

**Citizen Advisory Committee Meeting  
South Washington Watershed District  
Tuesday, December 5, 2023 6:00pm  
City of Woodbury Public Works Building**

**CAC Members Present:**

- Nayere Ghazanfarpour
- Patty Goertz
- Dan Henely
- David Nuccio
- Bill Sumner

**SWWD Staff & Board:**

- Kevin ChapdeLaine, Board of Managers
- John Loomis, Deputy Administrator
- Kyle Axtell, BMP Project Specialist
- Tony Randazzo, Watershed Restoration Specialist

**Others:**

- Kristin Seaman, City of Woodbury

**1. Call to Order and Setting of Agenda**

BMP Project Specialist Kyle Axtell called the meeting to order at 6:02pm. A motion was made by Bill Sumner to approve the agenda as presented. Patty Goertz seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**2. Approval of Minutes – September 26, 2023**

A motion was made by Sumner to approve the minutes as presented. Goertz seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**3. Public Open Forum**

Patty Goertz thanked the SWWD Board of Managers for funding her attendance at the MN Water Resources Conference in October. She discussed the Adopt-A-Drain Program as one example of an interesting program she learned about during the conference.

David Nuccio alerted SWWD staff that some of the temporary educational signs at the Trout Brook project have gone missing. Staff was aware of the missing signs.

Deputy Administrator John Loomis and Axtell discussed a variety of awards presented to SWWD at the recent Minnesota Watersheds Conference, including:

- Recognition of SWWD's 30 Year Anniversary
- MN Watershed District Administrator of the Year: Matt Moore
- MN Watershed Project of the Year: Trout Brook Restoration (Award Winner)
- MN Watershed Program of the Year: City of Woodbury Enhanced Street Sweeping Program (Finalist)

**4. SWWD Watershed Management Plan Update**

Stephanie Johnson from Barr Engineering gave a presentation summarizing a Watershed Management Plan (WMP) gaps analysis that Barr completed on behalf of SWWD. The analysis compared SWWD's existing 2016 WMP to current state statutes and rules related to WMP content (no major omissions) and highlighted several emerging areas of focus that SWWD

should consider addressing with the next plan update. The six focus areas follow, along with key CAC discussion points:

- ***Chloride Pollution:*** Low Salt No Salt MN Program targets HOAs and other private salt applicators. A variety of new customizable outreach materials are available for local utilization. This program could be incorporated into the WMP update.
- ***Polyflouro-Alkyl Substances (PFAS):*** An example of a PFAS groundwater mapping tool from Valley Branch WD was presented. SWWD will need to determine what its role will be through the WMP update. There appears to be a lot of groundwater data on PFAS, but limited surface water data. Many SWWD lakes (and others) were tested for PFAS as far back as 2006 but data is not widely distributed.
- ***Infiltration Restrictions:*** This is an evolving topic for SWWD. PFAS contamination, the presence of karst features and shallow bedrock often limit infiltration potential in many areas across the watershed. The group discussed Drinking Water Supply Management Area (DWSMA) and Emergency Response Area (ERA) planning by municipalities.
- ***Climate Resiliency:*** It will be critical to fully incorporate SWWD's 2018 Climate Resiliency Plan into the new WMP.
- ***Operations and Maintenance Needs:*** Operations and Maintenance of key SWWD-owned infrastructure is becoming more important as capital projects continue to be developed and built throughout the watershed.
- ***Diversity, Equity and Inclusion:*** Discussion focused on how District programs can be accessed equally by all residents. Barr reviewed census tract data within the watershed. One data set focused on households without access to a vehicle, highlighting the importance of otherwise minor or overlooked water resources to area residents.

Written comments submitted in advance from Howard Markus were also shared with the CAC, suggesting SWWD should focus on excess nitrates in groundwater, particularly in the southern portion of the watershed, and excess sediments in surface waters and the nutrients associated with those sediments.

## 5. SWWD 2024 Cost-Share Program Reviews

Axtell briefly described the Coordinated Capital Improvement Program (CCIP) and indicated that only minor touchups to the program documents were planned for 2024. Watershed Restoration Specialist Tony Randazzo described the Clean Water & Watershed Resiliency Cost-Share Program and indicated similarly that no adjustments were currently proposed. Both programs will likely see more important adjustments in concert with the development of the next WMP as the District's priorities may shift. Dan Henely noted that it may be helpful to provide application development assistance to residents. Staff noted that typically this is provided through interaction with Washington Conservation District technical staff. Nayere Ghazanfarpour noted that it may be helpful to conduct some research to quantify the benefits

of projects funded through these programs. CAC members were advised to submit any additional comments to staff via email.

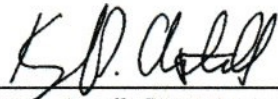
**6. Upcoming Meetings and Events**

- March 26, 2024, 6:00pm, CAC Regular Meeting
- June 25, 2024, 6:00pm, CAC Regular Meeting
- September 24, 2024, 6:00pm, CAC Regular Meeting

**7. Adjourn**

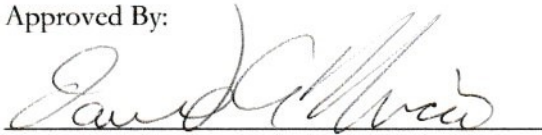
The next regular CAC Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 26, 2024 at 6:00pm. A motion was made by Sumner to adjourn at 7:41pm. Henely seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Kyle Axtell, BMP Project Specialist

Approved By:



David Nuccio, SWWD CAC Secretary

4-2-2024  
Date