BROWN'S CREEK
WATERSHED DISTRICT
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MEETING MINUTES

Brown's Creek Watershed District: Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting
Monday, October 13, 2025, from 6:00-8:00 p.m.
The Lakes at Stillwater, Reflections Room (2nd Floor) and Online via Zoom

CAC Members Present:	**Others Present:**
Dory Herman (via Zoom)	Hannah Peterson, BCWD Staff
George Vania	Celia Wirth, BCWD Manager
Dennis Gervais	Camilla Correll, EOR, BCWD Engineer
Anne Maule Miller (via Zoom)	Alexander Furneaux, EOR, BCWD Engineer
David Wortman	Allison McGinnis, Bird City Stillwater/SSMN (via Zoom)
CAC Members Absent:	
Jyneen Thatcher	
Yihong Gao	
Hallie Udoli	

1) **Called the meeting to order at 6:08 PM**
2) **Approved Agenda**
3) **Approved August 11, 2025 Minutes**
4) **Introductions**

   CAC Members introduced themselves and shared where they live, and other attendees shared their relationship with BCWD.

5) **Watershed Management Plan Update**

   Prior to the workshop with EOR, Anne Maule Miller asked about updated flood maps for Long Lake, and Camilla Correll shared that they have been created as part of the flood vulnerability assessment and will be available to share soon. Alexander Furneaux then led the CAC through a presentation on the implementation plan and budget for the watershed management plan update. The CAC asked questions about the planning process and alignment with other local plans such as the Lower St. Croix One Watershed One Plan and clarified how funds were broken out. The CAC and EOR focused their discussion on where the greatest budget increases are and what activities led to increased costs.

Managers:
Klay Eckles, President | Chuck LeRoux, Vice President | Celia Wirth, Treasurer
Debra Sahulka, Secretary | Griffin Brod, Manager

6) **Recent Events Recap**

Hannah and CAC members discussed the success of the Community Watershed Celebration and Bird Festival, which had an estimated 200 attendees. Some CAC members thought we had good youth engagement, while Allison McGinnis thought it could have been better. The CAC discussed how it was helpful getting into at least one elementary school newsletter and that Junior National Honor Society members are always looking for volunteer hours. There are also other groups we could engage with, such as early childhood family education (ECFE). Some challenges noted were that a lot of people don't know about Brown's Creek Park, and the parking is not great. The CAC thought this was a good opportunity to promote the event in the nearby neighborhoods and along the trail where people can walk or bike to the event. The CAC also noted how their were a number of older couples interested in projects and water monitoring and that there were representatives from city council and the MET council in attendance.

7) **Upcoming Event Planning**

Hannah said that the LiftBridge art event is being pushed to January or February, and there would likely be a reception for the Water Where We Live art exhibition at the Lakes at Stillwater on November 18th.

DATE	TIME	EVENT
NOV 18 (TENT)	**Evening TBD**	**Art Reception for the Water Where We Live Exhibition**
EARLY 2026	**TBD**	**Painting Event and/or Watershed Trivia at LiftBridge**

8) **BCWD Updates**

Hannah shared photos of beaver dams that George had taken, and George described what was happening with the beavers and shared his concerns. Hannah said the BCWD staff is in discussion with engineers at EOR about the situation and will provide an update when available.

9) **Adjourned Meeting at 8:05 PM**