



*Wednesday, December 8, 2021*

**Minnehaha Creek Watershed District  
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Virtual Meeting**

**Members present:**

Balogh, Bushnell, Nyquist, Oltmans, Ordway, Rechelbacher, Salditt

**Members absent:**

Flo, Girard, McGovern, Rosenberg

**Managers present:**

Miller

**Others present:**

MCWD Staff: James Wisker, Helen Schnoes

**6:30 p.m.**

- 1. Committee Meeting Call to Order and Roll Call – Call to order at 6:33pm**
- 2. Approval of Agenda (*Additions/Corrections/Deletions*)**
  - 2.1 Approval of December 8, 2021 Agenda
    - Amended of item 4.1 to Climate Action Framework Update; removed Lake Nokomis Area Groundwater and Surface Water Evaluation Briefing (Bushnell, Nyquist seconded – approved)
- 3. Approval of Minutes (*Additions/Corrections/Deletions*)**
  - 3.1 Approval of September 15, 2021 Minutes (Rechelbacher, Nyquist – approved)

**6:40 p.m.**

- 4 Discussion Items**
  - 4.1 Climate Action Framework Update (Wisker)

Wisker provided an update of a December 2, 2021, discussion with the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District's (MCWD) Operations and Programs Committee on the draft Climate Action Framework. This strategy document will inform the next five years of policy work for the MCWD and create a foundation for the 2027 10-year Watershed Management Plan. Current multi-year projects underway by the District, including creating a 2-D model of water in the watershed, will be important first steps.

Manager Miller complemented the CAC for their work and contributions to the creation of the draft Climate Action Framework. He commends the document for its clarity, good science, comprehensive nature, role definitions, and action-orientation.

**7:30 p.m.**

#### 4.2 2022 CAC Appointments, Executive Committee, and New Member Onboarding (Schnoes)

Schnoes presented an update on 2022 CAC appointments, set to occur December 16, 2022, by vote of the Board of Managers. Ten returning members and four new members will be recommended by staff for appointment, out of 19 applications received.

Schnoes previewed two activities to occur in early 2022 to help structure and initiate the CAC: election of the CAC Executive Committee and onboarding of new members. Schnoes suggested that those interested in serving on the Executive Committee would submit a statement of interest (paragraph) by noon on Friday, January 14, 2022, for inclusion in the January 19 meeting packet. Voting would then occur in the January meeting either verbally via Robert's Rules or through a digital voting platform. Schnoes clarified that members running for a position on the Executive Committee must have a named role (Chair, Vice Chair, Executive Committee member) as part of voting. The group asked questions and provided feedback on the process proposed. Staff received the dialogue and will finalize the election process between the December and January meetings.

Schnoes reviewed the approach to new member Onboarding in 2020 (no onboarding occurred in 2021) and led the CAC through a series of questions to understand their own experience as a new member and to gather ideas for approaches to consider to energize new members and ease the transition. The group had a robust discussion and the feedback generated will inform an updated onboarding plan that staff will review with the current Executive Committee to finalize for 2022 Onboarding Activities.

**8:00 p.m.**

### **5 Information Items and Updates**

#### 5.1 Board Liaison Updates (Miller)

Manager Miller thanked the CAC for their flexibility in changing the agenda and looks forward to their future discussions on the Lake Nokomis Area Groundwater and Surface Water Evaluation. He encouraged their critical review. He also reiterated his excitement about the District's climate work.

#### 5.2 Recognition of Service: Brian Girard (Wisker, Salditt)

Chair Salditt and Wisker led recognition of service for departing member Brian Girard. Other members of the CAC shared appreciation for Girard. Mr. Girard shared his enjoyment of the time he spent on the CAC.

#### 5.3 CAC Member Updates

Members provided updates on a variety of related policy and community activities unfolding.

### **6 Adjournment – Girard, Oltmans 8:12pm**

### **Upcoming Meeting**

2022 CAC meeting schedule will be set at December 16, 2021, Board of Managers meeting.