



**BROWN'S
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Minutes

**Brown's Creek Watershed District
Citizen Advisory Committee Meeting
Monday, October 14, 2024 at 6:00-8:00 p.m.
Margaret Rivers Room B, Stillwater Library**

CAC Members Attending:

George Vania
Sandy Noreen-Ruben
Yihong Gao (via Zoom)
Anne Maule Miller (via Zoom)

Others Attending:

Cameron Blake, BCWD Assistant
Hannah Peterson, BCWD
Celia Wirth, BCWD Board Liaison
Karen Kill, BCWD Administrator
Alexander Furneaux, EOR
Camilla Correll, EOR

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- 1) Called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM
The group introduced themselves to Hannah Peterson, a seasonal worker for the BCWD.
 - 2) Approved Agenda
 - 3) Approved Minutes from August 12th, 2024
 - 4) Management Plan Update Workshop (EOR)
Alexander presented what the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) discussed at their last management plan update meeting regarding stormwater runoff management and stream management. The management plan issues covered in this meeting were "Ecological Health" and "Land Conservation".
Karen explained the district adds \$50,000 a year to its land conservation budget, which can include additional land acquisition and budget for restoration. George requested the district consider additional methods of land conservation beyond land acquisition, such as working with landowners around the existing district conservation area to implement restoration activities. Karen explained the district has historically been involved in estate planning workshops for landowners through the East Metro Water Resource Education Program (EMWREP), which can lead to lands being placed into conservation easements. The group discussed why groundwater recharge areas were distinct areas under land conservation and how climate change and diversity,

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equity, and inclusions were related to this issue statement. George recalled his experience volunteering at a local food shelf and subsistence hunting activities the community is involved in and how this could relate to district land conservation. The group suggested increased engagement with the public at the Brown's Creek Conservation Area including a potential self led QR code tour or opportunity to upload pictures of the conservation area.

5) Adjourned Meeting at 7:55 PM

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