



Community Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

August 6, 2025 | 7-8 PM

In person at Discovery Point

1. Call to Order

- a. CAC Members present: John A, Mandy P, Jon S, Roger B, Heather J, Tim R, James C, Charlotte L
- b. CAC Members absent: none
- c. Staff present: Gael Z, Carrie B
- d. Board Managers present: Bob Cutshall

2. Open Public Forum

3. Introduction to Carrie Bush, Communications and Public Engagement Manager

4. CAC business

- a. Discuss making CAC meeting start time earlier—retirees fine with any time, those still working find early time difficult.
- b. Will move to 6:30-7:30 meeting time for Oct and Dec, and retain hybrid option

5. Professional development

- a. Salt Symposium—Tuesday, August 5. Nine Mile staff did well with presentation.
- b. Upcoming conferences
 - i. MN Aquatic Invasive Species Research Showcase: October 9
 - ii. Water Resources Conference: October 14-15
 - 1. Heather's boss is giving the keynote on nutrient reduction strategies Oct 14:

8:00–9:30 – Welcome and Morning Plenary

Joel Larson, Water Resources Center, UMN, Planning Committee Chair

Morning Plenary: Minnesota Nutrient Reduction Strategy Progress and Future Directions

Glenn Skuta, Water Division Director, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

Panelists

Reid Christianson, MDA

Matt Drewitz, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

Carl Rosen, University of Minnesota

Julie Westerlund, BWSR

- 2. Oct 15, 3:15-4:45 special session, 4 out of 5 of the presenters are in Heather's section. Super exciting work that is being done!!

Effectiveness Monitoring in Minnesota: Understanding & Discerning Change

Moderator: Benjamin Lundeen

Steward: Brent Dalzell



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Effectiveness monitoring is fundamental to quantifying the impact of conservation efforts. This session will highlight efforts by agencies, researchers, and conservation groups to quantify the impact of BMPs on water quality, habitat, and biodiversity. Case studies and tools that connect implementation to impacts will be addressed by presenters. Some of the topics include reducing nutrients and sediments, the benefits of habitat restoration, and emerging technologies for monitoring.

Speakers:

Tiffany Schauls, Watershed Scientist – Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA)

Kristen Dieterman, Watershed Project Manager – MPCA

Jenny Jasperson, Watershed Scientist – MPCA

Jason Palmer, Natural Resource Biologist – Iowa Department of Natural Resources

Benjamin Lundeen, Statewide Monitoring Coordinator – MPCA

3. More background on the nutrient reduction strategy, public comment period open: From Heather: Here is information about the MN NRS - please take a look, download the document and give your thoughts! It represents an immense effort! If you only have a bit of time, I encourage you to look at the Executive Summary or Chapter 8. <https://www.pca.state.mn.us/air-water-land-climate/minnesota-nutrient-reduction-strategy>
4. Registrations: John A both days; Roger B Oct 15; Jon S one day: WRC registration

6. Member and Board liaison updates

- a. Help looking for community groups working in this area via nextdoor, meetups, other social media.
 - i. Equity staff at Edina who knows community groups: Thomas Brooks: thbrooks@edinamn.gov
- b. Community Climate Leaders Training (UMN): <https://climate.umn.edu/community-climate-leaders>
 - i. UMN training to teach people how to take climate action in their community, mix of online and in person modules. If enough people in one area are interested, this can be organized around that group, separate from the already scheduled in person on the website.
 - ii. Jon S, Roger and Tim interested, depending on when
- c. Bloomington open house Aug 12 for creek planning



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- d. Handouts worked in the equity zone-we've had inquiries for soil testing and two cost share grant applications!
 - e. Equity committee meeting: staff has made progress with making indigenous contacts, met with Melissa Kin (Tribal Liaison with BWSR).
 - f. Board updates: budget, last 2 years of the plan
7. District updates
- a. Thanks for help testing the ten year plan survey! It will be live through September; please share it with your networks.
<https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/91930e8e5d12486182a72a2f910dfc63?draft=true>
 - b. Gytaku goldfish printing class was well received! Used goldfish removed from metro area lakes as part of management programs.
8. Upcoming volunteer events:
- a. Richfield Unity in the Community: Thursday, August 14 from 4-7 PM Veterans Park
 - i. John Arthur confirmed from 4-5:30
 - ii. Anyone available from 5:30-7?
 - b. Fishing with Baztec: Saturday, August 16 from 1-3 PM Centennial Lakes
 - i. Low registration still, probably won't need help, but welcome to attend if you want!
9. Adjourn

CAC meetings: every other month, first Wednesday from 7-8 PM in person at Discovery Point and over Microsoft Teams.

2025 meetings (first Wednesdays, from 7-8, hybrid)

February 5

April 2

June 4

August 6

October 1: 6:30-7:30

****December 10: please note this is the second Wednesday, to not conflict with a conference****
6:30-7:30