



BROWN'S CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT

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Minutes of the October 12, 2026, Community Advisory Committee Meeting

Attendance

CAC Members Present:	Others Present:
George Vania*	Hannah Peterson, BCWD Staff
Dennis Gervais	Celia Wirth, BCWD Manager
Mari Frederickson	Allison McGinnis, Bird City Stillwater
Hal Udoli*	Kim Hough, CMSCWD Manager
Anne Maule Miller*	
CAC Members Absent:	
David Wortman	
Jyneen Thatcher	

*Attended virtually

1) Called the meeting to order at 6:06 pm

2) Approved Agenda

3) Approved August 10, 2026, Minutes

4) Watershed Management Plan Update

Hannah shared that the BCWD Board of Managers adopted the updated plan at the September board meeting. She said that a future topic of discussion for the CAC would be its role in implementing some of the plan's activities.

5) Recent Events Recap

a) Climate Trivia with Sustainable Stillwater MN, September 15th, 6:30-8pm

Hannah shared climate trivia went well and that BCWD has the questions if there is another event to use them for.

b) Community Watershed Celebration & Bird Festival, September 19th, 10am-1pm

Hannah shared that the event was successful, with many organizations and community members in attendance. She and Allison discussed the lack of participation in the bird costume contest despite trying to reach youth through various channels, and Allison shared that she did give prizes to the few kids that dressed up.

c) Fall Creek Scene Painting, October 11th, 2-4pm

Hannah shared that a fall painting event took place at Lift Bridge to conclude the seasonal painting events for 2026. She said that these have been fun events that have drawn in people from across and outside the county, but that there weren't many participants actually from the watershed.

1 **6) Upcoming Event Planning**

2 Hannah proposed Administrator Karen Kill's idea of having 30 events in 2027 to celebrate 30 years
3 of BCWD. CAC members thought that might be a lofty goal.

4 **a) Seeding and Snowshoeing, Winter 2026-2027**

5 Hannah shared that a possible seeding and snowshoe event is in the works for this winter. It
6 might be scheduled in December to utilize Washington Conservation District grant funds for
7 seed for a project in Stillwater that need to be used by the end of 2026.

8 **b) Community Watershed Celebration & Bird Festival, September 18th, 10am-1pm**

9 Hannah said that the event would be scheduled for Saturday, September 18th in 2027. Anne
10 requested that Allison contact the National Eagle Center about attending next year instead of
11 the Raptor Center.

12 **7) Artist in Residence Program**

13 Hannah presented on artist in residence program development, including the implementation item
14 in the plan, past art-related programming by BCWD, what other organizations have done, ideas for a
15 BCWD program, and questions for discussion. CAC members were overall supportive of a program
16 where artist work aligns with the mission and vision of the watershed, and they discussed the
17 request for proposal process. CAC members discussed different forms of art that could be
18 interesting, including videography, sculpture, and multimedia work. Dennis shared that he knows an
19 artist in the area who does a variety of forms. The CAC recommended working with ArtReach and
20 other local partners in program development.

21 **8) CAC Updates**

22 **a) 110th Street Monitoring**

23 George shared that he hasn't been out yet this year but plans to next year.

24 **b) Long Lake Bird Boxes**

25 Hannah shared that these didn't get put out this year but hopefully will next year.

26 **c) Seasonal Flora Handouts**

27 Anne shared that no progress has been made on this yet.

28 **9) BCWD Updates**

29 **e) Brown's Creek Restoration**

30 Hannah shared that construction of the next phase through Brown's Creek Cove would likely
31 take place early spring 2027.

32 **10) Content for Future Meetings**

33 Allison said she was interested in helping setup a presentation from Starry Skies North with Bird City
34 Stillwater.

35 **11) Adjourned Meeting at 7:06 pm**