yeas and ___ nays as follows:

	<u>Yea</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
AMUNDSON	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
BARISONZI	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
HARTMANN	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
KUPLIC	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
SALVATO	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Upon vote, the President declared the Resolution adopted.

(signature on following page)

Jesse Hartmann, President

ATTEST:

Lauren Salvato, Secretary

I, Lauren Salvato, Secretary of the Lower Minnesota River Watershed District, do hereby certify that I have compared the above Resolution with the original thereof as the same appears of record and on file with the District and find the same to be a true and correct transcript thereof.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand this 19th day of July 2023.

Lauren Salvato, Secretary

Week	Date	Topic	Platform	Post
40	10/2/2023	Fall Yard care	Facebook Twitter Instagram	Fall is here. So is the time for leaf raking—even in the street! Rake and bag leaves and debris in your street to clear the nearest storm drain. Anything that enters a storm drain makes its way to our local water. A quick 5-minute rake or sweep can help protect our waters. lowermnrivewd.org/makeadifference/take-action
	10/4/2023	Meet the CAC	Facebook Instagram	@LowerMinn final CAC member to introduce: Tom Hartle. Tom lives on the Minnesota River Bluffs, and he has a vested interest in better understanding how to protect the land from erosion. By participating in the Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC), he hopes to learn more about the environmental factors that affect his community's waterways, take part in decisions that benefit the environment, participate in being a good steward of his community resources, and educate and inform others. Welcome Tom! lowermnrivewd.org/makeadifference/citizen-advisory-committee
	10/5/2023	Educator Mini-Grant	Facebook Twitter Instagram	The due date for the Educator Mini-Grant Program applications will be here sooner than you think! Applications are due October 20. Submit yours today and be considered for reimbursable grants up to \$500 for water resources programming. Need ideas for how to spend the money? We've got lots on our website. lowermnrivewd.org/resources/links @LowerMin
	10/10/2023	MN River Campaign	Facebook Twitter Instagram	It's sweater weather! Time to enjoy the beauty of the Minnesota River Valley. Nature viewing and experiencing the lush falls colors are just a couple of ways. How do you connect to the Minnesota River? lowermnrivewd.org/recreation/land-activities-nature-viewing www.dnr.state.mn.us/fall_colors/index.html
	10/11/2023	Educator Mini-Grant	Facebook Twitter Instagram	Have you told your favorite educator about the @LowerMinn mini-grant program yet? Applications are due soon. Share the word so we can share the grants! Due date is October 20. Find out more @lowermnrivewd.org/resources/links .
	10/11/2023	Board Meeting	Facebook Twitter	Please join @LowerMinn for its upcoming Board meeting. Board meetings are held at the Carver County Government Center on the third Wednesday of every month. They begin at 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Can't make the meeting? All board packets are on our website. lowermnrivewd.org/utility-nav/meetings/agendas-minutes
42	10/16/2023	Educator Mini-Grant	Facebook Twitter Instagram	Last call! Educator Mini-Grant Program applications are due on October 20. @LowerMinn is accepting applications from local educators for grants to offset the costs of materials and programming that focus on water resource themes. Whether you need waders, microscopes, or have a field trip planned, the possibilities for environmental education are endless. Visit our website for more information and to apply. lowermnrivewd.org/resources/links

	10/20/2023	Metro Children's Water Festival	Facebook Twitter Instagram	Did you miss the Metro Children's Water Festival? Check out their website for both a virtual festival and additional education resources. Our own Manager Salvato participates in the event and the @LowerMinn contributes annually to this one-of-a kind learning experience. We believe in educating our young learners! metrocwf.org lowermnrivewd.org/makeadifference
43	10/24/2023	Cost Share Grants	Facebook Twitter Instagram	Did you know that the @LowerMinn has cost-share grants for residents? Start planning your project and apply for 2024 funds. Native plants, pervious pavers, and much more is eligible for funding. lowermnrivewd.org/makeadifference/cost-share-grants
	10/25/2023	MN River Campaign	Facebook Twitter Instagram	Are you still getting out with your rod and reel? The @LowerMinn has many fishing options meet your needs. Grab your bait and tackle and find a new spot or stick to your favorite. Fish on! How do you connect to the Minnesota River? lowermnrivewd.org/recreation/water-activities-fishing
	10/26/2023	Rain Barrels	Facebook Twitter Instagram	If you haven't already, it's about time to empty your rain barrel and put it away for the winter. Drain the barrel, spigot, and all hoses so nothing will freeze. Rain barrels can help save potable water in times of drought, like this past summer. Every drop counts! lowermnrivewd.org/application/files/8116/7666/7380/Rain_BarrelV2.pdf
44	10/30/2023	Adopt-A Drain	Facebook Twitter Instagram	Fall is a 'grate' time to adopt a drain! It's easy. Just clear leaves and trash from the storm drain grate twice a month for cleaner water. Go to mn.adopt-a-drain.org to learn more. @AdoptADrainMN
	11/2/2023	LMRWD Project Update - Area #3	Facebook Twitter Instagram	Study Area 3 in @cityofedenprairie is a steep bluff that is estimated to be eroding at a rate of 3 feet per year. Stabilizing the area is necessary to prevent large amounts of sediment from entering the Minnesota River. The @LowerMinn received \$2.75 million in state funding to put towards on the ground efforts to fix this issue. Learn more at lowermnrivewd.org/projects/study-area-3-eden-prairie.
45	11/8/2023	National STEM/STEAM Day	Facebook Twitter Instagram	It's National STEM day: The @LowerMinn is committed to youth education. Our Educator Mini-Grant program works to inspire the next generation students and educators working in science and natural resources. We've also partnered with @CityofBurnsville and @DakotaSWCD to bring new hands-on, real-world learning to @BurnsvilleHS this school year. #NationalSTEMDay #NationalSTEAMDay
	11/9/2023	CAC Recruitment	Facebook Twitter Instagram	The @LowerMinn is always looking for more members for our Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC). Are you interested in learning more about our shared water resources and engaging with the public? Find out more here: lowermnrivewd.org/makeadifference/citizen-advisory-committee.

46	11/15/2023	Board Meeting	Facebook Twitter	Please join @LowerMinn for its upcoming Board meeting. Board meetings are held at the Carver County Government Center on the third Wednesday of every month. They begin at 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Can't make the meeting? All board packets are on our website. lowermnrivewd.org/utility-nav/meetings/agendas-minutes
	11/16/2023	LMRWD Project Update - Carver Levee	Facebook Twitter Instagram	The @CityofCarver is working to update the aging Carver Levee originally constructed in 1965. The levee protects parts of the community and downtown Carver from major flood events but is no longer up to federal standards. @LowerMinn and the City matched at \$150K @MNDNR grant to help offset costs of the project. lowermnrivewd.org/projects/city-carver-levee-improvements
	11/17/2023	National Take a Hike Day	Facebook Twitter Instagram	There is still time for biking, hiking, and leisurely walks this fall. Tag a friend you want to check out a new trail with! How do you connect to the Minnesota River? lowermnrivewd.org/recreation/land-activities-trails #TakeAHikeDay
47	11/20/2023	Buckthorn Removal	Facebook Twitter Instagram	Are you removing buckthorn or other vegetation this fall? Are you on a steep slope and need some advice on how to manage vegetation? Download our guide for helpful tips for removing vegetation, keeping soil in place, and adding beneficial vegetation back in. lowermnrivewd.org/application/files/9716/9575/2790/Steep_SlopesV2.pdf
	11/24/2023	Opt Outside	Facebook Twitter Instagram	Looking for an outdoor adventure? We've made it easy! There is something for everyone on the @LowerMinn recreation page. How do you connect to the Minnesota River? lowermnrivewd.org/recreation #OptOutside
48	11/28/2023	Construction Permits	Facebook Twitter Instagram	Starting a construction project? You might need a permit. Our updated permit page makes understanding when you need a permit easy if you are a homeowner, developer, city, or unincorporated area. Visit the @LowerMinn website to see if your project needs a permit. lowermnrivewd.org/regulatory-1/individual-permit
	11/30/2023	Mini-Grant Recipients	Facebook Twitter Instagram	Congratulations to our Educator Mini-Grant Program recipients! Educators from applied for \$...., which will be reimbursed after their projects are complete. Projects range from to We are excited to hear all about the education and engagement they are providing. A second round of funding will be available in early 2024. More information can be found on our website: lowermnrivewd.org/resources/links .
	12/5/2023	International Volunteer Day	Facebook Twitter Instagram	We want to take this time to thank our fantastic group of citizen advisory committee members. This year our CAC volunteered at 7 community events, advised on our educator mini-grant program, created a newsletter and how-to social media videos and took time out of their days to engage and learn with us each month! Thank you for all that you do! lowermnrivewd.org/makeadifference/citizen-advisory-committee

49	12/6/2023	LMRWD Project Update - HCCI	Facebook Twitter Instagram	The @LowerMinn continues its work to address chloride concerns in the Twin Cities Metro area. As part of the Hennepin County Chloride Project, a chloride reduction grant was created to help reduce salt loading to local water resources with our partners @RPBCWD @NMCWD @RBWMO. Learn more at lowermnriverwd.org/projects/hennepin-county-chloride-project .
	12/8/2023	Pet Waste	Facebook Twitter Instagram	Even in the winter, remember to pick up after your pet. Pet waste contains bacteria that can make animals and people sick and pollute local water, whatever the temperature outside. http://bit.ly/3hCGCdN https://www.poopfairy.university/ #ThereIsNoPoopFairy Twin Ports RSPT
50	12/12/2023	Ice safety	Facebook Twitter Instagram	Remember, ice is never 100% safe. Check ice thickness frequently this winter. https://bit.ly/3VymZDI lowermnriverwd.org/recreation/water-activities-fishing
	12/13/2023	Board Meeting	Facebook Twitter	Please join @LowerMinn for its upcoming Board meeting. Board meetings are held at the Carver County Government Center on the third Wednesday of every month. They begin at 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Can't make the meeting? All board packets are on our website. lowermnriverwd.org/utility-nav/meetings/agendas-minutes
51	12/19/2023	Salt	Facebook Twitter Instagram	Chloride from deicing salt is polluting our local waterbodies at increasing rates. Just 1 teaspoon of salt is enough to permanently pollute 5 gallons of water. Learn steps to use less salt and be salt smart this winter. lowermnriverwd.org/makeadifference/chloride
	12/21/2023	First Day of Winter	Facebook Twitter Instagram	It's the #FirstDayOfWinter! Are you ready for some snowshoeing or skiing? Did you know you can also find areas for snowmobiling in the @LowerMinn? Get out and enjoy your local Minnesota River watershed! Tag a friend and have some winter fun! How do you connect to the Minnesota River? lowermnriverwd.org/recreation/land-activities-trails
52	12/27/2023	Salt	Facebook Twitter Instagram	Check out this great video from our friends @mnwcd about how excessive salting harms our waterbodies—and what you can do to help. https://bit.ly/3CDpplk
	12/31/2023	Top 10 Highlights of 2023	Facebook Twitter Instagram	The @LowerMinn had a great 2023. We hope you did too! Here's a look back at our Top 10 Highlights from 2023. Happy New Year!