

BROWN'S CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT

455 HAYWARD AVE N
OAKDALE, MN
55128

651.330.8220 X26 [PHONE]
651.330.7747 [FAX]
WWW.BCWD.ORG

Minutes

**Brown's Creek Watershed District
Citizen Advisory Committee Meeting
Monday, June 13, 2022 at 6:30-8:00 p.m.
HELD REMOTELY DUE TO COVID -19 PANDEMIC**

CAC Members Attending:

Jyneen Thatcher
Anne Maule Miller
George Vania
Yihong Gao

Others Attending:

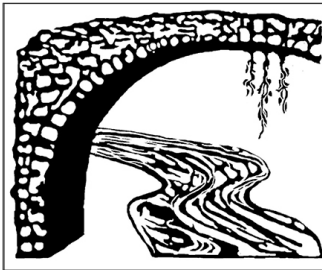
Cameron Blake, BCWD Assistant
Celia Wirth, BCWD Board Liaison
Karen Kill, BCWD Administrator

- 1) Called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM
- 2) The agenda was approved with no changes.
- 3) There were no comments received for the minutes from April 11th, 2022. The minutes were approved as final.
- 4) 2022 Open Yard Events Update

Month	Date	Time	Rain Date	Event	Location	CAC Member
April	April 9 th 9am	9- 11am	April 23rd	Birding	Long Lake trail, parking end of 62 nd	George/Anne
Starting in spring				Long Lake walking trail boxes posts		Anne
May	May 18th	6- 8pm		Wildflower Walk	BC Trail	Jyneen
June	June 15th	6- 8pm		Habitat Restoration	BC Park (IESF, diversion	Jyneen/Yihong

Managers:

Klayton Eckles, President • Chuck LeRoux, Secretary • Gerald Johnson, Treasurer • Celia Wirth, Vice President
• Rob McKim, Manager •



BROWN'S CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT

455 HAYWARD AVE N
OAKDALE, MN
55128

651.330.8220 X26 [PHONE]
651.330.7747 [FAX]
WWW.BCWD.ORG

					drainage, Millbrook)	
July	July 20th	6-8pm		Post-buckthorn removal weeding/planting workshop	Long Lake trail, parking end of 62 nd	Jyneen/Yihong
August	August 13th	10am-12pm	TBD	Stormwater Tour	Settlers Glen	George
September	September 10th	10am-1pm	N/A	Community Event		All CAC
September	September 24th	10am-12pm	N/A	Buckthorn	62 nd St	Anne
October	October 1st	10am-12pm	N/A	Buckthorn	62 nd St	Anne

5) CAC Project Update

The CAC reviewed the final version of the New Homeowner's Packet. It will be printed and distributed in July.

- 6) Celia Wirth presented an update on the BCWD website process. Karen and Celia discussed options with the current company the BCWD uses for our website: GovOffice. There is a more advanced option available and Celia showed some examples of the appearance and function of those kinds of websites. Overall there are better features and improved functionality. A quote for this upgrade has not been received yet but the plan is to shift to this option in the short term and then continue to seek an improved and customizable website design for the long term. Celia asked for feedback on what is missing from the current website and what is unnecessary. Some written feedback was compiled in February as well. The CAC agreed the current website is difficult to navigate and locate information. The timeline on this website transfer is not yet known as the GovOffice meeting occurred recently so the quote has not been sent. Depending on the cost the best option may be to seek bids from other options.

7) Community Event Planning

- Inquire if the Raptor Center would be available for a raptor show between 11-1pm
- Connect with Andy Weaver about his falcons and if he would be willing to attend
- Extend an invitation to Sustainable Stillwater and Pollinator Alliance
- Extend an invitation to the Stillwater Water Department (Robert Benson)
- Extend an invitation to Sally Manzara Interpretive Center

Managers:

Klayton Eckles, President • Chuck LeRoux, Secretary • Gerald Johnson, Treasurer • Celia Wirth, Vice President
• Rob McKim, Manager •



- Extend an invitation to Master Gardeners (Dave Paulsen tree exhibit)
- Create a display of the different activities the Stillwater High School is doing such as the trout releases, environmental/wildlife club etc. As a follow up, ask Glenn Boettcher about interested students for the CAC.
- Anne will pursue a demonstration hive
- Cameron confirmed promotion will include: BCWD website and facebook page, EMWREP, Peachjay flyer to the schools in the BCWD. The CAC asked to pursue additional promotion through Discover Stillwater, the Gazette, and the Patch. The CAC asked if BCWD HOA;'s could be communicated with for events to be posted in their newsletters.

8) CAC Position Updates

- Graphic Design and Promotion
 - i) Discover Stillwater- Cameron will create a BCWD St. Croix SPLASH account to list events
 - ii) Cameron will ensure the 2022 buckthorn removal events are posted in the Community Thread volunteer calendar
 - iii) Stillwater Patch-Cameron will create a BCWD account here as well
 - iv) The CAC recruitment flyer is ready for distribution. The New Homeowner Packet is going to be mailed in July. The 2022 spring newsletter has had some good outreach impact.
- Education and Community Engagement

It has been difficult to coordinate event presence with Sustainable Stillwater. The CAC discussed strategies for bridging the coordination/communication challenges. Pollinator Friendly Alliance doesn't have any 2022 events in the BCWD. Anne presented raingarden information at the Sally Manzara Interpretive Center event. There was staff representation at the Wild Ones Landscape Revival in Oakdale this spring.
- Habitat Restoration

Cameron will send the CAC the maintenance report with the 2022 activity plan updated. George Vania updated the board on a beaver dam at Long Lake. The next time George will conduct a birding survey will be July 13th.
- BCWD Board Activities

There has been continued discussion about BCWD flood policy and the minor management plan amendment as well as simplifying the single family permitting process.

9) Karen Kill presented the educational topic for the evening: BCWD Management Plan and the MPCA's impaired water's list.

The 10 year management plan identifies implementation items to address impaired waters in the watershed. The BCWD performs the monitoring the MPCA uses to determine whether

Managers:

Klayton Eckles, President • Chuck LeRoux, Secretary • Gerald Johnson, Treasurer • Celia Wirth, Vice President
• Rob McKim, Manager •



they are impaired or not (based on the TMDL that is developed by the MPCA). Long Lake was just listed for a chloride impairment which has driven a lot of discussion about salting in the watershed district and what role the BCWD will play. Chloride pollution is a statewide issue. Long Lake has a management plan that addresses the excess nutrients identified in the TMDL but has not been updated with chloride activities. The west metro has a longer history with chloride impairment issues so the BCWD will be able to learn from watershed district's in that area. There is a need for the state legislature to address salting litigation which could encourage more people to adopt SMART salting practices and certifications. The BCWD will pay for the CAC to receive the SMART salting training if they are interested in becoming certified. Karen reminded the group that there is a budget for CAC training.

10) CAC Meeting format for August CAC meeting:

Cameron will verify the existence and availability of a room in the Library that has the ability to host a hybrid meeting.

11) Meeting adjourned at 8:00PM

Managers:

Klayton Eckles, President • Chuck LeRoux, Secretary • Gerald Johnson, Treasurer • Celia Wirth, Vice President
• Rob McKim, Manager •