



BROWN'S CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT

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Minutes

Brown's Creek Watershed District: Citizen Advisory Committee Meeting

Monday, June 9, 2025 at 6:00-8:00 p.m.

The Lakes at Stillwater, Reflections Room (2nd Floor)

CAC Members Present:	Others Present:
Jyneen Thatcher	Hannah Peterson, BCWD Staff
George Vania	Allison McGinnis, Bird City Stillwater/SSMN (via Zoom)
Dennis Gervais	
Sandy Noreen Ruben	
Anne Maule Miller (via Zoom)	
CAC Members Absent:	
Dory Herman	
Yihong Gao	
Hallie Udoli	

1) Called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM

2) Approved Agenda

3) Approved minutes from April 14, 2025

4) Introductions

CAC Members and others in attendance introduced themselves since there was a new CAC Member, Dennis Gervais, present.

5) Election of CAC Officers

George Vania wanted to remain co-chair, and Anne Maule Miller requested to step down. George will remain chair, and there is opportunity for another CAC member to step up as co-chair. The CAC discussed what being chair means, and George shared how he attends all meetings and events as well as leads the birding surveys at the 110th Street property. Hannah Peterson shared that the chair(s) can also assist with agenda preparation, lead meetings, and record the meeting minutes. The CAC expressed appreciation in having staff take on those tasks.

Managers:

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6) Watershed Management Plan Update

Hannah shared an update on where the board is in the process, including a draft review at the next CAC meeting on August 11th.

7) Upcoming Event Planning

The CAC discussed the upcoming events and details for each. Anne shared that Wendy would be interested in doing an Open Yard of her low mow/no mow lawn but had not given a date. The CAC discussed more details on the Community Celebration with Allison McGinnis, including how to promote the bird costume contest. George suggested attending a Stillwater City Council meeting in a bird costume and request a council member judge in addition to a Bird City and BCWD judge. Hannah shared that she would have promo materials ready to be distributed by the August CAC meeting, and that it would be an opportunity to finalize the planning. The CAC discussed the idea of a fall seed collecting or sowing event, possibly in partnership with the Washington County Master Gardeners or the Pollinator Friendly Alliance to enhance BCWD projects, expand the pollinator corridor, or give community members seeds to take home.

DATE	TIME	EVENT
JUNE 24 TH	6:30-8pm	Walking Tour – the Lakes at Stillwater
JULY TBD		<i>Butterfly Cove Gardens or other native garden?</i>
AUG 12 TH	6:30-8pm	Brown’s Creek Restoration Tour/ADA Fishing pier
AUG 21 ST	11am-4pm	Well Water Screening Clinic (Baytown Town Hall)
SEPT 20 TH	10am-1pm	Community Watershed Celebration & Bird Festival
OCT 26 TH (TENT)	1-4pm	LiftBridge – Native Plant Painting or Basketmaking

8) CAC Project Updates

Hannah shared that the newsletter had been printed and mailed and that the current version of the homeowner’s packet would be mailed soon. The revisions will occur in the coming year, since there were still over 200 copies. Anne proposed the idea of creating seasonal flora handouts to accompany the bird handouts around Long Lake and possibly the Brown’s Creek Trail for next year. Allison noted that someone from Sustainable Stillwater had been doing something similar along the trail and was looking to revive it. Hannah noted that she could probably put something together if Anne and Jyneen were able to share photos and content to include.

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9) BCWD Project Updates and Upcoming Meeting Topics

Hannah shared an update on the next round of funding for restoration along Brown's Creek and other proposed projects under the MPCA 319 grant. She also shared the Applewood Golf Course's reuse system would be tested in the fall. The CAC discussed updates on the projects slated for future CAC presentations, and Hannah said she could work on getting updates for the projects she was unsure on. The CAC said they would be very interested in a project tour.

10) Adjourned Meeting at 7:43 PM

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