

COON CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT
Request for Board Action

MEETING DATE: February 12, 2024
AGENDA NUMBER: 7
ITEM: Advisory Committees Report

AGENDA: Consent

ACTION REQUESTED

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BACKGROUND

The Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) met in a hybrid format on January 10th. The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) met virtually on January 11th.

- The next CAC meeting scheduled: February 14th at 4:30pm hybrid with Zoom.
- The next TAC meeting scheduled: February 15th at 8:30am hybrid with Zoom.

ISSUES/CONCERNS

Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC)

All CAC members were present in person at the CCWD office except Mr. MacPherson who attended the meeting virtually. CCWD staff member, Jessica Lindemyer, was also in attendance. The meeting was chaired by Ms. Goodboe-Bisschoff.

1. Announcements:

New Committee Member, Jason Margl, introduced himself as a resident of Andover and provided a brief professional background.

2. District Update:

Jessica Lindemyer informed the CAC that the Board will be considering changes to the CAC appointment policy at the January 22nd Board meeting.

3. Draft Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan:

Jessica provided a brief overview of the comprehensive plan status, including next steps, and the process for providing comments. There was general discussion regarding the Comprehensive Plan and a consensus to continue discussions at the February meeting. No formal comments were made by the CAC.

Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

The majority of the TAC members were present; absent were Anoka Conservation District, Board of Water & Soil Resources, and Spring Lake Park.

1. Management Situation:

CCWD Staff provided brief updates on the following topics: recent weather and hydrology, subwatershed planning efforts, water quality grant program, plumbing board surcharge updates.

Each TAC member provided an overview of any stormwater related plans for 2024.

2. Annual Assessment:

Tim Kelly asked the following questions to all present TAC members: What are we, as a group, doing well? What can we approve upon?

Many TAC members highlighted interagency collaboration and communication as one of the biggest benefits of the Committee and its monthly meetings. Several members also commended the District for seeing and communicating the bigger picture.

Feedback on areas of improvement was more varied. A few TAC members expressed interest in receiving advance notice of what will be discussed at each TAC meeting and better education for municipal staff and council on water-related concerns. There was a brief discussion regarding the potential benefit of shared interagency positions and additional help with funding.

3. Announcements:

There was a brief discussion regarding the January 10th Coon Rapids Council Workshop at which Tim Kelly presented. Tim Himmer stated that the meeting went very well, it was succinct and focused. The presentation was well received, and the council was very engaged.

RECOMMENDATION

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