



**BROWN'S
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Minutes

**Brown's Creek Watershed District
Citizen Advisory Committee Meeting
Monday, April 10, 2023 at 6:30-8:00 p.m.**

Stillwater Library Margaret River's A Meeting Room

CAC Members Attending:

Jyneen Thatcher
George Vania
Yihong Gao (attended virtually)
Ron Johnson
Patty Johnson
Aimee Eberle

Others Attending:

Cameron Blake, BCWD Assistant
Allison McGinnis, Great River Greening (virtually)
Celia Wirth, BCWD Board Liaison

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- 1) Called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM.
 - 2) Approved Agenda.
 - 3) Approved Minutes from February 13th, 2023.
 - 4) Education Topic: Stillwater: Bird City (Allison McGinnis, Sustainable Stillwater)
Allison McGinnis introduced herself and Sustainable Stillwater's efforts in reaching a bird city designation for the City of Stillwater. Part of the requirement for this designation is an annual festival. The topic for World Migration Day in 2023 is water, which is relevant to district activities and focus. She is proposing the BCWD partner with SSMN and include the bird festival with the district's annual fall community event. The CAC agreed with this proposition and Allison will join the June CAC meeting for additional planning. The CAC and Allison discussed the lights out efforts by Sustainable Stillwater and upcoming planning of a park north of downtown Stillwater near the Brown's Creek State Trail.
 - 5) Welcome new CAC member!
The CAC welcomed new member Aimee Eberle who will be approved to the CAC at this week's board meeting.
 - 6) 2023 Newsletter

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The CAC provided a few edits for the newsletter and otherwise thought it looked ready for distribution.

7) 2022 Annual Report

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8) BCWD Website

The CAC provided feedback on the mobile version of the BCWD website. They would like functionality and for the whole website to be accessible from a mobile browser.

9) 2023 Event Schedule

- Open Yard Series

Month	Date/Time	Event	CAC Member
April	4/29 8am	Long Lake West Trail Birding	End of 62 nd St
		Long Lake boxes/posts	
May	5/17 6:30pm	Wildflower Walk	Schulenburg Park
June	6/21 6:30pm	Millbrook Restoration Tour	Brown's Creek Park parking lot
July	7/19 6:30pm	Fly Fishing Workshop	Brown's Creek Park parking lot
August	8/9 6:30pm	Brown's Creek Tributary Restoration Project Tour Part 2	
September 16th	10am-1pm	Community Event	Brown's Creek Park
September	9/23 9am-12pm	Long Lake Buckthorn Brigade	End of 62 nd St
October	10/7 9am-12pm	Brown's Creek Conservation Area Buckthorn Brigade	St. Croix Ballet Studio parking lot if permission is received

- 2023 Community Event with Sustainable Stillwater: update on raptors
Allison explained that she was able to reserve a raptor show from the raptor center at the community event and the cost will be split between SSMN and the BCWD. Additional details will be available at the June CAC meeting.

10) CAC Position Updates

- Graphic Design and Promotion

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The BCWD is waiting to find out if the district will be approved for a NextDoor account to help with event promotion.

- Education and Community Engagement
Allison shared about their upcoming Climate Fair on April 29th.
- Habitat Restoration
Jyneen and George both discussed their recent surveying at the Brown's Creek Conservation Area.
- BCWD Board Activities
The board has been discussing the district's permitting rules as they apply to single family homes and an upcoming potential stream restoration project for Brown's Creek at Brown's Creek Park.
- BCWD Apparel Order
Anne, George, and Aimee will need to re-order apparel after their orders not being processed at the last ordering.

11) The meeting was adjourned at 7:55PM.

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